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[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

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COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13783

INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 76-0542208 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1800 WEST LOOP SOUTH
SUITE 500
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(Address of principal executive offices)

77027 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 860-1500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

TITLE OF EACH CLASS

NAME OF EACH EXCHANGE ON WHICH REGISTERED

New York Stock Exchange

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No []

Indicate by checkmark if disclosure of delinquent filings pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. Yes [X] No []

As of December 14, 2000, there were outstanding 40,817,741 shares of common stock of the Registrant. The aggregate market value on such date of the voting stock of the Registrant held by non-affiliates was an estimated \$187.8 million.

DOCUMENT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The information called for by Part III of this Form 10-K is incorporated by reference from the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held February 7, 2001.

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DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes certain statements, including statements relating to the Company's expectations of its future operating results, that may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are based on the Company's expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the inherent uncertainties relating to estimating future results, fluctuations in operating results because of downturns in levels of construction, incorrect estimates used in entering into fixed price contracts, difficulty in managing the operation and growth of existing and newly acquired businesses, the high level of competition in the construction industry and due to seasonality (see "Business -- Risk Factors"). Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors.

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

In this annual report, the words "IES," the "Company," "we," "our," "ours," and "us" refer to Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. and, except as otherwise specified herein, to our subsidiaries. Our fiscal year is not a calendar year and ends on September 30.

We are one of the largest providers of specialty contracting services in the United States. In late 1997, we recognized a significant opportunity for a well-capitalized company with a nationwide presence to realize substantial competitive advantages by capitalizing on the fragmented nature of the electrical services industry. We began operations on January 30, 1998 in order to create a nationwide provider of electrical services. We have expanded our focus to include a complementary core business in the communications market. For the year ended September 30, 2000, we generated revenues of \$1.7 billion and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$102.6 million

According to the most recently available data, the electrical contracting industry generated annual revenues in excess of \$77 billion in 1999. This data also indicates that the electrical contracting industry is highly fragmented with more than 67,000 companies, most of which are small, owner-operated businesses. We estimate that there are only ten U.S. electrical contractors with revenues in excess of \$200 million. Overall spending in the U.S. communications infrastructure market was approximately \$138 billion in 1999, an increase of 17% from 1998 and nearly 37% from 1997. F.W. Dodge data indicates that total construction industry revenues have grown at an average compound rate of approximately 9% from 1995 through 2000. Over the same period, our pro forma combined revenues increased at a compound annual rate of approximately 13%. We believe we have attained this growth in revenues primarily because our companies: have been in business an average of 18 years; have strong relationships with customers; have effectively employed industry best practices; and have focused on larger projects.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

General. Virtually all construction and renovation in the United States generates demand for electrical and communications solutions. We believe that electrical work generally accounts for approximately:

- substantially all of the construction costs of outside plant projects;
- 50% to 60% of total construction costs for switching centers;
- 8% to 12% of the total construction cost of commercial and industrial projects; and
- 5% to 10% of the total construction cost for residential projects.

In recent years, electrical and communications solutions providers have experienced a growing demand for their services due to:

- more stringent electrical codes;
- increased use of electrical power;
- an increased drive toward outsourcing;
- demand for increased bandwidth;
- demand for bundled services; and
- the construction of smart houses with integrated computer, temperature control and safety systems.

THE MARKETS WE SERVE

Commercial and Industrial Market. Our commercial and industrial work consists primarily of electrical installations and upgrade, renovation and replacement work in:

- office buildings;
- high-rise apartments and condominiums;

- theaters;
- restaurants;
- hotels;
- hospitals;
- school districts;
- manufacturing and processing facilities;
- military installations;
- airports; and
- refineries, petrochemical and power plants.

Our commercial customers include:

- general contractors:
- developers;
- building owners;
- engineers; and
- architects.

Our industrial customers include:

- facility owners and managers;
- general contractors;
- engineers;
- consultants; and
- architects.

Demand for our commercial services is driven by construction and renovation activity levels, as well as more stringent local and national electrical codes. From fiscal 1995 through 2000, our pro forma revenues from commercial work have grown at a compound annual rate of approximately 9% per year and represented approximately 39% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Our industrial revenues are derived from significant contracts for new construction, upgrade, renovation and replacement service and maintenance work. Demand for our industrial services is often driven by facility upgrades and replacements. We also believe demand is driven by general activity levels in the particular industries served, which is in turn affected by general economic conditions. From fiscal 1995 through 2000, our pro forma revenues from industrial work have grown at a compound annual rate of approximately 14% per year and represented approximately 28% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Residential Market. Our work for the residential market consists primarily of electrical installations in new single-family housing and low-rise multifamily housing for customers, which include local, regional and national homebuilders and developers. We believe demand for our residential services is dependent on the number of single family and multi-family home starts. Single-family home starts are affected by the level of interest rates and general economic conditions. Competitive factors particularly important in the residential market include our ability to develop relationships with homebuilders and developers by providing services in each area of the country in which they operate. This ability has become increasingly important as consolidation has occurred within the residential construction industry and homebuilders and developers have sought out service providers on whom they can rely for consistent service in all of their operating regions.

We are currently one of the largest providers of electrical contracting services to the U.S. residential construction market. Our residential business has experienced significant growth and we have not seen a negative impact from the recent rise in interest rates. Our pro forma revenues from residential electrical

contracting have grown at a compound annual rate of approximately 18% from fiscal 1995 through 2000 and represented approximately 15% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Service and Maintenance Market. Our service and maintenance revenues are derived from service calls and routine maintenance contracts and tend to be recurring and less sensitive to economic fluctuations. Our pro forma revenues from the service and maintenance market have grown at a compound annual rate of approximately 14% from fiscal 1995 through 2000 and represented approximately 8% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Communications Solutions Market. We have become a national designer and installer of communications and information technology systems. We service three types of telecom infrastructure services customers: outside plant; network enterprise services; and switch network services.

Outside plant provides installation, service, maintenance, design and engineering of external infrastructure within both the telecommunications and electric power line markets. Outside plant includes cables, wires, poles, towers, substations, and other equipment located between a point at which operational control or ownership of facilities changes from one organizational entity to another.

Network enterprise services provides installation, design, support services, and engineering to property owners or businesses requiring infrastructure support of communication or network equipment related to in-building wiring of local-area or wide-area configuration of industrial, commercial or residential buildings.

Switch network services provides equipment installation, design, and support of infrastructure services to a common carrier switching center in which trunks and loops are terminated and switched.

We believe the demand for our communications services will be driven by the following factors: the pace of technological change; the overall growth in voice and data traffic; the increasing use of personal computers and modems, with particular emphasis on the speed with which information can be retrieved from the Internet.

Our revenues from the communications market represented approximately 10% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

COMPETITIVE STRENGTHS

We believe several factors give us a competitive advantage in our markets, including our:

- Geographically diverse operations -- which enable us to effectively service large customers across operating regions, including regional and national telecommunications companies and homebuilders, national retailers and other commercial businesses, as well as to lessen the impact of regional economic cycles;
- Diverse business lines -- which provide greater stability in sales revenue;
- Strong customer relationships -- which provide us repeat business and the opportunity for cross selling our other services to existing customers;
- Size and critical mass -- which give us purchasing and other economies of scale, as well as greater ability to compete for larger jobs that require greater technical expertise, personnel availability and bonding capacity;
- Expertise in specialized markets -- which provides us with access to high growth markets, including data cabling, wireless telecommunication, highway lighting and traffic control, video, security and fire systems;
- Substantial number of licensed electricians -- which enables us to deliver quality service with greater reliability than many of our competitors, which is particularly important given a current industry shortage of qualified electricians;
- Design technology and expertise -- which give us the ability to participate in higher margin design-and-build projects;
- Strong capitalization -- which gives us access to the capital markets; and
- Experienced management -- which owns in excess of 15% of our outstanding common stock and includes executive management with extensive electrical, communication and public company experience, as well as regional and local management which have established reputations in their local markets.

BUSINESS STRATEGY

We have built a national specialty contracting services platform through the acquisition and integration of multiple electrical contracting and communications solutions businesses. These businesses are complementary in that we believe customers will choose to do business with the "best in class" provider of both electrical and communications solutions. Our strategy is to utilize our national presence and strong balance sheet to further expand these core businesses. We believe that our corporate scale as well as opportunities in leveraged ventures and opportunities from our horizontal scope provide significant value creation.

Complementary Core Businesses. We offer a broad range of electrical and communications solutions, including installation and design, for both new and renovation projects in the commercial, industrial and residential markets. We also offer long-term and per call maintenance services, which generally provide recurring revenues that are relatively independent of levels of construction activity.

In some markets we offer design-and-build expertise and specialized services, which typically require specific skills and equipment, in order to provide value added services to the customer and to earn higher margins than those generated by general electrical contracting and maintenance services. We also act as a subcontractor, and in some cases a general contractor, for a variety of national, regional and local builders in the installation of electrical and other systems.

Commercial and Industrial. New commercial and industrial work begins with either a design request or engineer's plans from the owner or general contractor. Initial meetings with the parties allow the contractor to prepare preliminary and then more detailed design specifications, engineering drawings and cost estimates. Once a project is awarded, it is conducted in scheduled phases, and progress billings are rendered to the owner for payment, less a retainage of 5% to 10% of the construction cost of the project. Actual fieldwork is coordinated during these phases, including:

- ordering of equipment and materials;
- fabrication or assembly of certain components;
- delivery of materials and components to the job site; and
- scheduling of work crews and inspection and quality control.

We generally provide the materials to be installed as a part of these contracts, which vary significantly in size from a few hundred dollars to several million dollars and vary in duration from less than a day to more than a year.

Residential. New residential installations begin with a builder providing potential subcontractors the architectural or electrical drawings for the residences within the tract being developed. We typically submit a bid or contract proposal for the work. Our personnel analyze the plans and drawings and estimate the equipment, materials and parts and the direct and supervisory labor required to complete the project. We deliver a written bid or negotiate an arrangement for the job. The installation work is coordinated by our field supervisors along with the builder's personnel. Payments for the project are generally obtained within 30 days, at which time any mechanics' and materialmen's liens securing these payments are released. Interim payments are often obtained to cover labor and materials costs on larger projects.

Service and Maintenance. Service and maintenance is supplied on a long-term and per call basis. Long-term service and maintenance is provided through contracts that require the customer to pay an annual or semiannual fee for periodic diagnostic services at a specific discount from standard prices for repair and replacement services. Per call service and maintenance is initiated when a customer requests emergency repair service. We then call the client to schedule periodic maintenance work. Service technicians are scheduled for the call or routed to the customer's residence or business by the dispatcher. Service personnel work out of our service vehicles, which carry an inventory of equipment, tools, parts and supplies needed to complete the typical variety of jobs. The technician assigned to a service call:

- travels to the residence or business;
- interviews the customer;
- diagnoses the problem;

- prepares and discusses a price quotation; and
- performs the work and often collects payment from the customer.

Most work is warrantied for thirty days.

Communications Solutions. Communications work can be either regional infrastructure, which involves running lines cross country, or site-specific installation of cabling in a new or existing structure. Infrastructure work is similar in nature to power line work. Installation of cabling in a new or existing structure is usually done for general contractors, computer network consultants or end-users. The work is similar to the installation of electrical wiring in commercial or residential structures. However, because the materials and some of the methods used in the installation of data cabling differ from those used in the installation of electrical wiring, the work is typically performed by technicians who specialize in data cabling. Our communications projects include all phases of the design and installation of voice, data and communications systems. These projects may range from the networking of small, single-office PC-based systems to wiring communications networks for multi-site institutions such as large universities. As part of this business, we provide extensive design and consulting services in order to configure a system that will meet our customers' needs. Large communications projects often include traditional electrical contracting elements and create an opportunity for us to better serve the overall needs of the customer and to capture a larger percentage of that project's contractor expenditures. Large installation projects also provide the opportunity for recurring service and, in some cases, monitoring revenues. Our operations in the information technology market are currently focused on site-specific installations.

Our power line work begins with a request for bids from either an electric utility or a general contractor. We analyze the plans provided and determine the amount of the bid. Once the project is awarded, it is conducted in scheduled phases, and progress billings are rendered for payment. This work is capital intensive, requiring the use of various pieces of heavy equipment. Additionally, the electricians that perform power line work must be highly skilled in order to work with the high voltage power lines. In addition to running the lines, we often construct the towers that carry the lines as well as electrical substations.

Major Customers. We have a diverse customer base. During the year ended September 30, 2000, we had one customer, MCI Worldcom Network Services, Inc., which represented 11% of our revenues. Excluding that customer, we had no single customer accounting for more than 3% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000. As a result of emphasis on quality and worker reliability, our management and a dedicated sales and work force have been responsible for developing and maintaining successful relationships with key customers. Customers generally include:

- general contractors;
- developers;
- building owners;
- consulting engineers;
- architects;
- facility owners and managers of large retail establishments, office buildings, apartments and condominiums, theaters and restaurants;
- consultants;
- hotels and casinos;
- manufacturing and processing facilities;
- arenas and convention centers;
- refineries and petrochemical and power plants;
- hospitals;
- school districts;
- utilities;

- military and other government agencies; and
- airports and car lots.

Some of our better-known customers include:

- Home Depot:
- Dell Computer;
- Lucent Technologies;
- Lowe's;
- American Airlines;
- Wal-Mart:
- Dow Chemical;
- - Intel;
- - Federal Express;
- - Motorola;
- - Amazon.com; and
- - Texaco.

We intend to continue our emphasis on developing and maintaining relationships with our customers by providing superior, high-quality service.

Scale. Our scale provides us with advantages not available to smaller companies. Our size allows us to attract the best talent to create solutions for our customers. Our geographic diversity allows us to provide solutions to customers across the country. Because of our size, we are focusing on profit enhancement by leveraging our purchasing power to achieve cost savings and providing technologically superior information systems efficiently and cost effectively to our operating locations. We are also able to invest in a company-wide quality initiative to improve the quality of our services and motivate our workforce to perform beyond expectation.

Attract and Retain Quality Employees. Our ability to attract and retain qualified electricians is a critical competitive factor in an industry like ours where there are local shortages of skilled workers. We plan to continue to attract and train skilled employees by:

- extending active recruiting and training programs;
- offering stock-based compensation for key employees; and
- offering expanded career paths and more stable income through a larger public company.

Employee Screening, Training and Development. We are committed to providing the highest level of customer service through the development of a highly trained workforce. Employees are encouraged to complete a progressive training program to advance their technical competencies and to ensure that they understand and follow the applicable codes, our safety practices and other internal policies. We support and fund continuing education for our employees, as well as apprenticeship training for our technicians under the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the Department of Labor and similar state agencies. Employees who train as apprentices for four years may seek to become journeymen electricians and, after additional years of experience, master electricians. We pay progressive increases in compensation to employees who acquire this additional training, and more highly trained employees serve as foremen, estimators and project managers. Our master electricians are licensed in one or more cities or other jurisdictions in order to obtain the permits required in our business, and some employees have also obtained specialized licenses in areas including security systems and fire alarm installation. In some areas, licensing boards have set continuing education requirements for maintenance of licenses. Because of the lengthy and difficult training and licensing process for electricians, we believe that the number, skills and licenses of our employees constitute a competitive strength in the industry.

We actively recruit and screen applicants for our technical positions and have established programs in some locations to recruit apprentice technicians directly from high schools and vocational technical schools. Prior to employment, we make an assessment of the technical competence level of all potential new employees, confirm background references, conduct random drug testing and check criminal and driving records.

National Accounts. We currently have a number of clients that operate on a regional or national basis, including: developers, contractors, homebuilders and owners of nationwide chains. We are able to leverage our national footprint and offer these customers service in many, if not all, required geographies. Because we understand the demands and needs of our customers based on prior, substantially similar projects, we are able to configure and install systems to their specifications on a more timely and cost-efficient basis than other

operated electrical contractors by utilizing best practices that result in higher gross profit margins. In addition, we have the available resources to provide service for large-scale projects. In order to capitalize on this opportunity, we have established a separate marketing team that is responsible for obtaining and developing national contracts. We believe our existing local and regional relationships and the expanded sales force will enable us to capture additional revenues from national accounts.

We believe that significant demand exists from these companies to utilize the services of a single electrical and communications solutions provider from whom they can obtain consistent service that meets their quality requirements. This demand is at least partially driven by the recent consolidation among a number of our principal customers. National Accounts is targeting additional communications projects and is actively pursuing relationships with the regional bell operating companies, competitive local exchange carriers and building local exchange carriers.

Purchasing. As a result of economies of scale derived through its acquisitions, we have been able to purchase equipment, parts and supplies at discounts comparable to historical levels. In addition, as a result of our size, we are also able to lower our costs of the following:

- the purchase or lease of vehicles;
- bonding, casualty and liability insurance;
- retirement benefits administration;
- office and computer equipment; and
- marketing and advertising.

Substantially all the equipment and component parts we sell or install are purchased from manufacturers and other outside suppliers. We are not materially dependent on any single outside supplier source.

Blocking and Tackling. We are committed to performing those controls and procedures that provide consistent, accurate and predictable results of operations. Some of the controls and procedures which we have in place are:

- an automated reporting package which includes internal checks and cross references to ensure completeness and accuracy of the monthly financial results. This "formalized" reporting package also requires discussion of individual results;
- we perform a "home and away" series of quarterly reviews which involve our senior management team and the individual company presidents. Every other quarter, company presidents conduct these meetings at or near their "home" locations and on remaining quarters attend an "away" meeting at the Company's home office in Houston. The content of such meetings includes discussing previous operating results, forecasts for the future, issues, opportunities and concerns;
- we have formalized the planning process which involves analyzing industry trends at a county level for each company. This planning process also formalizes the capital allocation process; and
- we are defining and rolling out the best practices in estimating, bidding and job control and management to ensure consistency across reporting units.

Information Systems. We are currently beginning an Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") software package rollout for implementation across all operating companies. ERP applications are paramount to a growing business with a diverse geographic platform. Additionally, we have selected a financial reporting and forecasting application to complement the ERP application and provide increased structure and analytical tools to the reporting process. We plan an estimated \$10 million rollout over a 18-24 month period that will begin during the first quarter of fiscal 2001. Implementing a new ERP system with a financial reporting application will allow us to obtain real time operating performance and perform detailed analysis.

Implementation of Best Practices. We continue to expand the services we offer in our local markets by using the specialized technical and marketing strengths of each of our companies. Through a series of national and regional forums attended by management and other employees, we regularly identify and share best practices that can be successfully implemented throughout our operations. We have identified opportunities to enhance various aspects of our operational, administrative, safety, hiring and training practices.

Quality. We are focusing all aspects of the business on quality including providing quality services and products to our customers and ensuring quality processes internally. We have partnered with a consulting firm to evaluate and define our processes and make recommendations for process improvement. The quality program kick off occurred in November 2000 at our annual company-wide conference and will be rolled out across our company.

Ventures. We intend to leverage our complementary core businesses of electrical and communication solutions which are primarily "margin on labor" businesses into early life cycle industries where our national footprint and skill can create value. We are evaluating investment opportunities in e-commerce, distributed generation, and communications.

Significant opportunities exist in the distributed generation (on-site power generation) market. We believe growth of distributed generation will be impacted by several key factors: (i) the pace of utility deregulation, (ii) distributed generation technology improvements, (iii) customer need for reliable power and (iv) price volatility in power and gas markets. IES can benefit by investing in early life cycle technology, leveraging its existing design and build capabilities to create a national installer relationship and provide long-term ongoing maintenance. We have committed to invest up to \$5.0 million to EnerTech Capital Partners II L.P. ("EnerTech"). EnerTech is a private equity firm specializing in investment opportunities emerging from the deregulation and resulting convergence of the energy, utility and telecommunications industries. At September 30, 2000, the our investment was \$0.5 million.

A venture with a communications company provides significant growth opportunities. Those opportunities include (i) gaining access through relationships, (ii) performing physical contracting work and (iii) providing ongoing service. We have invested \$1.0 million in MetStream Communications, Inc. ("MetStream"), a newly formed integrated communications service provider targeting high-density residential communities with next-generation, broadband services throughout the Pacific Northwest. MetStream plans to bypass incumbent providers of cable, voice and data services in order to bring broadband services to the multi-dwelling, multi-tenant and hospitality industries. MetStream's business plan will include service packages that are bundled and provided to consumers at competitive prices and in one simple, integrated monthly bill. MetStream's initial round of capital raising completed in August, 2000 totaled \$4.0 million.

We intend to establish a relationship with an e-commerce portal to procure goods and services. We believe this relationship will provide: (i) efficiencies in the delivery of supplies and the ability to track purchases, (ii) the ability to reap rewards through potential equity ownership in the portal and (iii) potential future earnings streams through ongoing ventures.

Scope. We intend to leverage economies of scope to serve a larger share of customer needs by cross selling services to satisfy electrical contracting and communications solutions needs. We also intend to utilize our field labor between electrical contacting and communications solutions. We expect this will drive faster growth and reduce sales and marketing costs.

Focused Growth. Our growth strategy going forward is to expand our complementary core businesses through selected acquisitions, primarily focused on communications solutions and service. We believe that such acquisitions will complement and expand our existing business platforms. Although our growth strategy is focused primarily on communications solutions and service companies, we will consider strategic commercial, industrial and residential acquisitions to expand products, services and geographic coverage. We will focus on companies with an experienced management, an entrepreneurial attitude and a willingness to learn and share improved business practices through open communications. Acquisition candidates must also be financially stable, have a strong presence in the market in which they operate and have the customer base necessary to integrate with or complement our existing business.

Integration of Acquisitions. Successful integration of the companies we have acquired is an important focus for us. The work necessary to integrate the operations of an acquired company is begun prior to the closing of the transaction. In the process of financial, operational and legal due diligence, we often identify a number of areas in which efficiencies can be realized in the integration process. We are assisted in this process by employing outside accountants who specialize in the construction industry to conduct extensive financial due diligence on the books and financial records of the target company. These accountants are directed to draw our attention to areas of potential improvement they may encounter. At the closing, the acquired company is added to our insurance and bonding policies, which typically results in an immediate cost savings. Our financial reporting package is put into place shortly after closing so that the results of operations of the acquired company can be reported to IES in a timely standardized format and easily incorporated into our consolidated

reports. Upon joining IES the management of acquired companies is introduced to our policies and financial goals and attends regularly scheduled national and regional best practices forums as well as regional management meetings on an ongoing basis. In this manner, we attempt to share efficiencies throughout our operations while maintaining the entrepreneurial atmosphere of the acquired business.

COMPETITION

The electrical contracting and communications solutions industries are highly fragmented and competitive. Most of our competitors are small, owner-operated companies that typically operate in a limited geographic area. There are few public companies focused on providing electrical and communications solutions services. In the future, competition may be encountered from new market entrants. Competitive factors in the electrical contracting industry include:

- the availability of qualified and licensed electricians or qualified technicians;
- safety record;
- cost structure;
- relationships with customers;
- geographic diversity;
- ability to reduce project costs;
- access to technology;
- experience in specialized markets; and
- ability to obtain bonding.

See "Risk Factors."

REGULATIONS

Our operations are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations, including:

- licensing requirements applicable to electricians;
- building and electrical codes;
- regulations relating to consumer protection, including those governing residential service agreements; and
- regulations relating to worker safety and protection of the environment.

We believe we have all required licenses to conduct our operations and are in substantial compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. Our failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in substantial fines or revocation of our operating licenses.

Many state and local regulations governing electricians require permits and licenses to be held by individuals. In some cases, a required permit or license held by a single individual may be sufficient to authorize specified activities for all our electricians who work in the state or county that issued the permit or license. It is our policy to ensure that, where possible, any permits or licenses that may be material to our operations in a particular geographic region are held by at least two IES employees within that region.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE

The primary risks in our operations include health, bodily injury, property damage and injured worker's compensation. We maintain automobile and general liability insurance for third party health, bodily injury and property damage and workers' compensation coverage, which we consider appropriate to insure against these risks, subject to large deductibles.

EMPLOYEES

At September 30, 2000, we had approximately 15,500 employees. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreements with our employees. We believe that our relationship with our employees is satisfactory.

RISK FACTORS

DOWNTURNS IN CONSTRUCTION COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS BECAUSE MORE THAN HALF OF OUR BUSINESS IS DEPENDENT ON LEVELS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

Presently, more than half of our business is the installation of electrical systems in newly constructed and renovated buildings, plants and residences. Additionally, a majority of our business is concentrated in the southeastern and southwestern portion of the United States. Downturns in levels of construction or housing starts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our ability to maintain or increase revenues from new installation services will depend on the number of new construction starts and renovations. Our revenue growth from year to year is likely to reflect the cyclical nature of the construction industry. The number of new building starts will be affected by local economic conditions, changes in interest rates and other related factors. The housing industry is similarly affected by changes in general and local economic conditions, including the following:

- employment and income levels;
- interest rates and other factors affecting the availability and cost of financing;
- tax implications for homebuyers;
- consumer confidence; and
- housing demand.

THE ESTIMATES WE USE IN PLACING BIDS COULD BE MATERIALLY INCORRECT. THE USE OF INCORRECT ESTIMATES COULD RESULT IN LOSSES ON A FIXED PRICE CONTRACT. THESE LOSSES COULD BE MATERIAL TO OUR BUSINESS.

We currently generate, and expect to continue to generate, more than half of our revenues under fixed price contracts. Variations from estimated contract costs along with other risks inherent in performing fixed price contracts may result in actual revenue and gross profits for a project differing from those we originally estimated and could result in losses on projects. Depending upon the size of a particular project, variations from estimated contract costs can have a significant impact on our operating results for any fiscal quarter or year. We must estimate the costs of completing a particular project to bid for these fixed price contracts. The cost of labor and materials, however, may vary from the costs we originally estimated.

A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUR HISTORIC GROWTH HAS OCCURRED THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF EXISTING BUSINESSES; HOWEVER, FUTURE ACQUISITIONS WILL BE MADE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS AND MAY BE DIFFICULT TO INTEGRATE, DISRUPT OUR BUSINESS AND ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OPERATING RESULTS.

Historically, a significant amount of our growth has come through acquisitions. We have significantly diminished our acquisition activity but will consider selective, strategic acquisitions going forward that complement our expand our existing business. Each acquisition, however, involves a number of risks. These risks include:

- the diversion of our management's attention from our existing businesses to integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired business;
- possible adverse effects on our operating results during the integration process: and
- our possible inability to achieve the intended objectives of the combination.

We may seek to finance an acquisition through borrowings under our credit facility or through the issuance of new debt or equity securities. If we should proceed with a relatively large cash acquisition, we could deplete a substantial portion of our financial resources to the possible detriment of our other operations. Any future acquisitions could also dilute the equity interests of our stockholders, require us to write off assets for accounting purposes or create other undesirable accounting issues, such as significant expenses for amortization of goodwill or other intangible assets.

THERE IS CURRENTLY A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS. SINCE THE MAJORITY OF OUR WORK IS PERFORMED BY ELECTRICIANS, THIS SHORTAGE MAY NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR BUSINESS, INCLUDING OUR ABILITY TO GROW.

There is currently a shortage of qualified electricians in the United States. In order to conduct our business, it is necessary to employ electricians. Over the last few years, as the U.S. economy has continued to grow and the unemployment rate has decreased to all time lows, it has become more difficult for us to attract, hire and retain competent electricians. Our ability to increase productivity and profitability has been limited by our ability to employ, train and retain skilled electricians who meet our requirements. There can be no assurance that, among other things:

- we will be able to maintain the skilled labor force necessary to operate efficiently;
- our labor expenses will not increase as a result of a shortage in the skilled labor supply; and
- we will not be able to grow as a result of labor shortages.

DUE TO SEASONALITY AND DIFFERING REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, OUR RESULTS MAY FLUCTUATE FROM PERIOD TO PERIOD.

Our business can be subject to seasonal variations in operations and demand that affect the construction business, particularly in residential construction. Our quarterly results may also be affected by the regional economic conditions. Accordingly, our performance in any particular quarter may not be indicative of the results, which can be expected for any other quarter or for the entire year.

IN THE FUTURE, WE MAY NEED TO INCUR ADDITIONAL DEBT IN ORDER TO FUND WORKING CAPITAL OR FOR OTHER PURPOSES. OUR CURRENT CREDIT FACILITY EXPIRES ON JULY 30, 2001 AND WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF THE TERMS OF ANY RENEWAL OR REFINANCING OF SUCH FACILITY.

Our ability to fund working capital may require us to incur additional debt in the future. We cannot be certain that we will be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms or at all. If we need additional capital and cannot raise it on acceptable terms, our business will be materially adversely affected.

THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE NATURE OF OUR INDUSTRY COULD AFFECT OUR PROFITABILITY BY REDUCING OUR PROFIT MARGINS.

The electrical contracting industry is served by small, owner-operated private companies, public companies and several large regional companies. We could also face competition in the future from other competitors entering these markets. Some of our competitors offer a greater range of services, including mechanical construction, plumbing and heating, ventilation and air conditioning services. Competition in our markets depends on a number of factors, including price. Some of our competitors may have lower overhead cost structures and may, therefore, be able to provide their services at lower rates.

OUR OPERATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO NUMEROUS PHYSICAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS, IT COULD RESULT IN AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR BUSINESS.

Hazards related to our industry include, but are not limited to, electrocutions, fires, mechanical failures or transportation accidents. These hazards can cause personal injury and loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment and may result in suspension of operations. Our insurance does not cover all types or amounts of liabilities. No assurance can be given either that (1) our insurance will be adequate to cover all losses or liabilities we may incur in our operations or (2) we will be able to maintain insurance of the types or at levels that are adequate or at reasonable rates.

WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF DEBT. OUR CURRENT DEBT LEVEL COULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO FUND FUTURE WORKING CAPITAL NEEDS AND INCREASE OUR EXPOSURE DURING ADVERSE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

Our indebtedness could have important consequences. For example, it could:

- increase our vulnerability to adverse operational performance and economic and industry conditions;
- limit our ability to fund future working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate requirements;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;

- place us at a disadvantage compared to a competitor that has less debt;
- limit, with the financial and other restrictive covenants in our indebtedness, among other things, our ability to borrow additional funds. Additionally, failing to comply with those covenants could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on us.

TO SERVICE OUR INDEBTEDNESS, WE WILL REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CASH. OUR ABILITY TO GENERATE CASH DEPENDS ON MANY FACTORS.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This is subject to our operational performance, as well as general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, that currently anticipated cost savings and operating improvements will be realized on schedule or that future borrowings will be available to us under our credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, or to fund our other liquidity needs. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, on or before maturity. We cannot assure you that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

THE LOSS OF A GROUP OF KEY PERSONNEL, EITHER AT THE CORPORATE OR OPERATING LEVEL, COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS.

The loss of key personnel or the inability to hire and retain qualified employees could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our operations depend on the continued efforts of our current and future executive officers, senior management and management personnel at the companies we have acquired. A criteria we use in evaluating acquisition candidates is the quality of their management. We cannot guarantee that any member of management at the corporate or subsidiary level will continue in their capacity for any particular period of time. If we lose a group of key personnel, our operations could be adversely affected. We do not maintain key man life insurance.

THE ESTIMATED LIFE OF GOODWILL MAY CHANGE. THIS COULD REDUCE OUR FUTURE REPORTED FARNINGS

When we acquire a business, we record an asset called "goodwill" equal to the excess amount we pay for the business, including liabilities assumed, over the fair value of the tangible assets of the business we acquire. As of September 30, 2000, "goodwill" represents 49% of assets and 98% of stockholders' equity. GAAP requires us to amortize this and all other intangible assets over the period benefited. We have determined that period to be no less than 40 years. On an ongoing basis we evaluate the useful life of all our assets. If we were to assign a shorter life to a material portion of the goodwill, earnings reported in periods immediately following acquisitions would be reduced. Earnings in later years could be significantly affected if management determined then that the remaining balance of goodwill was impaired.

If it turns out that the period should have been shorter, earnings reported in periods right after the acquisition would be overstated. Then in later years, we will be burdened by a continuing charge against earnings, without the benefit to income we thought we would get when we agreed on the purchase price. Earnings in later years might also be significantly worse if we determine then that the remaining balance of goodwill is overstated.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We operate a fleet of owned and leased service trucks, vans and support vehicles. We believe these vehicles generally are adequate for our current operations.

At September 30, 2000, we maintained branch offices, warehouses, sales facilities and administrative offices at 150 locations. Substantially all of our facilities are leased. We lease our home office located in Houston, Texas.

Our properties are generally adequate for our present needs, and we believe that suitable additional or replacement space will be available as required.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Our subsidiaries are involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. While it is not possible to predict the outcome of these proceedings with certainty, in our opinion, these proceedings are either adequately covered by insurance or, if not so covered should not ultimately result in any liability which would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, liquidity or results of operations.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

ITEM 4A. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

H. David Ramm has been the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company since March 2000. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Ramm was employed by Enron Corp., most recently as President of Enron Wind Corp., a world leader in the renewable energy market with a focus on clean, environmentally benign power generation. Prior to 1997, Mr. Ramm held various senior management positions with United Technologies Corporation, including Senior Vice President of Pratt & Whitney Space Propulsion, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Fuel Cells Corporation, and Sales and Marketing Vice President of Otis Elevator. Mr. Ramm serves the board of directors for CountryWatch.com, Millenium Cell, Inc., a Nasdaq corporation, and Fabrication Technologies Corp.

Ben L. Mueller has been Chief Operating Officer and a Director of the Company since 1998. Prior to that time, Mr. Mueller was the Executive Vice President of Houston-Stafford Electric, Inc. ("Houston-Stafford"), one of the Company's subsidiaries, since 1993 and served as Vice President of Houston-Stafford since 1975. Mr. Mueller is a past member of the board of the IEC, Houston Chapter, and has served on the Electrical Board for the city of Sugar Land, Texas.

William W. Reynolds has been the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of the Company since June 2000. Mr. Reynolds joined IES after having most recently served as Vice President and Treasurer of Peoples Energy Corporation in Chicago, Illinois from 1998 to 2000. Prior to his appointment with Peoples Energy Corporation, Mr. Reynolds was Vice President and Project Finance Corporate Officer for MCN Energy Group, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan from 1997 to 1998. Prior to 1997, Mr. Reynolds spent seventeen years with BP Amoco Corporation.

John F. Wombwell has been Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of IES since November 1999. From January 1998 to November 1999, Mr. Wombwell was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of IES. Prior to that time, Mr. Wombwell was a partner at Andrews & Kurth L.L.P., where he practiced law in the area of corporate and securities matters.

Herbert R. Allen has been Senior Vice President -- Eastern Operations since January 2000 and served as a Regional Operating Officer of the Company from June 1998 to January 2000. Prior to September 2000, Mr. Allen served as the President of H.R. Allen, Inc., one of the Company's subsidiaries.

Bob Weik has been Senior Vice President -- West Area since January 2000 and has served as a Regional Operating Officer of the Company since May 1998 and as President of BW Consolidated, Inc. and related entities ("Bexas-Calhoun"), one of the Company's subsidiaries, since its inception in 1997.

James Thurman has been Senior Vice President -- Business Development of the Company since January 2000 and served as Vice President of National Accounts from January 1999 till January 2000. Prior to January

1999, Mr. Thurman was President of Thurman & O'Connell Corporation, one of the Company's subsidiaries, since 1988. Mr. Thurman is a member of the Executive Board of the IEC, presently serving as First Vice President for 1999 through 2000 and is President elect for 2001.

Robert Stalvey has served as Vice President -- Special Projects since July, 1999 and a director of the Company since 1998. Prior to that time he served as Vice President of Ace Electric, Inc. ("Ace"), one of the Company's subsidiaries, since 1976

Neil J. DePascal, Jr. has been the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since July 1999. From August 1997 to January 1999, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Collectibles USA, Inc. From October 1992 to August 1997, he served as Treasurer of Owen Healthcare, Inc., a Houston based provider of hospital pharmacy management services. Mr. DePascal is a Certified Public Accountant.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The Company's common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol "IEE." The following table presents the quarterly high and low sales prices for the Common Stock on the NYSE since October 1, 1998.

	HIGH	1	LOV	V -
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 First Quarter	23 18	5/8 5/16 7/8 7/8	13 13	7/8
First Quarter. Second Quarter. Third Quarter. Fourth Quarter.	9	3/4 3/4 9/16	4	1/2

As of December 14, 2000 there were approximately 861 holders of record of the Company's common stock.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We expect that we will retain all available earnings generated by our operations for the development and growth of our business. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon the Company's operating results, financial condition, capital requirements, general business conditions and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant. Our debt instruments restrict us from paying cash dividends on the common stock. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Liquidity and Capital Resources."

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

On January 30, 1998, we completed our initial public offering of common stock. In accordance with the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 97, IES results of operations for periods prior to January 30, 1998 reflect the historical accounts of the accounting acquirer restated for the effect of the acquisition accounted for as a pooling of interests. The results of operations for businesses acquired subsequent to January 29, 1998 are included in the results of operations beginning on their respective dates of acquisition. The accounting acquirer's results of operations through January 30, 1998 include a non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge of approximately \$17.0 million required by the SEC in connection with a note receivable and rights held by the accounting acquirer which were exchanged for cash and shares of our common stock. The following selected consolidated historical financial information for IES should be read in conjunction with the audited historical consolidated financial statements of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. and subsidiaries and the notes thereto included in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." The selected historical financial information for the nine months ended September 30, 1997 has been derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of IES, which have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements and, in the Company's opinion reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of such data. The results of operations for the interim period presented should not be regarded as indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		YEAR ENDED	SEPTEMBER 30,	
	1996	1997		1998	1999	2000
		(UNAUDITED)				
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA: Revenues Cost of services (including	\$101,431	\$92,379	\$117,111	\$386,721	\$1,035,888	\$1,672,288
depreciation)	85,081	76,306	95,937	306,052	816,715	1,372,537
Gross profit	16,350	16,073	21,174	80,669	219,173	299,751
administrative expenses Non-cash, non-recurring	10,228	10,222	14,261	47,390	113,871	221,519
compensation charge Goodwill amortization				17,036 3,212	9,305	 13,211
Income from operations Interest and other income	6,122	5,851	6,913	13,031	95,997	65,021
(expense), net	14	292	385	(393)	(12,542)	(22,222)
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes	6,136 2,471	6,143 2,408	7,298 2,923	12,638 12,690	83,455 35,348	42,799 21,643
Net income (loss)	\$ 3,665 ======	\$ 3,735 ======	\$ 4,375 ======	\$ (52) ======	\$ 48,107 =======	\$ 21,156 ======
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	28.5 ======	25.5 ======	26.8 ======	6.1 ======	6.6	2.7

	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996		AS OF SE		
		1997	1998	1999	2000
BALANCE SHEET DATA: Cash and cash equivalents. Working capital. Total assets. Long term debt. Total stockholders' equity.	\$ 4,301 7,068 23,712 1,406 8,700	\$ 4,154 7,770 35,794 1,275 12,636	\$ 14,583 75,020 502,468 90,354 302,704	\$ 2,931 175,572 858,492 228,100 467,166	\$ 770 91,643 1,019,990 151,162 507,749

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

The discussion and analysis presented below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in the Form 10-K. See "Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements".

GENERAL

The Company's electrical contracting business is operated in three segments: commercial and industrial, residential and service and maintenance.

Additionally, the Company operates a communication solutions business. See Note 9 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" for a description of these reportable segments and a discussion of the Company's change in operating segments.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table presents selected historical results of operations of IES and subsidiaries, with dollar amounts in thousands. These historical statements of operations for periods prior to January 30, 1998 represent the results of operations of the accounting acquirer restated for the effect of the acquisition accounted for as a pooling-of-interests. The results of operations for businesses acquired subsequent to January 29, 1998 are included in the results of operations beginning on their respective dates of acquisition.

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,								
	1998		1999		2000				
Revenues Cost of services	\$386,721 306,052	100% 79	\$1,035,888 816,715	100% 79	\$1,672,288 1,372,537	100% 82			
Gross profitSelling, general and administrative	80,669	21	219,173	21	299,751	18			
expenses	47,390 17,036 3,212	12 5 1	113,871 9,305	11 1	221,519 13,211	13 1			
Income from operations	13,031 (393)	3	95, 997 (12, 542)	9 (1)	65,021 (22,222)	4 (2)			
Income before income taxes	12,638 12,690	3	83, 455 35, 348	8	42,799 21,643	2			
Net income (loss)	\$ (52) ======	% ===	\$ 48,107 ======	5% ===	\$ 21,156 ======	1% ===			

REVENUES

	GROWTH			PERCENT OF TOTAL REVENUES	
	YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,				
	1999 2000		1998	1999	2000
Commercial and Industrial	187%	57%	58%	69%	67%
Residential	86%	43%	30%	17%	15%
Service	73%	91%	11%	7%	8%
Communications Solutions	N/A	119%	1%	7%	10%
Total Company	168%	61%	100%	100%	100%
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Revenues increased \$636.4 million, or 61%, from \$1,035 million for the year ended September 30, 1999 to \$1,672.3 million for the year ended September 30, 2000. Total same store revenues increased approximately \$229.9 million, or 23%, from \$988.6 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999, to \$1,218.5 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000. The revenue growth within each operating segment was the result of acquisitions and increased construction and communications activity in the markets we serve.

Revenues increased \$649.2 million, or 168%, from \$386.7 million for the year ended September 30, 1998 to \$1,035.9 million for the year ended September 30, 1999. Total same store revenues increased approximately \$47.8 million, or 13%, from \$361.0 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1998, to \$408.9 million for

the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999. The revenue growth within each operating segment was the result of acquisitions and increased construction and communications activity in the markets we serve.

GROSS MARGIN

PERCENTAGE OF SEGMENT GROSS MARGINS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUES

		ENDED SEP	
	1998	1999	2000
Commercial and Industrial	19%	19%	16%
Residential	22%	23%	22%
Service and maintenance	27%	34%	22%
Communications Solutions	29%	29%	24%
Total Company	21%	21%	18%
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Gross profit increased \$80.6 million, or 37%, from \$219.2 million for the year ended September 30, 1999 to \$299.8 million for the year ended September 30, 2000. Overall gross margin as a percentage of revenue decreased approximately 3% from 21% for the year ended September 30, 1999 to 18% for the year ended September 30, 2000. The overall decrease in gross profit as a percentage of revenue is primarily the result of losses recorded on certain commercial projects, a shift in the mix of work toward lower margin bid work versus negotiated contract work, the completion of certain contracts at lower than planned gross margins and the recording of additional claims reserves for our self-insured healthcare plan resulting from a higher level of employee participation.

Gross profit increased \$138.5 million, or 172%, from \$80.7 million for the year ended September 30, 1998 to \$219.2 million for the year ended September 30, 1999. This increase in gross profit was principally due additional companies acquired during the fiscal year and an overall increase in construction activity in the markets we serve. As a percentage of revenue, overall gross profit remained constant at 21%.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$107.6 million, or 95%, from \$113.9 million for the year ended September 30, 1999 to \$221.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2000. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue increased from 11% in 1999 to 13% in 2000. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses related to acquired companies was approximately \$45.5 million. Other increased selling, general and administrative costs primarily resulted from the need for additional infrastructure growth to support operational initiatives, including various incentive awards, claims reserves related to the Company's self-insured health insurance plan, the non-cash compensation charge associated with the restricted stock awards, and the write-off, net of recoveries, of costs associated with the Company's decision to curtail the development of its information system.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$66.5 million, or 140%, from \$47.4 million for the year ended September 30, 1998 to \$113.9 million for the year ended September 30, 1999. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues decreased from 12% in 1998 to 11% in 1999. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses is primarily related to increased expenses from acquisitions. During the four months ended January 1998 a \$5.6 million bonus was paid to the previous owners of the accounting acquirer, compared to no bonus during the year ended September 30, 1999. Corporate costs associated with being a public company totaled approximately \$3.3 million during the year ended September 30, 1998, compared to approximately \$11.3 million during the year ended September 30, 1999. This increase is related to building infrastructure necessary to manage our operations. Excluding the accounting acquirer bonuses and higher corporate costs, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues remained constant at 10%.

INCOME FROM OPERATIONS

Income from operations decreased \$31.0 million, or 32%, from \$96.0 million for the year ended September 30, 1999 to \$65.0 million for the year ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was primarily the

result of higher selling, general and administrative costs discussed above. As a percentage of revenues, income from operations decreased from 9% for the year ended September 30, 1999 to 4% for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Income from operations increased \$83.0 million, or 638%, from \$13.0 million for the year ended September 30, 1998 to \$96.0 million for the year ended September 30, 1999. This increase in income from operations was primarily attributable to our acquisitions. These increases were partially offset by the higher corporate costs discussed above, net of the \$17.0 million non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge incurred in connection with our IPO (see Note 11 of the notes to consolidated financial statements). As a percentage of revenues, income from operations (excluding the accounting acquirer owner bonuses, higher corporate costs and the non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge noted above) remained constant at 10%.

INTEREST AND OTHER EXPENSE

Interest and other income (expense) increased from net expense of \$12.5 million in 1999 to \$22.0 million in 2000, primarily as a result of increased interest expense on borrowings to fund the company's acquisitions and a full twelve months of interest expense on the \$150.0 million 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes ("Senior Subordinated Notes") due February 1, 2009.

Interest and other income (expense) changed from net expense of \$0.4 million in 1998 to \$12.5 million in 1999, primarily as a result of interest expense on borrowings from our Senior Subordinated Notes and Credit Facility to fund our 1999 acquisitions.

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

Our effective tax rate increased from the year ended September 30, 1999 to September 30, 2000 primarily as a result of disproportionately lower pretax income than in 1999 together with higher non-deductible goodwill amortization and the non-deductible portion of the compensation expense associated with the restricted stock awards in 2000.

The increase in our tax provision from \$12.7 million in 1998 to \$35.3 million in 1999 is primarily attributable to the growth in income from operations discussed above. The change in net income (loss) is primarily attributable to the factors discussed above.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of September 30, 2000, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$0.8 million, working capital of \$91.6 million, borrowings of \$93.0 million under our three-year revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), \$1.5 million of letters of credit outstanding, and available capacity under our Credit Facility of \$80.5 million.

During the year ended September 30, 2000, we generated \$43.2 million of net cash from operating activities. This net cash from operating activities is comprised of net income of \$21.2 million, increased by \$38.0 million of non-cash charges related to depreciation and amortization expense and a non-cash compensation charge and decreased by changes in working capital. Working capital changes consisted of a \$81.1 million increase in receivables as a result of revenue growth and the timing of collections offset by a \$72.8 million increase in payables also associated with revenue growth and further increased by a \$15.1 million increase in billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts offset by a \$11.5 million increase in costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts in excess of billings related to the timing of billings, with the balance of the change due to other working capital changes. Net cash used in investing activities was \$60.5 million, including \$33.2 million used for the purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired, and \$28.4 million of capital expenditures. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$15.2 million, resulting primarily from borrowings, net of repayments under our credit facility and reduced by paydowns on debt acquired in connection with the purchase of businesses discussed above.

In January 1998, we entered into our credit facility, which provided for borrowings of up to \$65.0 million, to be used for working capital, capital expenditures, other corporate purposes and acquisitions. In July 1998, the amounts available for borrowings under our credit facility were increased to \$175.0 million.

The amounts borrowed under the credit facility bear interest at an annual rate equal to either:

- LIBOR plus 1.0% to 2.375%, as determined by the ratio of our total funded debt to EBITDA; or
- the higher of
- the bank's prime rate, and
- the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, plus up to an additional 0.5% as determined by the ratio of our total funded debt to EBITDA.

Commitment fees of 0.25% to 0.375%, as determined by the ratio of total funded debt to EBITDA, are due on any unused borrowing capacity under the credit facility. Our subsidiaries have guaranteed the repayment of all amounts due under the facility, and the facility is secured by the capital stock of the guarantors and the accounts receivable of IES and the guarantors. The credit facility:

- requires the consent of the lenders for acquisitions exceeding a set level of cash consideration;
- prohibits the payment of cash dividends on our common stock;
- restricts our ability to incur other indebtedness; and
- requires us to comply with material financial covenants.

Availability of the credit facility is subject to customary drawing conditions.

The Credit Facility matures on July 30, 2001. The Company is currently in negotiations with several banks to refinance the Credit Facility. The Company believes that it will be successful in refinancing its current Credit Facility.

On January 25, 1999, we completed our offering of \$150.0 million Series B senior subordinated notes ("Senior Subordinated Notes"). The notes bear interest at 9 3/8% and will mature on February 1, 2009. We pay interest on the notes on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999. The notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations and are subordinated to all our existing and future senior indebtedness. The notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by all of our subsidiaries. Under the terms of the notes, we are required to comply with various affirmative and negative covenants including (1) restrictions on additional indebtedness, and (2) restrictions on liens, guarantees and dividends.

We anticipate that our cash flow from operations and proceeds from the Credit Facility will provide sufficient cash to enable us to meet our working capital needs, debt service requirements and planned capital expenditures for property and equipment through fiscal 2001.

Subsequent to our IPO, and through December 2000, we have acquired 70 additional electrical contracting and communications solutions businesses for approximately \$232.7 million in cash, net of cash acquired and 15.8 million shares of common stock. The cash component of the consideration paid for these companies was funded with proceeds from our IPO, existing cash, borrowings under our credit facility and proceeds from the offering of our Senior Subordinated Notes.

We intend to continue to pursue selected acquisition opportunities. We may be in various stages of negotiation, due diligence and documentation of potential acquisitions at any time. The timing, size or success of any acquisition effort and the associated potential capital commitments cannot be predicted. We expect to fund future acquisitions primarily with working capital, cash flow from operations and borrowings, including any unborrowed portion of the credit facility, as well as issuances of additional equity or debt. To the extent we fund a significant portion of the consideration for future acquisitions with cash, we may have to obtain sources of financing through the public or private sale of debt or equity securities. There can be no assurance that we will be able to secure this financing if and when it is needed or on terms we consider acceptable. If we are unable to secure acceptable financing, our acquisition program could be negatively affected. We expect capital expenditures for equipment and expansion of facilities to be funded from cash flow from operations and supplemented as necessary by borrowings under our credit facility.

All of our operating income and cash flow is generated by our wholly owned subsidiaries, which are the subsidiary guarantors of our outstanding Senior Subordinated Notes. The separate financial statements of the subsidiary guarantors are not included herein because (i) the subsidiary guarantors are all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company; (ii) the subsidiary guarantors have fully and unconditionally, jointly and

severally guaranteed the Senior Subordinated Notes; (iii) the aggregate assets, liabilities, earnings, and equity of the subsidiary guarantors is substantially equivalent to the assets, liabilities, earnings and equity of the Company on a consolidated basis; and (iv) the presentation of separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the subsidiary guarantors is not deemed material.

SEASONALITY AND CYCLICAL FLUCTUATIONS

Our results of operations from residential construction are seasonal, depending on weather trends, with typically higher revenues generated during spring and summer and lower revenues during fall and winter. The commercial and industrial aspect of our business is less subject to seasonal trends, as this work generally is performed inside structures protected from the weather. Our service and maintenance business is generally not affected by seasonality. In addition, the construction industry has historically been highly cyclical. Our volume of business may be adversely affected by declines in construction projects resulting from adverse regional or national economic conditions. Quarterly results may also be materially affected by the timing of new construction projects and acquisitions and the timing and magnitude of acquisition assimilation costs. Accordingly, operating results for any fiscal period are not necessarily indicative of results that may be achieved for any subsequent fiscal period.

INFLATION

Due to the relatively low levels of inflation experienced in fiscal 1998, 1999 and 2000, inflation did not have a significant effect on our results in those fiscal years, or on any of the acquired businesses during similar periods.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 (SAB 101). The staff has deferred the implementation date of SAB 101 until no later than the fourth quarter of fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1999. SAB 101 reflects the basic principles of revenue recognition in existing accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. SAB 101 does not supersede any existing authoritative literature. Management has reviewed the staff's views presented in SAB 101 and does not believe the adoption of SAB 101 will have a material impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company as we recognize revenue from construction contracts on the percentage-of-completion method in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position 81-1, "Accounting for Performance of Construction -- Type and Certain Production -- Type Contracts".

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended, is required to be adopted for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. We adopted SFAS No. 133, as amended, on October 1, 2000. Adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company, as we have not engaged or entered into any arrangements usually associated with derivative instruments.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Management is actively involved in monitoring exposure to market risk and continues to develop and utilize appropriate risk management techniques. We are not exposed to any significant market risks, including commodity price risk, foreign currency exchange risk or interest rate risks resulting from the use of derivative financial instruments. Further, management does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or to speculate on changes in interest rates or commodity prices.

As a result, our exposure to changes in interest rates results from our short-term and long-term debt with both fixed and floating interest rates. The following table presents principal or notional amounts (stated in

thousands) and related interest rates by year of maturity for our debt obligations and their indicated fair market value at September 30, 2000:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	THEREAFTER	TOTAL
Liabilities Debt: Variable Rate (Credit							
Facility)	\$93,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 93,000
Average Interest Rate	8.0%						8.0%
Fixed Rate (Senior			_	_	_		
Subordinated Notes)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$150,000	\$150,000
Interest Rate	9.375%	9.375%	9.375%	9.375%	9.375%	9.375%	9.375%
Fair Value of Debt: Variable Rate Fixed Rate							\$ 93,000 \$132,375

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. (a Delaware corporation), and subsidiaries as of September 30, 1999 and 2000, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc., and subsidiaries as of September 30, 1999 and 2000, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Houston, Texas November 8, 2000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE INFORMATION) (NOTE 1)

		MBER 30,
	1999	2000
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,931	\$ 770
respectively	222,824 47,682 220	300,038 67,851 256
uncompleted contracts	40,592 12,793 7,640	51,119 16,861 8,857
Total current assets	334,682	445,752
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	47,368 467,385 9,057	61,367 496,212 16,659
Total assets	\$858,492 ======	. , ,
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term	A 4 444	Φ 00 000
debt	\$ 1,444 116,188 3,971	\$ 93,903 202,047 1,166
uncompleted contracts	37,507	56,993
Total current liabilities	159,110	354,109
LONG-TERM BANK DEBT OTHER LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current maturities SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES, net of unamortized discount of	76,980 1,120	1,162
\$1,151 and \$1,073, respectively OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	148,849 5,267	148,927 8,043
Total liabilities	391,326	512,241
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 10,000,000 authorized, none issued and outstanding		
authorized, 35,985,838 and 38,099,079 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	360	381
shares authorized, 2,655,709 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 1999 and 2000	27 407,926 58,853	27 427,332 80,009
Total stockholders' equity	467,166	507,749
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$858,492 ======	\$1,019,990

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE INFORMATION) (NOTE 1)

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 1999 2000 -----386,721 \$ 1,035,888 \$ 1,672,288 REVENUES..... 816,715 COST OF SERVICES (including depreciation)..... 306,052 1,372,537 219,173 113,871 80,669 299,751 Gross profit..... SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES..... 47,390 221,519 9,305 NON-CASH, NON-RECURRING COMPENSATION CHARGE (Note 11)...... 17,036 3,212 GOODWILL AMORTIZATION..... 13,211 . 95,997 Income from operations..... 13,031 65,021 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): (13,145) (728) Interest expense..... (23, 230)603 Other, net..... 335 1,008 -----Other income (expense), net..... (393) (12,542) (22,222) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES..... 12,638 83,455 42,799 PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES..... 12,690 35,348 21,643 \$ 21,156 NET INCOME (LOSS)..... \$ (52) \$ 48,107 EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE: Basic..... 1.41 \$ 0.53 _____ ======== ======== Diluted..... 1.39 0.52 ======== ======== ======== SHARES USED IN THE COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE: Basic..... 19,753,060 34,200,532 40,207,940 ========= Diluted..... 19,753,060 34,613,644 40,410,400

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE INFORMATION) (NOTE 1)

	COMMON S	ТОСК	RESTRICTED COMMON STOCK		ADDITIONAL PAID-IN	L RETAINED	TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS'
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES		CAPITAL	EARNINGS	EQUITY
BALANCE, September 30, 1997 Non-cash non-recurring	4,492,039	\$ 45		\$	\$ 887	\$11,704	\$ 12,636
compensation charge Initial public offering of					17,036		17,036
stock	8,050,000	80			91,433		91,513
acquisitions Distribution to accounting	15,563,324	156	2,655,709	27	199,920		200,103
acquirer					(17,626)	(906)	(18,532)
Net loss						(52)	(52)
BALANCE, September 30, 1998 Issuance of stock for	28,105,363	281	2,655,709	27	291,650	10,746	302,704
acquisitions	7,755,586	78			115,074		115,152
Exercise of stock options	124,889	1			1,202		1,203
Net income						48,107	48,107
BALANCE, September 30, 1999 Issuance of stock for	35,985,838	360	2,655,709	27	407,926	58,853	467,166
acquisitions	1,737,522	17			17,045		17,062
Issuance of stock (Note 10)		4			2,358		2,362
Exercise of stock options	220				3		3
Net income						21,156	21, 156
BALANCE, September 30, 2000	38,099,079	\$381	2,655,709	\$27	\$427,332	\$80,009	\$507,749
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS) (NOTE 1)

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,				
	1998	1999	2000		
CASH FLOWS FROM ORFRATING ACTIVITIES.					
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income (loss)	\$ (52)	\$ 48,107	\$ 21,156		
Non-cash non-recurring compensation charge	17,036				
Non-cash compensation charge Depreciation and amortization Allowance for doubtful accounts	261	16,947 871	1,768		
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(177)	(198)	(145)		
Accounts receivable	(20,261) 631		(82,917) (2,900)		
uncompleted contracts	(2,013)	(12,656)	(11,489)		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets Increase (decrease) in:	1,603	(2,333)	(1,096)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on	(1,063)	6,585	72,763		
uncompleted contracts	·	(1,575)			
Other current liabilities Other, net	(66) 3,558	1,001	(4,211)		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(7,008)	43,214		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	702 (4,352) (128,735) 475	753 (12,888) (106,476)	2,742 (28,381) (33,225) (1,670)		
Net cash used in investing activities	(131,910)				
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Borrowings of debt	108,026 (47,778)				
Distributions to stockholders	(17,758)		(40,276)		
Payments for debt issuance costs	(1,516)				
Proceeds from exercise of stock options Proceeds from initial public offering	91,513	,			
Net cash provided by financing activities		113,967			
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	10,429 4,154	(11,652) 14,583	(2,161) 2,931		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 14,583 =======	\$ 2,931	\$ 770 ======		
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid for: Interest	\$ 755	\$ 11,432	\$ 23,151		
Income taxes Non-cash property distribution	10,779 774	38,214 	24,832		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE INFORMATION)

1. BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. (the "Company" or "IES"), a Delaware corporation, was founded in June 1997 to create a leading national provider of electrical services, focusing primarily on the commercial and industrial, residential, communications solutions and service and maintenance markets.

On January 30, 1998, the Company completed its initial public offering ("IPO"), issuing to the public 7,000,000 shares of its common stock at a price of \$13.00 per share, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$78.8 million after deducting underwriting commissions and discounts. On February 5, 1998, the Company sold an additional 1,050,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the overallotment option granted to the underwriters. The Company realized net proceeds from this sale of \$12.7 million.

The financial statements of the Company for periods prior to January 30, 1998, reflect the historical accounts of the accounting acquirer restated for the effect of the acquisition accounted for as a pooling-of-interests. The results of operations for businesses acquired subsequent to January 29, 1998, are included in the Company's results of operations beginning on their respective dates of acquisition. The accounting acquirer's results of operations through January 30, 1998, include a non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge of approximately \$17.0 million required by the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with a note receivable and rights held by an officer of the accounting acquirer which was exchanged for cash and shares of IES common stock (see Note 11).

In the course of its operations, the Company is subject to certain risk factors, including but not limited to: exposure to downturns in commercial construction or housing starts, risks related to its acquisition strategy, management of growth, availability of qualified employees, competition, seasonality, risks associated with contracts, significant fluctuations in quarterly results, recoverability of goodwill, dependence on key personnel and risks associated with the availability of capital and with debt service.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of IES, its wholly owned subsidiaries, and certain investments. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year consolidated financial statements to conform with the presentation used in 2000.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Inventories

Inventories consist of parts and supplies held for use in the ordinary course of business and are valued by the Company at the lower of cost or market generally using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Marketable Securities and Other Investments

The Company accounts for its marketable equity securities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." Management determines the appropriate classification of marketable securities at the time of purchase and reevaluates such designation at each balance sheet date. The Company's marketable securities are categorized as "available for sale" and are carried at fair value.

At September 30, 2000, the Company's investments in marketable securities had a fair value of \$1.7 million, which approximated cost. Such investments are included in other assets on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of taxes, will be reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) included in stockholders' equity until realized. For the purpose of computing realized gains and losses, cost is identified on a specific identification basis.

Property and Equipment

Additions of property and equipment are stated at cost, and depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are capitalized and amortized over the lesser of the life of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset. Depreciation expense was approximately \$2,148,000, \$6,728,000 and \$17,970,000 for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000, respectively.

In accordance with its ongoing review of capitalized software, during 2000, the Company curtailed the development of a complex and proprietary information system. This comprehensive information system had been under development for approximately one year. After a period of field-testing, the Company determined that it was necessary to significantly alter the technological architecture of the system in order to reduce ongoing support, maintenance and communications costs. Accordingly, the Company recorded a pretax charge of approximately \$6.8 million, of which \$5.7 million was included in depreciation expense for the year, to write-off the carrying value of the software costs, development costs and certain hardware and network infrastructure costs.

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense when incurred. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments, which extend the useful lives of existing equipment, are capitalized and depreciated. Upon retirement or disposition of property and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in the statement of operations.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the aggregate of purchase price paid by the Company in the acquisition of businesses accounted for as purchases over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired. Goodwill is amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. As of September 30, 1999 and 2000, accumulated amortization was approximately \$12,550,000 and \$25,761,000, respectively.

The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of intangibles resulting from business acquisitions and measures the amount of impairment, if any, by assessing current and future levels of income and cash flows as well as other factors, such as business trends and prospects and market and economic conditions. If an evaluation is required, the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset will be compared to the asset's carrying amount to determine if such an impairment exists.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs related to the Company's credit facility and the Senior Subordinated Notes are included in other noncurrent assets and are amortized to interest expense over the scheduled maturity of the debt. As of September 30, 1999 and 2000, accumulated amortization of debt issuance costs were approximately \$1,061,000 and \$2,458,000, respectively.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue when services are performed except when work is being performed under a construction contract. Such contracts generally provide that the customers accept completion of progress to date and compensate the Company for services rendered measured in terms of hours expended or some other measure of progress. Revenues from construction contracts are recognized on the percentage-of-completion method in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position (SOP) 81-1 "Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts." Percentage of completion for construction contracts is measured principally by the percentage of costs incurred and accrued to date for each contract to the estimated total costs for each contract at completion. The Company generally considers contracts to be substantially complete upon departure from the

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

work site and acceptance by the customer. Contract costs include all direct material and labor costs and those indirect costs related to contract performance, such as indirect labor, supplies, tools, repairs and depreciation costs. Changes in job performance, job conditions, estimated contract costs and profitability and final contract settlements may result in revisions to costs and income. Provisions for total estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined and the effects of these revisions are recognized in the period in which the revisions are determined.

The balances billed but not paid by customers pursuant to retainage provisions in construction contracts will be due upon completion of the contracts and acceptance by the customer. Based on the Company's experience with similar contracts in recent years, the retention balance at each balance sheet date will be collected within the subsequent fiscal year.

The current asset, "Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts," represents revenues recognized in excess of amounts billed which management believes will be billed and collected within the subsequent year. The current liability, "Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts," represents billings in excess of revenues recognized.

Warranty Costs

For certain contracts, the Company warrants labor for the first year after installation of new electrical systems. The Company generally warrants labor for 30 days after servicing of existing electrical systems. A reserve for warranty costs is recorded based upon the historical level of warranty claims and management's estimate of future costs.

Accounts Receivable and Provision for Doubtful Accounts

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts for unknown collection issues in addition to reserves for specific accounts receivable where collection is considered doubtful.

Income Taxes

The Company follows the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recorded for the future income tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and income tax bases of assets and liabilities, and are measured using enacted tax rates and laws.

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return, which includes the operations of all acquired businesses for periods subsequent to their respective acquisition dates. The acquired businesses file "short period" federal income tax returns for the period from their last fiscal year through their respective acquisition dates.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the use of estimates and assumptions by management in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used in the Company's revenue recognition of construction in progress, allowance for doubtful accounts and self insured claims liability.

Self-Insurance

The Company retains the risk for worker's compensation, employer's liability, auto liability, general liability and employee group health claims, resulting from uninsured deductibles per accident or occurrence

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which are subject to annual aggregate limits. Losses up to the deductible amounts are accrued based upon the Company's known claims incurred and an estimate of claims incurred but not reported. The accruals are based upon known facts and historical trends and management believes such accruals to be adequate.

Realization of Long-Lived Assets

In accordance with SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of," the Company evaluates the recoverability of property and equipment or other assets, if facts and circumstances indicate that any of those assets might be impaired. If an evaluation is required, the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset are compared to the asset's carrying amount to determine if an impairment of such property has occurred. The effect of any impairment would be to expense the difference between the fair value of such property and its carrying value.

Risk Concentration

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash deposits and trade accounts receivable. The Company grants credit, generally without collateral, to its customers, which are generally contractors and homebuilders throughout the United States. Consequently, the Company is subject to potential credit risk related to changes in business and economic factors throughout the United States within the construction and home-building market. However, the Company generally is entitled to payment for work performed and has certain lien rights in that work. Further, management believes that its contract acceptance, billing and collection policies are adequate to manage potential credit risk. The Company routinely maintains cash balances in financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits.

During the year ended September 30, 2000, we had one customer which represented 11% of our revenues. Excluding that customer, we had no single customer accounting for more than 3% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

Fair Value Of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, receivables from related parties, retainage receivables, accounts payable, a line of credit, notes and bonds payable and long-term debt. The Company's Senior Subordinated Notes have a carrying value at September 30, 1999 and 2000 of \$150.0 million. The fair value of the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes at September 30, 1999 and 2000 was \$147.0 million and \$132.4 million, respectively. This decrease is primarily related to increases in interest rates after the issuance of the Senior Subordinated Notes. Other than the Senior Subordinated Notes, the Company believes that the carrying value of financial instruments on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets approximates their fair value.

Subsidiary Guaranties

All of the Company's operating income and cash flows are generated by its wholly owned subsidiaries, which are the subsidiary guarantors of the Company's outstanding 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009. The separate financial statements of the subsidiary guarantors are not included herein because (i) the subsidiary guarantors are all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company; (ii) the subsidiary guarantors have fully and unconditionally, jointly and severally guaranteed the Senior Subordinated Notes; (iii) the aggregate assets, liabilities, earnings, and equity of the subsidiary guarantors are substantially equivalent to the assets, liabilities, earnings and equity of the Company on a consolidated basis; and (iv) the presentation of separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the subsidiary guarantors is not deemed material.

Earnings per Share

The following table reconciles the components of the basic and diluted earnings per share for the three years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000 (in thousands, except share information):

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,						
	1998		1999		1998 1999 2		2000
Numerator: Net income (loss)	\$	(52)	\$	48,107	\$	21,156	
Denominator: Weighted average common shares outstanding basic Effect of dilutive stock options	19,7	===== 53,060 	34	,200,532 413,112	=== 40	,207,940 202,460	
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding diluted	19,7	53,060 =====	34	,613,644	40 ===	,410,400 ======	
Earnings (loss) per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$		\$ \$	1.41 1.39	\$ \$	0.53 0.52	

Common stock equivalents are excluded in the calculation of weighted average shares outstanding when a company reports a net loss for a period. The number of potentially antidilutive shares excluded from the calculation of fully diluted earnings per share was 0.4 million for the year ended September 30, 1998 due to the net loss for the period. For the years ended September 30, 1999 and 2000, exercisable stock options of 1.0 million and 4.4 million, respectfully, were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 (SAB 101). The staff has deferred the implementation date of SAB 101 until no later than the fourth quarter of fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1999. SAB 101 reflects the basic principles of revenue recognition in existing accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. SAB 101 does not supersede any existing authoritative literature. Management has reviewed the staff's views presented in SAB 101 and does not believe the adoption of SAB 101 will have a material impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company as we recognize revenue from construction contracts on the percentage-of-completion method in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position 81-1, "Accounting for Performance of Construction -- Type and Certain Production -- Type Contracts".

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended, is required to be adopted for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. We adopted SFAS No. 133, as amended, on October 1, 2000. Adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company, as we have not engaged or entered into any arrangements usually associated with derivative instruments.

3. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS:

Pooling of Interests

On June 1, 1998, IES completed the acquisition of all the capital stock of H.R. Allen, Inc. ("Allen"), in a business combination accounted for as a "pooling-of-interests" transaction in accordance with the requirements of Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 16, "Business Combinations." Allen, headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, provides electrical contracting and maintenance services. IES issued 1.1 million shares of common stock in exchange for all of the capital stock of Allen. There were no transactions between IES or Allen during periods prior to the business combination.

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The unaudited revenues and net income of Allen for the pre-acquisition period in 1998 were \$20.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

Purchases

Subsequent to the IPO, and through September 30, 2000, IES has acquired 69 businesses in transactions accounted for as purchases. The total consideration paid in these transactions was approximately \$232.7 million in cash and 14.7 million shares of common stock. The accompanying September 30, 2000, consolidated balance sheet includes allocations of the respective purchase prices to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on preliminary estimates of fair value which are subject to final adjustment during the first year of ownership.

In connection with the acquisitions discussed above, goodwill was determined as follows for each of the years ending September 30, 1999 and 2000 (in thousands):

	1999	2000
Fair value of assets acquired, net of cash acquired Liabilities assumed	\$115,645 (77,641)	\$ 23,726 (15,477)
Net assets acquired, net of cash	38,004	8,249
Cash paid, net of cash acquired	106,476 115,152	33,225 17,062
Total consideration paid	221,628	50,287
Goodwill	\$183,624 ======	\$ 42,038 ======

Pro Forma Presentation

The unaudited pro forma data presented below reflect the results of operations of IES and the businesses acquired during fiscal 1999 and 2000 assuming the transactions were completed on October 1, 1998 (in thousands):

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1999	2000	
	(UNAUDITED)		
Revenues	\$1,376,763	\$1,687,650	
Net income	\$ 65,164	\$ 22,440	
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.91	\$ 0.57	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.88 =======	\$ 0.56 ======	

The unaudited pro forma data summarized above also reflects pro forma adjustments primarily related to: reductions in general and administrative expenses for contractually agreed reductions in owners' compensation, estimated goodwill amortization for the excess of consideration paid over the net assets acquired assuming a 40-year amortization period, interest expense on borrowings incurred to fund acquisitions, elimination of interest income, and additional income tax expense based on the Company's effective income tax rate. The unaudited pro forma financial data does not purport to represent what the Company's combined results of operations would actually have been if such transactions had in fact occurred on October 1, 1998, and are not necessarily representative of the Company's results of operations for any future period.

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4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment consists of the following (in thousands):

	ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES IN YEARS	SEPTEME	,	
		1999	2000	
Land Buildings Transportation equipment Machinery and equipment Leasehold improvements Furniture and fixtures	N/A 5-32 3-5 3-10 5-32 5-7	\$ 2,586 2,353 23,212 21,807 5,843 5,330		
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization		61,131 (13,763)	87,679 (26,312)	
Property and equipment, net		\$ 47,368 ======	\$ 61,367 ======	

5. DETAIL OF CERTAIN BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS:

	SEPTEMBER 30,	
	1999	2000
Balance at beginning of period	\$4,160	\$ 5,709
Additions from acquisitions	1,169	948
Additions to costs and expenses Deductions for uncollectible receivables written off, net of	871	1,768
recoveries	(491)	(1,304)
Balance at end of period	\$5,709 	\$ 7,121

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	SEPTEM	BER 30,
	1999	2000
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 68,665 24,546 22,977	\$105,814 57,561 38,672
	\$116,188 ======	\$202,047 ======

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Contracts in progress are as follows (in thousands):

	SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1999	2000	
Costs incurred on contracts in progress Estimated earnings	\$ 689,132 149,548	\$ 1,163,463 220,411	
Less Billings to date	838,680	1,383,874 (1,389,748)	
	\$ 3,085	\$ (5,874) =======	
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	\$ 40,592	\$ 51,119	
on uncompleted contracts	(37,507)	(56,993)	
	\$ 3,085 ======	\$ (5,874) =======	

6. DEBT:

Debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	SEPTEME	BER 30,
	1999	2000
Secured credit facility with a bank group, due July 30, 2001, at a weighted average interest rate of 8.00% Senior Subordinated Notes, due February 1, 2009, bearing interest at 9 3/8% with an effective interest rate of	\$ 76,980	\$ 93,000
9 1/2% Other	150,000 2,564	150,000 2,065
	229,544	245,065
Less short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt	` ' '	(93,903) (1,073)
Total long-term debt	\$226,949 ======	\$150,089 ======

Future payments due on debt at September 30, 2000 are as follows (in thousands):

2001	\$ 93,903
2002	739
2003	262
2004	122
2005	39
Thereafter	150,000
Total	\$245,065
	=======

Credit Facility

In January 1998, the Company obtained a three-year revolving credit facility of up to \$65.0 million (the "Credit Facility") from a commercial bank to be used for working capital, capital expenditures, other corporate purposes and acquisitions. In July 1998, the Company increased the credit facility to \$175.0 million. The Credit Facility matures July 30, 2001. Amounts borrowed under the Credit Facility bear interest at an annual rate equal to either (a) the London interbank offered rate (LIBOR) plus 1.0 percent to 2.0 percent, as determined by the ratio of the Company's total funded debt to EBITDA (as defined in the credit facility) or (b) the higher of (i) the bank's prime rate and (ii) the Federal funds rate plus 0.5 percent plus up to an additional 0.5 percent, as determined by the ratio of the Company's total funded debt to EBITDA. Commitment fees of 0.25 percent to 0.375 percent, as determined by the ratio of the Company's total funded debt to

EBITDA, will be due on any unused borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility. The Company's existing and future subsidiaries guarantee the repayment of all amounts due under the facility, and the facility is secured by the capital stock of those subsidiaries and the accounts receivable of the Company and those subsidiaries. The Credit Facility requires the consent of the lenders for acquisitions exceeding a certain level of cash consideration, prohibits the payment of cash dividends on the common stock, restricts the ability of the Company to incur other indebtedness and requires the Company to comply with various affirmative and negative covenants including certain financial covenants. Among other restrictions, the financial covenants include minimum net worth requirements, maintenance of a total consolidated funded debt to EBITDA ratio and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. The Company was in compliance with the financial covenants at September 30, 2000. As of September 30, 2000, the Company's Credit Facility had outstanding indebtedness of \$93.0 million, letters of credit of \$1.5 million, \$2.1 million of other borrowings and available borrowing capacity of \$80.5 million. The weighted average interest rate for the year ending September 30, 2000 was 8.00% for the Credit Facility.

The Company's Credit Facility matures on July 30, 2001, and is classified as currently payable. The Company is in negotiations with several banks to refinance the Credit Facility. The Company believes that it will be successful in refinancing its current credit facility prior to its maturity.

Senior Subordinated Notes

On January 25, 1999, the Company completed its offering of \$150.0 million Senior Subordinated Notes. The Senior Subordinated Notes bear interest at 9 3/8% and mature on February 1, 2009. The Company will pay interest on the Senior Subordinated Notes on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999. The Senior Subordinated Notes are unsecured obligations and are subordinated to all existing and future senior indebtedness. The Senior Subordinated Notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by all of the Company's subsidiaries. Under the terms of the Senior Subordinated Notes, the Company is required to comply with various affirmative and negative covenants including: (i) restrictions on additional indebtedness, and (ii) restrictions on liens, guarantees and dividends.

The net proceeds to the Company from the offering of the Senior Subordinated Notes were approximately \$143.0 million after deducting the debt issue discount, underwriting commissions and offering expenses. The Company capitalized \$5.5 million of expenses related to the debt offering. These debt issuance costs are being amortized to interest expense over the scheduled maturity of the debt.

7. LEASES:

The Company leases various facilities under noncancelable operating leases. For a discussion of leases with certain related parties see Note 11.

Future minimum lease payments under these noncancelable operating leases with terms in excess of one year are as follows (in thousands):

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMI	BER 30,		
2001		 	 \$ 8,079
2002		 	 7,509
2003		 	 6,325
2004			
2005			
Thereafter		 	 1,162
Total		 	 \$30,055

Rental expense for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000 was approximately \$2,033,000, \$4,849,000 and \$7,543,000, respectively.

8. INCOME TAXES:

Federal and state income tax provisions are as follows (in thousands):

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1998	1999	2000
Federal: Current Deferred State:		\$33,317 (2,558)	
Current Deferred	1,616 (166)	4,819 (230)	2,475 (20)
	\$12,690 =====	\$35,348 ======	\$21,643 ======

Actual income tax expense differs from income tax expense computed by applying the U.S. federal statutory corporate rate of 35 percent to income before provision for income taxes as follows (in thousands):

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1998	1999	2000
Drawinian at the statutory rate	\$ 4,423	¢20, 200	¢14 000
Provision at the statutory rate	Ф 4,423	\$29,209	\$14,980
Non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge	5,963		
Non-cash restricted stock compensation charge			611
Non-deductible goodwillState income taxes, net of benefit for federal	1,103	2,838	4,070
deduction	942	2,983	1,596
Non-deductible expenses	259	318	386
	\$12,690	\$35,348	\$21,643
	======	======	======

Deferred income tax provisions result from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses for financial reporting purposes and for income tax purposes. The income tax effects of these temporary differences, representing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, result principally from the following (in thousands):

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1999	2000	
Deferred income tax assets: Allowance for doubtful accounts	7,944	\$ 2,492 9,507 2,626	
Total deferred income tax assets	11,679	14,625	
Deferred income tax liabilities: Property, equipment and goodwill Deferred contract revenue and other			
Total deferred income tax liabilities	(11,408)	(14,177)	
Net deferred income tax assets	\$ 271 ======	\$ 448 ======	

The Company does not believe that a valuation allowance against the deferred income tax assets is necessary as it believes the assets will be fully realized.

The net deferred income tax assets and liabilities are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1999	2000	
Current deferred income taxes: AssetsLiabilities	\$10,186 (5,198)	\$13,567 (5,664)	
	4,988	7,903	
Long-term deferred income taxes: Assets Liabilities	\$ 1,493 (6,210)	\$ 1,059 (8,514)	
Net deferred income tax assets	(4,717) \$ 271 ======	(7,455) \$ 448 ======	

9. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Company follows SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." Certain information is disclosed, per SFAS No. 131, based on the way management organizes financial information for making operating decisions and assessing performance.

The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer products and services to four distinct customer groups. They are managed separately because each business requires different operating and marketing strategies.

Prior to October 1, 2000, the Company was organized in a single segment. During fiscal 2000, the Company aligned its operations among two complementary core businesses: electrical contracting and communications solutions. Within the electrical contracting business, the Company has three reportable segments: commercial/industrial, residential and service and maintenance markets. The commercial/industrial segment provides installations, renovations and upgrades and replacement services in office buildings, high-rise apartments and condominiums, theaters, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and critical-care facilities, school districts, manufacturing and processing facilities, military installations, airports, refineries and petrochemical and power plants. The residential segment consists of installations, replacements and renovation services in single family and low-rise multifamily housing units. The service and maintenance segment provides maintenance and replacement services from service calls and routine maintenance contracts. The communications solutions business provides installation, service and maintenance, design, engineering and support services to infrastructure services customers.

The accounting policies of these reportable segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company evaluates performance based on income from operations of the respective business units prior to unallocated home office expenses. No significant transactions have occurred between the Company's business segments. Management intends to continue to focus on its internal allocation methods for allocating results to business segments.

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Segment information for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000 are as follows (in thousands):

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING						
	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE	SUBTOTAL	COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
Revenues	\$238,002 191,715	\$111,163 86,830	\$34,683 25,473	\$383,848 304,018	\$2,873 2,034	\$	\$386,721 306,052
Gross profit Selling, general and	46,287	24,333	9,210	79,830	839		80,669
administrative Goodwill amortization	29,025 2,213	10,438 667	4,230 323	43,693 3,203	399 9	20,334	64,426 3,212
Operating Income	\$ 15,049 ======	\$ 13,228 ======	\$ 4,657 ======	\$ 32,934 ======	\$ 431 =====	\$(20,334) ======	\$ 13,031 ======
Other Data: Depreciation expense Capital expenditures Total assets	\$ 1,486 2,880 321,995	\$ 311 556 64,186	\$ 216 420 29,736	\$ 2,013 3,856 415,917	\$ 46 66 14,671	\$ 89 430 71,880	\$ 2,148 4,352 502,468

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

	ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING						
	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE	SUBTOTAL	COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
Revenues	\$716,340 583,440	\$175,978 134,938	\$69,370 45,967	\$961,688 764,345	\$74,200 52,370	\$	\$1,035,888 816,715
Gross profitSelling, general and	132,900	41,040	23,403	197,343	21,830		219,173
administrative Goodwill amortization	68,335 6,993	16,524 1,056	6,617 677	91,476 8,726	10,388 579	12,007 	113,871 9,305
Operating Income	\$ 57,572 ======	\$ 23,460 ======	\$16,109 ======	\$ 97,141 =======	\$10,863 ======	\$(12,007) ======	\$ 95,997 =======
Other Data: Depreciation expense Capital expenditures Total assets	\$ 4,419 7,089 518,157	\$ 493 880 101,610	\$ 428 687 33,725	\$ 5,340 8,656 653,492	\$ 1,187 2,456 51,718	\$ 201 1,776 153,282	\$ 6,728 12,888 858,492

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	ELECTRICAL (ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING					
	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE	SUBTOTAL	COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
Revenues	. , ,	\$250,877 195,913	\$132,167 102,849	\$1,509,836 1,248,893	\$162,452 123,644	\$	\$1,672,288 1,372,537
Gross profitSelling, general and	176,661	54,964	29,318	260,943	38,808		299,751
administrative Goodwill amortization	107,859 9,343	23,557 1,505	12,651 1,096	144,067 11,944	22,743 1,267	54,709 	221,519 13,211
Operating Income	\$ 59,459 ======	\$ 29,902 =====	\$ 15,571 ======	\$ 104,932 ======	\$ 14,798 ======	\$(54,709) ======	\$ 65,021 ======
Other Data: Depreciation expense Capital expenditures Total assets	,	\$ 702 1,254 144,856	\$ 893 1,564 61,102	\$ 9,208 16,155 869,768	\$ 2,599 5,377 113,229	\$ 6,163 6,849 36,993	\$ 17,970 28,381 1,019,990

During the year ended September 30, 2000, we had one customer in the commercial/industrial segment which represented 11% of our revenues or \$185.3 million. Excluding that customer, we had no single customer accounting for more than 3% of our revenues for the year ended September 30, 2000.

The Company's 1998 and 1999 information has been restated for consistency with the current year presentation. The Company does not have significant operations or long-lived assets in countries outside of the United States.

10. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Restricted Voting Common Stock

The shares of restricted voting common stock have rights similar to shares of common stock except that such shares are entitled to elect one member of the board of directors and to not otherwise vote with respect to the election of directors and are entitled to one-half of one vote for each share held on all other matters. Each share of restricted common stock will convert into common stock upon disposition by the holder of such shares.

1997 Stock Plan

In September 1997, the Company's board of directors and stockholders approved the Company's 1997 Stock Plan (the "Plan"), which provides for the granting or awarding of incentive or nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted or phantom stock and other incentive awards to directors, officers, key employees and consultants of the Company. The number of shares authorized and reserved for issuance under the Plan is 15 percent of the aggregate number of shares of common stock outstanding. The terms of the option awards will be established by the compensation committee of the Company's board of directors. Options generally expire 10 years from the date of grant, one year following termination of employment due to death or disability, or three months following termination of employment by means other than death or disability.

Directors' Stock Plan

In September 1997, the Company's board of directors and stockholders approved the 1997 Directors' Stock Plan (the "Directors' Plan"), which provides for the granting or awarding of stock options to nonemployee directors. In May 2000, the Company's board of directors amended the Directors' Plan. The number of shares authorized and reserved for issuance under the Directors' Plan is 250,000 shares. Each nonemployee director shall receive an annual retainer to be paid quarterly; one half in cash and one half in shares of the Company. Each nonemployee director is granted options to purchase an additional 3,000 shares at the time of an initial election of such director. In addition, each director will be automatically granted options to purchase 3,000 shares annually at each September 30 on which such director remains a director. All options have an exercise price based on the fair market value at the date of grant and vesting terms similar to options granted under the Directors' Plan discussed above.

The Directors' Plan allows nonemployee directors to receive additional option grants in amounts and at terms as deemed appropriate by the Company's board of directors.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In February 2000, the Company's stockholders approved the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), which provides for the sale of common stock to participants as defined at a price equal to the lower of 85% of the Company's closing stock price at the beginning or end of the option period, as defined. The number of shares of common stock authorized and reserved for issuance under the ESPP is 1.0 million shares. The purpose of the ESPP is to provide an incentive for employees of the Company to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company through the purchase of shares of the Company's common stock. The ESPP is intended to qualify as an "Employee Stock Purchase Plan" under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The provisions of the ESPP are construed in a manner to be consistent with the requirements of that section of the Code. As of September 30, 2000, there were no shares purchased under the ESPP.

1999 Incentive Compensation Plan

In November 1999, the Board of Directors adopted the 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan (the "1999 Plan"). The 1999 Plan, as amended, authorizes the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors to grant eligible participants of the Company awards in the form of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock or other stock based awards. The Company has up to 5.5 million shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the 1999 Plan.

In December 1999 and March 2000, the Company granted restricted stock awards of 609,306 and 400,000, respectively under its stock plans to certain of its employees. The December 1999 awards vested in equal installments on May 31, 2000 and August 31, 2000, provided the recipient was still employed by the Company. The March 2000 award vests in equal installments on March 20th of each year through 2004, provided the recipient is still employed by the Company. The market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant for the December 1999 and March 2000 awards was \$5.2 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, which is being recognized as compensation expense over the related vesting periods. During the year ended September 30, 2000, the Company amortized \$5.4 million to expense in connection with these awards. Through September 30, 2000, 578,269 shares of these common stock awards vested and 31,037 shares of common stock were forfeited. To fund employee tax liabilities, 202,770 of these awards were cancelled and 375,499 of these shares were issued and are currently outstanding. At September 30, 2000, there were 400,000 shares of unvested common stock awards outstanding.

The following table summarizes activity under the Company's stock option and incentive compensation plans:

		WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
Outstanding, September 30, 1997	3,464,014 (225,063)	
Outstanding, September 30, 1998	3,238,951	\$13.48
Options Granted Exercised Forfeited	1,248,125 (316,312) (420,307)	16.93 9.55 15.20
Outstanding, September 30, 1999	3,750,457	\$14.81
Options Granted	1,987,482 1,009,306 (579,839) (721,111)	10.18 0.00 0.00 13.92
Outstanding, September 30, 2000	5,446,295	\$12.02 =====
Exercisable, September 30, 1998	85,000	\$ 9.33
Exercisable, September 30, 1999	759,656	===== \$14.17
Exercisable, September 30, 2000	1,536,995	===== \$13.74 =====

Unexercised options expire at various dates from September 4, 2007 through September 30, 2010.

The Company follows Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25 in accounting for stock options issued to employees. Under APB Opinion No. 25, compensation expense is not recorded for stock options issued to employees if the exercise price of the option is equal to the market price of the stock on the date of grant. SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," requires that if a company does not record compensation expense for stock options issued to employees pursuant to APB Opinion No. 25, the company must also disclose the effects on its results of operations as if the Company has adopted SFAS 123. The following compares the Company's reported income and earnings per share to pro forma estimates of these

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amounts assuming that the Company had expensed the estimated fair value of options provided to its employees over the applicable vesting period.

	1998	1999	2000
Net income (loss)			
As reported	\$ (52)	\$48,107	\$21,156
Pro forma for SFAS No. 123	\$(2,173)	\$42,720	\$12,510
Basic earnings (loss) per share			
As reported	\$	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.53
Pro forma for SFAS No. 123	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.31
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	,		
As reported	\$	\$ 1.39	\$ 0.52
Pro forma for SFAS No. 123			

The effects of applying SFAS No. 123 in the pro forma disclosure may not be indicative of future amounts as additional awards in future years are anticipated and because the Black-Scholes option-pricing model involves subjective assumptions which may be materially different than actual amounts.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following subjective assumptions:

	1998	1999	2000
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Expected stock price volatility	53.20%	52.23%	94.42%
Weighted average risk free interest rate	5.55%	5.24%	6.35%
Expected life of options	6 years	6 years	6 years

The tables below summarizes options outstanding and exercisable at September $30,\ 2000$:

RANGE OF EXERCISE PRICES	OUTSTANDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE REMAINING CONTRACTUAL LIFE	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE	EXERCISABLE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
\$ 0.0000-\$ 4.6240.	. 400,000	9.5	\$ 0.0000		\$ 0.0000
\$ 4.6250-\$ 7.8000.	. 969,195	9.2	\$ 5.5455	206,000	\$ 6.5652
\$ 7.8100-\$10.5000.	. 49,667	9.2	\$ 9.7947		\$ 0.0000
\$10.5100-\$15.5000.	. 3,038,150	7.5	\$13.6949	930,400	\$13.2613
\$15.5100-\$22.1250.	. 989, 283	7.6	\$18.1885	400,595	\$18.5497
	5,446,295	8.0	\$12.0195	1,536,995	\$13.7422
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Options exercisable at September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000 had weighted average fair values per option of \$7.98, \$9.45 and \$8.10, respectively.

11. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company has transactions in the normal course of business with certain affiliated companies. Amounts due from related parties at September 30, 1999 and 2000 were \$220,000 and \$256,000, respectively. In connection with certain of the acquisitions, subsidiaries of the Company have entered into a number of related party lease arrangements for facilities. These lease agreements are for periods generally ranging from three to five years and were priced based on prevailing market rates at the time the arrangements were negotiated. Lease payments for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000 were \$1,648,000, \$2,850,000 and \$4,180,000, respectively. Future commitments with respect to these leases are included in the schedule of minimum lease payments in note 7.

In August 1996, the Company negotiated the purchase of the common stock from an officer. The selling price of the shares totaled \$800,000. The Company signed an installment promissory note that provided for the

payout of \$800,000 over seven years at 8 percent interest, secured by the purchased stock. At the closing of the IPO, the officer exchanged the promissory note for cash and shares of IES common stock. In connection therewith, the Company recorded a non-cash, non-recurring compensation charge of approximately \$17.0 million, as required by the SEC.

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

In November 1998, the Company established the Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). All IES employees are eligible to participate subsequent to completing six months of service and attaining age twenty-one. Participants become vested in Company matching contributions following three years of service.

Certain subsidiaries of the Company do not participate in the 401(k) Plan, but instead provide various defined contribution savings plans for their employees (the "Plans"). The Plans cover substantially all full-time employees of such subsidiaries. Participants vest at varying rates ranging from full vesting upon participation to those that provide for vesting to begin after three years of service and are fully vested after eight years. Certain plans provide for a deferral option that allows employees to elect to contribute a portion of their pay into the plan and provide for a discretionary profit sharing contribution by the individual subsidiary. Generally the subsidiaries match a portion of the amount deferred by participating employees. Contributions for the profit sharing portion of the Plans are generally at the discretion of the individual subsidiary. The aggregate contributions to the Plans were \$1,127,000, \$1,460,000 and \$2,106,000 for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000, respectively.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

Subsidiaries of the Company are involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. While it is not possible to predict the outcome of such proceedings with certainty, in the opinion of the Company, all such proceedings are either adequately covered by insurance or, if not so covered should not ultimately result in any liability which would have a material adverse effect on the financial position, liquidity or results of operations of the Company. The Company expenses routine legal costs related to such proceedings as incurred.

The Company has committed to invest up to \$5.0 million in EnerTech Capital Partners II L.P. ("EnerTech"). EnerTech is a private equity firm specializing in investment opportunities emerging from the deregulation and resulting convergence of the energy, utility and telecommunications industries. At September 30, 2000, the Company's investment in EnerTech was \$0.5 million.

14. QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED):

Quarterly financial information for the years ended September 30, 1999 and 2000 are summarized as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	FISCAL	YEAR ENDED	SEPTEMBER 30	1, 1999
	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER
RevenuesGross profit	. ,	\$215,692	\$279,742 \$ 61,878	\$342,742
Net income	. ,	\$ 9,740	\$ 13,645	\$ 15,630
BasicDiluted			\$ 0.39 \$ 0.39	

	FISCAL `	YEAR ENDED S	EPTEMBER 30), 2000
	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER
Revenues	. ,	\$370,327	\$452,149	\$514,621
Gross profit	. ,	\$ 62,860 \$ (2,475)	. ,	\$ 99,223 \$ 10,944
Earnings (loss) per share:	Ψ 2,003	Ψ (2,475)	Ψ 10,004	Ψ 10,344
Basic				
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.27

The sum of the individual quarterly earnings per share amounts may not agree with year-to-date earnings per share as each period's computation is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO DATE OF AUDITORS' REPORT (UNAUDITED):

In December 2000, the Company invested \$4.6 million in Energy Photovoltaics, Inc. ("EPV"). EPV is engaged in the developing, manufacturing and marketing photovoltaic components, products and systems. The Company will account for EPV using the equity method of accounting.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled "Management" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2000 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than January 28, 2001.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Executive Compensation" in the Proxy Statement. Nothing in this report shall be construed to incorporate by reference the Board Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation, the Performance Graph or the Report of the Audit Committee, which are contained in the Proxy Statement, but expressly not incorporated herein.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in the Proxy Statement.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Other Transactions" in the Proxy Statement.

PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Financial Statement Schedules and Exhibits.

See Index to Financial Statements under Item 8 of this report.

(b) Exhibits.

3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation as amended. (Incorporated by reference to 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-38715)
3.2	of the Company) Bylaws, as amended (Incorporated by reference to 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1999)
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate. (Incorporated by reference to 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-38715) of the Company)
4.2	Indenture, dated January 28, 1999, by and among Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. and the subsidiaries named therein and State Street Bank and Trust Company covering up to \$150,000,000 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-50031) of the Company)
4.4	Form of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Note due 2009 (Included in Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.1)
10.1	Form of Employment Agreement (Incorporated by reference to 10.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-38715) of the Company)
10.2	Form of Officer and Director Indemnification Agreement. (Incorporated by reference to 10.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-38715) of the Company)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on December 18, 2000.

INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ H. DAVID RAMM

H. David Ramm Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on December 18, 2000.

SIGNATURE	TITLE
/s/ H. DAVID RAMM	Chief Executive Officer and Director
H. David Ramm	
/s/ DONALD PAUL HODEL	Director
Donald Paul Hodel	
/s/ ROBERT KELLY	Director
Robert Kelly	
/s/ BEN L. MUELLER	Chief Operating Officer and Director
Ben L. Mueller	
/s/ RICHARD MUTH	Director
Richard Muth	
/s/ ALAN R. SIELBECK	Director
Alan R. Sielbeck	
/s/ C. BYRON SNYDER	Chairman of the Board of Directors
C. Byron Snyder	
/s/ ROBERT STALVEY	Director
Robert Stalvey	
/s/ RICHARD L. TUCKER	Director
Richard L. Tucker	
/s/ BOB WEIK	Director
Bob Weik	
/s/ JIM P. WISE	Director
Jim P. Wise	
/s/ WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS	Chief Financial Officer
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/s/ NEIL J. DEPASCAL, JR.	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
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4.1	 Specimen Common Stock Certificate. (Incorporated by reference to 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-38715) of the Company)
4.2	Indenture, dated January 28, 1999, by and among Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. and the subsidiaries named therein and State Street Bank and Trust Company covering up to \$150,000,000 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-50031) of the Company)
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INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. 1997 DIRECTORS STOCK PLAN

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Plan.

The Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. 1997 Directors Stock Plan (the "Plan") is intended to promote the interests of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), by providing the non-employee directors of the Company with stock options whereby they may develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and to encourage them to devote their best efforts to the business of the Company thereby advancing the interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Plan is also contemplated to enhance the ability of the Company to attract highly qualified individuals to serve as non-employee directors of the Company.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" shall mean (i) any entity that, directly or through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by the Company and (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, as determined by the Committee.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board.

"Director" shall mean a member of the Board who is a "non-employee director" for purposes of Rule 16b-3.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Fair Market Value" shall mean, with respect to Shares, the closing price of a Share quoted on the Composite Tape, or if the Shares are not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which such stock is listed, or if the Shares are not listed on any such stock exchange, the last sale price, or if none is reported, the highest closing bid quotation on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., Automated Quotations System or any successor system then in use on the Date of Grant, or if none are available on such day, on the next preceding day for which are available, or if no such quotations are available, the fair market value on the date of grant of a Share as determined in good faith by the Board. In the event the Shares are not publicly traded at the time a determination of its fair market value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of fair market value shall be made in good faith by the Committee.

"Option" shall mean an option granted under the Plan.

"Option Agreement" shall mean any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing any Option, which may, but need not, be executed or acknowledged by a Participant.

"Participant" shall mean each Person who has an outstanding Option.

"Person" shall mean individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Rule 16b-3" shall mean Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act, or any successor rule or regulation thereto as in effect from time to time.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any successor thereto.

"Shares" or "Common Shares" or "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value.

SECTION 3. Administration.

The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the acts of the members of the Committee who are present at any meeting thereof at which a quorum is present, or acts unanimously approved by the members of the Committee in writing, shall be the acts of the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) determine the members of the Board who are Directors; (ii) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to Options granted under the Plan; (iii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (iv) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Option shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Persons, including the Company, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Option and any stockholder.

SECTION 4. Shares Available for Options.

(a) Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(c), the number of Shares with respect to which Options may be granted under the Plan shall be 250,000. If any Option is forfeited, terminates or is canceled without the delivery of Shares or other consideration, then the

Shares covered by such Option, to the extent of any such forfeiture, termination or cancellation, shall again be Shares with respect to which Options may be granted.

- (b) Sources of Shares Deliverable Under Options. Any Shares delivered pursuant to an Option may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or of treasury Shares.
- (c) Adjustments. In the event that the Committee determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable, adjust any or all of (i) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) with respect to which Options may be granted, (ii) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Options, and (iii) the grant or exercise price with respect to any Option; and provided, further, that the number of Shares subject to any Option shall always be a whole number.

SECTION 5. Eligibility.

Each member of the Board who is a Director automatically shall be a Participant.

SECTION 6. Options.

- (a) Initial Grants. Each person who is elected as a Director for the first time after the date of the closing of the initial public offering of the Common Stock shall automatically receive, on the date of his or her election, an Option for 3,000 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) Annual Grants. On each September 30th that this Plan is in effect, each Director on that day shall automatically receive an Option for 3,000 shares of Common Stock.
- (c) Exercise Price. Subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 4(c), the purchase price per Share purchasable under an Option shall be the Fair Market Value per Share at the time the Option is granted.
- (d) Vesting. Subject to the further provisions of the Plan, each Option shall become vested (exercisable) as to 100% of the shares of Common Stock granted on the date of grant of such Option.
- (e) Time and Method of Exercise. An Option may be exercised in whole or in part by cash, check acceptable to the Company, Shares already owned for more than six months, a $\,$

"cashless-broker" exercise (through procedures approved by the Company), or any combination thereof, having a Fair Market Value on the exercise date equal to the relevant exercise price.

- (f) Term. Each Option shall expire 10 years from its date of grant, but shall be subject to earlier termination as follows: Options, to the extent exercisable as of the date the Participant ceases to serve as a member of the Board for any reason, must be exercised within one year of such date unless such termination results from the Participant's death, in which case the Participant's Options may be exercised by the Participant's legal representative or the person to whom the Participant's rights shall pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution, as the case may be, within one (1) year from the date of termination; provided, however, that such event shall not extend the normal expiration date of such Options.
- (g) Automatic Limits. In the event that the number of shares of Common Stock available for grants under this Plan is insufficient to make all automatic grants provided for in paragraphs (a) or (b) above on the applicable date, then all Directors who are entitled to a grant on such date shall share ratably in the number of shares then available for grant under this Plan, and shall have no right to receive a grant with respect to the deficiencies in the number of available shares and all future grants under this Section 6 shall terminate.
- (h) Discretionary Grants. The Board may make additional grants of Options to a Director when, in the discretion of the Board, such additional grant is merited by the circumstances. Such discretionary grants shall be on such terms as the Board may establish for the grant.
 - (i) Limits on Transfer of Options.
 - (A) Except as provided in (C) below, each Option, and each right under any Option, shall be exercisable only by the Participant during the Participant's lifetime, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the Participant's guardian or legal representative as determined by the Committee.
 - (B) Except as provided in (C) below, no Option and no right under any such Option may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company.
 - (C) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, an Option may be transferred to immediate family members or related family trusts, limited partnerships or similar entities or on such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish.
- (j) Share Certificates. All certificates for Shares or other securities of the Company or any affiliate delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Option or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the

Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the SEC, any stock exchange upon which such Shares or other securities are then listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

(k) Delivery of Shares or other Securities and Payment by Participant of Consideration. No Shares or other securities shall be delivered pursuant to any Option until payment in full of any amount required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the applicable Option agreement (including, without limitation, any exercise price, tax payment or tax withholding) is received by the Company.

SECTION 7. Amendment and Termination.

Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law and unless otherwise expressly provided in an Option Agreement or in the Plan:

- (i) Amendments to the Plan. The Board or the Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan without the consent of any stockholder, Participant, other holder or beneficiary of an Option, or other Person; provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Option Agreement, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation, or termination shall be made that would increase the total number of Shares available for Options under the Plan, except as provided in Section 4(c) of the Plan.
- (ii) Adjustment of Options Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events. The Committee is hereby authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Options in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4(c) of the Plan) affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan.

SECTION 8. Change in Control.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, in the event of a Change in Control of the Company all outstanding Options automatically shall become fully vested immediately prior to such Change in Control (or such earlier time as set by the Committee). For purposes of this Plan, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to occur:

(i) any person, entity or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), other than the Company or its subsidiaries or an employee benefit plan of the Company or its subsidiaries, acquires,

directly or indirectly, the beneficial ownership (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Act) of any voting security of the Company and immediately after such acquisition such person is, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of voting securities representing 20% or more of the total voting power of all of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors;

- (ii) upon the first purchase of the Company's common stock pursuant to a tender or exchange offer (other than a tender or exchange offer made by the Company);
- (iii) the stockholders of the Company shall approve a merger, consolidation, recapitalization or reorganization of the Company, or a reverse stock split of outstanding voting securities, or consummation of any such transaction if stockholder approval is not obtained, other than any such transaction which would result in at least 75% of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the surviving entity outstanding immediately after such transaction being beneficially owned by the holders of all of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to the transactions with the voting power of each such continuing holder relative to other such continuing holders not substantially altered in the transaction;
- (iv) the stockholders of the Company shall approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; or
- (v) if, at any time during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or nomination for the election by the Company's stockholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period.

SECTION 9. General Provisions.

- (a) No Rights to Options. No Participant or other Person shall have any claim to be granted any Option, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Options.
- (b) Withholding. The Company is authorized to withhold from any Option or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, Shares that would otherwise be issued pursuant to such Option, other Options or other property) of any applicable taxes payable in respect of an Option, its exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Option or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. In addition, the Participant may direct the Company to satisfy such Participant's tax obligation through the withholding of Shares otherwise to be acquired upon the exercise or payment of such Option.

- (c) No Right to Continued Board Membership. The grant of an Option shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be a member of the Board.
- (d) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and applicable Federal law.
- (e) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Option is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Option, or would disqualify the Plan or any Option under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without , in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Option, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Option and the remainder of the Plan and any such Option shall remain in full force and effect.
- (f) Other Laws. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares or other consideration under an Option if, acting in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance of transfer or such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation or entitle the Company to recover the same under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with the exercise of such Option shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder or beneficiary.
- (g) No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor the Option shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company pursuant to an Option, such right shall be no greater than the right of any general unsecured creditor of the Company.
- (h) No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Option, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.
- (i) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.
- (j) Parachute Tax Gross-Up. To the extent that the grant, payment, or acceleration of vesting or payment, whether in cash or stock, of any Option made to a Participant under the Plan (a "Benefit") is subject to a golden parachute excise tax under Section 4999(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (a "Parachute Tax"), the Company shall pay such person an amount of cash (the "Gross-up

Amount") such that the "net" Benefit received by the person under this Plan, after paying all applicable Parachute Taxes (including those on the Gross-up Amount) and any federal or state taxes on the Gross-up Amount, shall be equal to the Benefit that such person would have received if such Parachute Tax had not been applicable.

SECTION 10. Effective Date of the Plan.

The Plan shall be effective as of the date of its approval by the Board.

SECTION 11. Term of the Plan.

No Option shall be granted under the Plan after the 10th anniversary of the approved date. However, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, any Option granted prior to such termination, and the authority of the Board or the Committee to amend, alter, adjust, or terminate such Option shall extend beyond such termination date.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

This Amendment No.3 dated as of [effective date] (the "Agreement"), is among Integrated Electrical Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), Bank of America, N.A., as agent (the "Agent"), and the financial institutions parties to the Credit Agreement defined below (the "Banks").

INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of July 30, 1998 (as amended, the "Credit Agreement"), among the Borrower, the Banks, and NationsBank, N.A., predecessor in interest to the Agent, the defined terms of which are used herein unless otherwise defined herein. In connection with the issuance of certain subordinated notes, the Borrower, the Banks, and the Agent have agreed to modify the Credit Agreement to include such notes as Senior Subordinated Notes and to make other amendments to the Credit Agreement as set forth herein in connection therewith.

Therefore, in connection with the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the Borrower, the Banks, and the Agent hereby agree as follows:

Section I. Amendment.

1. The definition of "Senior Subordinated Notes" is replaced in its entirety with the following:

"Senior Subordinated Notes" means: (i) the outstanding \$150,000,000 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009, Series B (the "Series B Notes"), issued by the Borrower, (together with the subsidiary guarantees thereof), (ii) the \$75,000,000 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009, Series C (the "Series C Notes") to be issued by the Borrower (together with the subsidiary guarantees thereof), provided however that such Series C Notes are issued substantially on the terms and conditions described in the "Description of the Notes" contained in the preliminary Offering Memorandum dated August [], 1999, and attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with such changes thereto as the Agent shall approve and (iii) the \$225,000,000 9 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2009, Series D (the "Series D Notes") to be issued by the Borrower (together with the subsidiary guarantees thereof), provided however that such Series D Notes are (a) issued only in exchange for the Series B Notes and the Series C Notes, and (b) have terms substantially identical to the terms of the Series B Notes and the Series C Notes.

Section II. Representations and Warranties. The Borrower represents and warrants that (a) the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement are within the corporate power and authority of the Borrower and have been duly authorized by appropriate proceedings, (b) this Agreement constitutes legal, valid, and binding obligations of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and general principles of equity, and (c) upon the effectiveness of this Agreement and the amendment of the Credit Documents as provided for herein, the representations and warranties contained in each Credit Document are true and correct in all material respects, no Event of Default exists under the Credit Documents, and there shall have occurred no event which with notice or lapse of time would become an Event of Default under the Credit Documents.

Section III. Effect on Credit Documents. As amended herein, the Credit Documents remain in full force and effect. Except as specifically set forth herein, nothing herein shall act as a waiver of any of the Agent=s or the Banks=rights under the Credit Documents as amended, including the waiver of any default or event of default, however denominated. The Borrower must continue to comply with the terms of the Credit Documents, as amended. This Agreement is a Credit Document for the purposes of the provisions of the other Credit Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, any breach of representations, warranties, and covenants under this Agreement may be a default or event of default under other Credit Documents.

Section IV. Effectiveness. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date hereof when the Agent shall have received duly executed counterparts hereof signed by the Borrower, the Agent, and the Majority Banks.

Section V. Miscellaneous. The miscellaneous provisions of the Credit Agreement apply to this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and may be executed and delivered by telecopier.

THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT AND THE CREDIT DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES.

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THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES.

EXECUTED as of the date first above written.

BORROWER:

INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC.

By:

Jim P. Wise Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

AGENT:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

-----Albert L. Welch Senior Vice President

BANKS:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By:

Albert L. Welch Senior Vice President

BANK OF SCOTLAND

Ву:

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NATIONAL CITY BANK OF KENTUCKY
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INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. 1999 INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Plan.

The Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Plan") is intended to promote the interests of Integrated Electrical Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), by encouraging employees, newly hired employees (including officers) and consultants of the Company, its subsidiaries and affiliated entities to acquire or increase their equity interest in the Company and to provide a means whereby employees may develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and to encourage them to remain with and devote their best efforts to the business of the Company thereby advancing the interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Plan is also contemplated to enhance the ability of the Company, its subsidiaries and affiliated entities to attract and retain the services of individuals who are essential for the growth and profitability of the Company.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

"Affiliate" shall mean (i) any entity that, directly or through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by the Company and (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, as determined by the Committee.

"Award" shall mean any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Performance Award, Phantom Shares, Bonus Shares, Other Stock-Based Award or Cash Award.

"Award Agreement" shall mean any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing any Award, which may, but need not, be executed or acknowledged by a Participant.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Bonus Shares" shall mean an award of Shares granted pursuant to Section 6(e) of the Plan. $\,$

"Cash Award" shall mean an award payable in cash granted pursuant to Section 6(g) of the Plan.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board.

"Consultant" shall mean any individual who renders consulting services or advice to the Company or an Affiliate for a fee, including any individual who is a member of the Board or the Board of Directors of an Affiliate.

"Employee" shall mean any employee of the Company or an Affiliate or any person who has been extended an offer of employment by the Company or an Affiliate (including officers).

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{E}}$

"Fair Market Value" shall mean, with respect to Shares, the closing price of a Share quoted on the Composite Tape, or if the Shares are not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which such stock is listed, or if the Shares are not listed on any such stock exchange, the last sale price, or if none is reported, the highest closing bid quotation on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., Automated Quotations System or any successor system then in use on the Date of Grant, or if none are available on such day, on the next preceding day for which are available, or if no such quotations are available, the fair market value on the date of grant of a Share as determined in good faith by the Board. In the event the Shares are not publicly traded at the time a determination of its fair market value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of fair market value shall be made in good faith by the Committee.

"Non-Qualified Stock Option" or "NQO" shall mean an option granted under the Plan that is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option.

"Option" shall mean a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

"Other Stock-Based Award" shall mean an award granted pursuant to Section 6(h) of the Plan that is not otherwise specifically provided for, the value of which is based in whole or in part upon the value of a Share.

"Participant" shall mean any Employee or Consultant granted an Award under the Plan.

"Performance Award" shall mean any right granted under Section 6(d) of the Plan.

"Person" shall mean individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Phantom Shares" shall mean an Award of the right to receive Shares issued at the end of a Restricted Period which is granted pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Plan.

"Restricted Period" shall mean the period established by the Committee with respect to an Award during which the Award either remains subject to forfeiture or is not exercisable by the Participant.

"Restricted Stock" shall mean any Share, prior to the lapse of restrictions thereon, granted under Sections 6(c) of the Plan.

"Rule 16b-3" shall mean Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act, or any successor rule or regulation thereto as in effect from time to time.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any successor thereto. $\ensuremath{\,^{\circ}}$

"Shares" or "Common Shares" or "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value, and such other securities or property as may become the subject of Awards under the Plan.

"Stock Appreciation Right" or "Right" shall mean any right to receive the appreciation of Shares granted under Section 6(b) of the Plan.

"Substitute Award" shall mean Awards granted in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by (i) a company acquired by the Company or one or more of its Affiliates, or (ii) a company with which the Company or one or more of its Affiliates combines.

SECTION 3. Administration.

The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the acts of the members of the Committee who are present at any meeting thereof at which a quorum is present, or acts unanimously approved by the members of the Committee in writing, shall be the acts of the Committee. Subject to the following, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may delegate any or all of its powers and duties under the Plan, including the power to grant Awards under the Plan, to the Chief Executive Officer and the President of the Company, or either of them, subject to such limitations on such delegated powers and duties as the Committee may impose; including, without limitation, that to the extent any powers and duties of the Committee are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, such powers shall not include the authority to make grants to any Employee who is subject to Section 16(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Upon any such delegation all references in the Plan to the "Committee". other than in Section 7, shall be deemed to include the Chief Executive Officer and the President, or either of them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall also have the full powers of the Committee under the Plan and all references to the Committee shall refer to the Board, or either of them. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited, or suspended and the method or methods by which Awards may be settled, exercised canceled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property, and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee; (vii) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to an Award made under the Plan; (viii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (ix) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Persons, including the Company, any Affiliate, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award, any stockholder and any Employee.

SECTION 4. Shares Available for Awards.

(a) Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(c), (1) the number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan during any fiscal year of the Company shall be 5,500,000. If any Award under either plan is forfeited or otherwise terminates or is canceled without the delivery of Shares or other consideration, then the Shares covered by such

Award, to the extent of such forfeiture, termination or cancellation, shall again be Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted under such plan.

- (b) Sources of Shares Deliverable Under Awards. Any Shares delivered pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or of treasury Shares.
- (c) Adjustments. In the event that the Committee determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable, adjust any or all of (i) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted, (ii) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards, and (iii) the grant or exercise price with respect to any Award or, if deemed appropriate, make provision for a cash payment to the holder of an outstanding Award; provided, that the number of Shares subject to any Award denominated in Shares shall always be a whole number.

SECTION 5. Eligibility.

Any Employee or Consultant shall be eligible to be designated a Participant; provided, however, in no event during the three-year period following the effective date of this amendment may the aggregate number of Shares granted under this Plan to executive officers during such three-year period exceed 50% of the total number of Shares granted to all Employees under the Plan during such period. Further, this Plan shall be administered at all times in the manner necessary for the Plan to qualify as a "broad based" plan for purposes of the New York Stock Exchange rules.

SECTION 6. Awards.

- (a) Options. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the authority to determine the Participants to whom Options shall be granted, the number of Shares to be covered by each Option, the purchase price therefor and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of the Option, including the following terms and conditions and such additional terms and conditions, as the Committee shall determine, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

 - (ii) Time and Method of Exercise. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part, and the method or methods

by which, and the form or forms (which may include, without limitation, cash, check acceptable to the Company, Shares already-owned for more than six months, outstanding Awards, Shares that would otherwise be acquired upon exercise of the Option, a "cashless-broker" exercise (through procedures approved by the Company), other securities or other property, or any combination thereof, having a Fair Market Value on the exercise date equal to the relevant exercise price) in which payment of the exercise price with respect thereto may be made or deemed to have been made.

- (b) Stock Appreciation Rights. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the authority to determine the Participants to whom Stock Appreciation Rights shall be granted, the number of Shares to be covered by each Stock Appreciation Right Award, the grant price thereof and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise thereof. A Stock Appreciation Right may be granted in tandem with another Award, in addition to another Award, or freestanding and unrelated to another Award. A Stock Appreciation Right granted in tandem with or in addition to another Award may be granted either at the same time as such other Award or at a later time.
 - (i) Grant Price. The grant price of a Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee on the date of grant.
 - (ii) Other Terms and Conditions. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine, at or after the grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, the term, methods of exercise, methods of settlement, and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right. Any such determination by the Committee may be changed by the Committee from time to time and may govern the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights granted or exercised prior to such determination as well as Stock Appreciation Rights granted or exercised thereafter. The Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions on the exercise of any Stock Appreciation Right as it shall deem appropriate.
- (c) Restricted Stock. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the authority to determine the Participants to whom Restricted Stock shall be granted, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock to be granted to each such Participant, the duration of the Restricted Period during which, and the conditions, including performance criteria, if any, under which, the Restricted Stock may be forfeited to the Company, and the other terms and conditions of such Awards.
 - (i) Dividends. Dividends paid on Restricted Stock may be paid directly to the Participant, may be subject to risk of forfeiture and/or transfer restrictions during any period established by the Committee or sequestered and held in a bookkeeping cash account (with or without interest) or reinvested on an immediate or deferred basis in additional shares of Common Stock, which credit or shares may be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Award or such other restrictions, all as determined by the Committee in its discretion.

- (ii) Registration. Any Restricted Stock may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall deem appropriate, including, without limitation, book-entry registration or issuance of a stock certificate or certificates. In the event any stock certificate is issued in respect of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan, such certificate shall be registered in the name of the Participant and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock.
- (iii) Forfeiture and Restrictions Lapse. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee or the terms of the Award that granted the Restricted Stock, upon termination of a Participant's employment (as determined under criteria established by the Committee) for any reason during the applicable Restricted Period, all Restricted Stock shall be forfeited by the Participant and re-acquired by the Company. The Committee may, when it finds that a waiver would be in the best interests of the Company, waive in whole or in part any or all remaining restrictions with respect to such Participant's Restricted Stock. Unrestricted Shares, evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall deem appropriate, shall be issued to the holder of Restricted Stock promptly after the applicable restrictions have lapsed or otherwise been satisfied.
- (iv) Transfer Restrictions. During the Restricted Period, Restricted Stock will be subject to the limitations on transfer as provided in Section 6(j)(iii).
- (d) Performance Awards. The Committee shall have the authority to determine the Participants who shall receive a Performance Award, which shall be denominated as a cash amount at the time of grant and confer on the Participant the right to receive payment of such Award, in whole or in part, upon the achievement of such performance goals during such performance periods as the Committee shall establish with respect to the Award.
 - (i) Terms and Conditions. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any Performance Award and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any Performance Award.
 - (ii) Payment of Performance Awards. Performance Awards may be paid (in cash and/or in Shares, in the sole discretion of the Committee) in a lump sum or in installments following the close of the performance period, in accordance with procedures established by the Committee with respect to such Award.
- (e) Bonus Shares. The Committee shall have the authority, in its discretion, to grant Bonus Shares to Participants. Each Bonus Share shall constitute a transfer of an unrestricted Share to the Participant, without other payment therefor, as additional compensation for the Participant's services to the Company.

- (f) Phantom Shares. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Awards of Phantom Shares to Participants upon such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine.
 - (i) Terms and Conditions. Each Phantom Share Award shall constitute an agreement by the Company to issue or transfer a specified number of Shares or pay an amount of cash equal to a specified number of Shares, or a combination thereof to the Participant in the future, subject to the fulfillment during the Restricted Period of such conditions, including performance objectives, if any, as the Committee may specify at the date of grant. During the Restricted Period, the Participant shall not have any right to transfer any rights under the subject Award, shall not have any rights of ownership in the Phantom Shares and shall not have any right to vote such shares.
 - (ii) Dividends. Any Phantom Share award may provide that any or all dividends or other distributions paid on Shares during the Restricted Period be credited in a cash bookkeeping account (without interest) or that equivalent additional Phantom Shares be awarded, which account or shares may be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Award or such other restrictions as the Committee may determine.
- (g) Cash Awards. The Committee shall have the authority to determine the Participants to whom Cash Awards shall be granted, the amount, and the terms or conditions, if any, as additional compensation for the Participant's services to the Company or its Affiliates. A Cash Award may be granted (simultaneously or subsequently) separately or in tandem with another Award and may entitle a Participant to receive a specified amount of cash from the Company upon such other Award becoming taxable to the Participant, which cash amount may be based on a formula relating to the anticipated taxable income associated with such other Award and the payment of the Cash Award.
- (h) Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee may also grant to Participants an Other Stock-Based Award, which shall consist of a right which is an Award denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to, Shares as is deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Other Stock-Based Award.
- (i) Replacement Grants. Awards may be granted from time to time in substitution for similar awards held by employees of other corporations who become Participants as the result of a merger or consolidation of the employing corporation with the Company or any subsidiary, or the acquisition by the Company or any subsidiary of the assets of the employing corporation, or the acquisition by the Company or any subsidiary or an affiliate of stock of the employing corporation. The terms and conditions of substitute Awards granted may vary from the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan, to the extent the Committee, at the time of grant, deems it appropriate to conform, in whole or in part, to the provisions of awards in substitution for which they are granted.

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- (i) Awards May Be Granted Separately or Together. Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution for any other Award granted under the Plan or any award granted under any other plan of the Company or any Affiliate. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards or awards granted under any other plan of the Company or any Affiliate may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards or awards.
- (ii) Forms of Payment by Company Under Awards. Subject to the terms of the Plan and of any applicable Award Agreement, payments or transfers to be made by the Company or an Affiliate upon the grant, exercise or payment of an Award may be made in such form or forms as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or any combination thereof, and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis, in each case in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Committee. Such rules and procedures may include, without limitation, provisions for the payment or crediting of reasonable interest on installment or deferred payments.

(iii) Limits on Transfer of Awards.

- (A) Except as provided in (C) below, each Award, and each right under any Award, shall be exercisable only by the Participant during the Participant's lifetime, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the Participant's guardian or legal representative as determined by the Committee.
- (B) Except as provided in (C) below, no Award and no right under any such Award may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution (or, in the case of Restricted Stock, to the Company) and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate.
- (C) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, to the extent specifically provided by the Committee with respect to a grant, a Nonqualified Stock Option may be transferred to immediate family members or related family trusts, limited partnerships or similar entities or on such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish.
- (iv) Term of Awards. The term of each Award shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee; provided, that in no event shall the term of any Award exceed a period of 10 years from the date of its grant.

- (v) Share Certificates. All certificates for Shares or other securities of the Company or any Affiliate delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the SEC, any stock exchange upon which such Shares or other securities are then listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.
- (vi) Consideration for Grants. Awards may be granted for no cash consideration or for such consideration as the Committee determines including, without limitation, such minimal cash consideration as may be required by applicable law.
- (vii) Delivery of Shares or other Securities and Payment by Participant of Consideration. No Shares or other securities shall be delivered pursuant to any Award until payment in full of any amount required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement (including, without limitation, any exercise price, tax payment or tax withholding) is received by the Company. Such payment may be made by such method or methods and in such form or forms as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, withholding of Shares, cashless exercise with simultaneous sale, or any combination thereof; provided that the combined value, as determined by the Committee, of all cash and cash equivalents and the Fair Market Value of any such Shares or other property so tendered to the Company, as of the date of such tender, is at least equal to the full amount required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement to the Company.

SECTION 7. Amendment and Termination.

- (i) Amendments to the Plan. The Board or the Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan without the consent of any stockholder, Participant, other holder or beneficiary of an Award, or other Person.
- (ii) Amendments to Awards. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter any Award theretofore granted, provided no change, other than pursuant to Section 7(iii), in any Award shall reduce the benefit to Participant without the consent of such Participant.
- (iii) Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events. The Committee is hereby authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4(c) of the Plan) affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company

or any Affiliate, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan.

SECTION 8. Change in Control.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, in the event of a Change in Control of the Company all outstanding Awards automatically shall become fully vested immediately prior to such Change in Control (or such earlier time as set by the Committee), all restrictions, if any, with respect to such Awards shall lapse, and all performance criteria, if any, with respect to such Awards shall be deemed to have been met in full. For purposes of this Plan, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to occur:

- (i) if any person, entity or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), other than the Company or its subsidiaries or an employee benefit plan of the Company or its subsidiaries, acquires, directly or indirectly, the beneficial ownership (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Act) of any voting security of the Company and immediately after such acquisition such person is, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of voting securities representing 20% or more of the total voting power of all of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors;
- (ii) upon the first purchase of the Company's common stock pursuant to a tender or exchange offer (other than a tender or exchange offer made by the Company);
- (iii) if the stockholders of the Company shall approve a merger, consolidation, recapitalization or reorganization of the Company, or a reverse stock split of outstanding voting securities, or consummation of any such transaction if stockholder approval is not obtained, other than any such transaction which would result in at least 75% of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the surviving entity outstanding immediately after such transaction being beneficially owned by the holders of all of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to the transactions with the voting power of each such continuing holder relative to other such continuing holders not substantially altered in the transaction;
- (iv) if the stockholders of the Company shall approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; or
- (v) if, at any time during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or nomination for the election by the Company's

stockholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period.

SECTION 9. General Provisions.

- (a) No Rights to Awards. No Employee, Participant or other Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Employees, Participants, or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each recipient.
- (b) Withholding. The Company or any Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, Shares that would otherwise be issued pursuant to such Award, other Awards or other property) of any applicable taxes payable in respect of an Award, its exercise, the lapse of restrictions thereon, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. In addition, the Committee may provide, in an Award Agreement, that the Participant may direct the Company to satisfy such Participant's tax obligation through the withholding of Shares otherwise to be acquired upon the exercise or payment of such Award.
- (c) No Right to Employment. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ of the Company or any Affiliate. Further, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in any Award Agreement.
- (d) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and applicable Federal law.
- (e) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.
- (f) Other Laws. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares or other consideration under an Award if, acting in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance of transfer or such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation or entitle the Company to recover the same under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with

the exercise of such Award shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder or beneficiary.

- (g) No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor the Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Affiliate and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company or any Affiliate pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any general unsecured creditor of the Company or any Affiliate.
- (h) No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.
- (i) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.
- (j) Parachute Tax Gross-Up. To the extent that the grant, payment, or acceleration of vesting or payment, whether in cash or stock, of any Award made to a Participant under the Plan (a "Benefit") is subject to a golden parachute excise tax under Section 4999(a) of the Code (a "Parachute Tax"), the Company shall pay such person an amount of cash (the "Gross-up Amount") such that the "net" Benefit received by the person under this Plan, after paying all applicable Parachute Taxes (including those on the Gross-up Amount) and any federal or state taxes on the Gross-up Amount, shall be equal to the Benefit that such person would have received if such Parachute Tax had not been applicable.
 - SECTION 10. Effective Date of the Plan.

The Plan shall be effective as of the date of its original approval by the Board.

SECTION 11. Term of the Plan.

No Award shall be granted under the Plan after the 10th anniversary of the original approval date of the Plan. However, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in an applicable Award Agreement, any Award granted prior to such termination, and the authority of the Board or the Committee to amend, alter, adjust, suspend, discontinue, or terminate any such Award or to waive any conditions or rights under such Award, shall extend beyond such termination date.

INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

		Nine Months				
	Year Ended	Ended September 30, 1997	Year Ended September 30			
	December 31, 1996					
			1997	1998	1999	2000
CONSOLIDATED						
Earnings:						
Income before income						
taxes	\$6,136	\$6,143	\$7,298	\$12,638	\$83,455	\$42,799
Fixed charges	223	251	283	2,486	14,772	25,925
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	\$6,359	\$6,394	\$7,581	\$15,124	\$98,227	\$68,724
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Fixed Charges:						
Interest expense Portion of rental cost	\$ 171	\$ 164	\$ 214	\$ 1,161	\$13,145	\$23,230
representing interest	52	87	69	1,325	1,627	2,695
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	\$ 223	\$ 251	\$ 283	\$ 2,486	\$14,772	\$25,925
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Ratio of earnings to fixed						
charges	28.5x	25.5x	26.8x	6.1x	6.6x	2.7x
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SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT

1st Group Telecommunications, Inc. Ace Electric, Inc. Aladdin Ward Electric, Inc. Amber Electric, Inc. Anderson & Wood Construction Co., Inc. ARC Electric, Incorporated Axis Communications LP Axis Holdings LLC Axis Management LLC B. Rice Electric LP Bachofner Electric, Inc. Bartley & Devary Electric, Inc. Bear Acquisition Corporation Bexar Electric Company, Ltd. Brink Electric Construction Co. Britt Rice Electric, Inc. Britt Rice Holdings LLC Britt Rice Management LLC Bryant Electric Company, Inc. BW Consolidated, Inc. BW/BEC, Inc. BW/BEC, L.L.C. Canova Electrical Contracting, Inc. Carroll Holdings LLC Carroll Management LLC Carroll Systems LP Carroll Systems, Inc. Charles P. Bagby Company, Inc. Collier Electric Company, Inc. Commercial Electrical Contractors, Inc. Cross State Electric, Inc. Cypress Electrical Contractors, Inc. Daniel Electrical Contractors, Inc. Daniel Electrical of Treasure Coast, Inc. Davis Electrical Constructors, Inc. Delco Electric, Inc. DKD Electric Company, Inc. Doyle Acquisition Corporation East Coast Acquisition Corporation Electro-Tech, Inc. EMC Acquisition Corporation

Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, Inc. Federal Communications Group, Inc.

Muth Electric, Inc. NBH Holding Co., Inc.

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Florida Industrial Electric, Inc.
General Partner, Inc.
Goss Electric Company, Inc.
H.R. Allen, Inc.
Hatfield Reynolds Electric Company (f/k/a Hatfield Electric, Inc.)
Haymaker Electric, Ltd.
Holland Electrical Systems, Inc.
Houston Stafford Holdings, LLC
Houston-Stafford Electric, Inc.
Houston-Stafford Electrical Contractors, LP
Houston-Stafford Management LLC
Howard Brothers Electric Co., Inc.
I.C.G. Electric, Inc.
ICS Holdings LLC
ICS Integrated Communication Services LP
IES Communications Inc.
IES Contractors Holdings LLC
IES Contractors LP
IES Contractors Management LLC
IES Holdings, LLC
IES Management, LP
IES Residential Group, Inc.
IES Specialty Lighting, Inc.
IES Ventures, Inc.
Innovative Electric Company, Inc.
Integrated Communication Services, Inc.
Integrated Electrical Finance, Inc.
Intelligent Building Solutions, Inc.
J.W. Gray Electric Company, Inc.
J.W. Gray Electrical Contractors, LP
J.W. Gray Holdings, LLC
J.W. Gray Management, LLC
Kayton Electric, Inc.
Key Electrical Supply, Inc.
Linemen, Inc.
Mark Henderson, Incorporated
Menninga Electric, Inc.
Mid-States Electric Company, Inc.
Midlands Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Mills Electric LP
Mills Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Mills Electrical Holdings, LLC
Mills Management LLC
Mitchell Acquisition Corporation
Mitchell Electric Company, Inc.
M-S Systems, Inc.
Murray Electrical Contractors, Inc.
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Neal Electric LP Neal Electric Management LLC New Technology Electrical Contractors, Inc. Newcomb Electric Company, Inc. Pan American Electric Company, Inc., a New Mexico Pan American Electric, Inc. Paulin Electric Company, Inc. PCX Corporation Pollock Electric, Inc. Pollock Summit Electric, LP Pollock Summit Holdings, Inc. PrimeNet, Inc. Primo Electric Company Putzel Electrical Contractors, Inc. Raines Electric Co., Inc. Raines Electric LP Raines Holdings LLC Raines Management LLC RKT Electric, Inc. Rockwell Electric, Inc. Rodgers Electric Company, Inc. Ron's Electric, Inc. Spectrol, Inc. Spoor Electric, Inc. Summit Electric of Texas, Incorporated T&H Electrical Corporation Tech Electric Co., Inc. Teknon Acquisition Corporation Tesla Power (Nevada), Inc. Tesla Power and Automation, LP Tesla Power G.P., Inc. Tesla Power Properties, LP Thomas Popp & Company Valentine Electrical, Inc. Wolfe Electric Co., Inc.

Wright Electrical Contracting, Inc.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation of our report included in this Form 10-K, into the Company's previously filed Registration Statements on Forms S-8 (File Nos. 333-67113, 333-45447, 333-45449, 333-91041, 333-31608, 333-32624) and on Form S-4 (File No. 333-50031).

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP Houston, Texas December 15, 2000 THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000, AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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