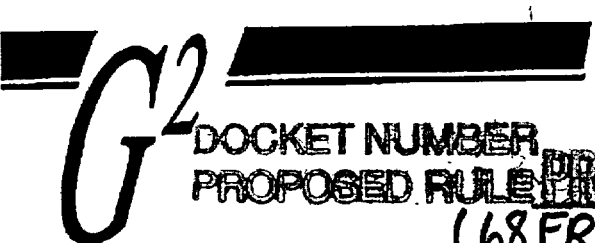


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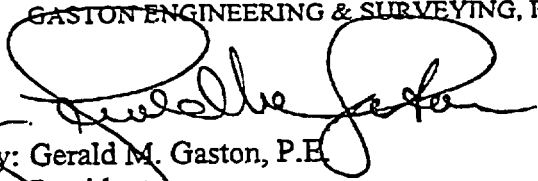
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Please be advised that although we have two nuclear density meters (Troxlers) for use in measuring compaction of soils, our construction season for the use of these services is limited to 3-4 months. The cost of licensing at \$2,300.00 equates to approximately \$600.00 to \$700.00 per month rental just to cover these fees.

Is there some way to have a separate category for firms that own density meters such as Troxlers, to have a smaller fee structure? The cost of these license fees makes it difficult on our small projects to recover our expenses.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,
GASTON ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, P.C.


By: Gerald M. Gaston, P.E.
President

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