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**Pieper-Houston Electric Announces Rick Kloss as New President**  
*Current President George W. "Bud" Walters to Become CEO*

**Houston – March 19, 2014** – Pieper-Houston Electric L.P., Houston’s preeminent commercial electrical contractor, today announced the appointment of Mr. Rick Kloss as Pieper’s new president, effective April 1, 2014. Mr. Kloss follows Mr. George W. “Bud” Walters, Pieper’s current president, who has served as president and owner for 25 years. Mr. Walters will take on the role of chief executive officer.

Mr. Kloss brings more than 30 years of industry experience and familiarity with Pieper, getting his start — in the industry and at Pieper — by working on summer construction projects in the 1970s. After graduating from Sam Houston State University with a degree in electrical technology, Mr. Kloss began full-time at Pieper in 1984, moving up from apprentice to journeyman to foreman, before transitioning to an office position in 1990. Mr. Kloss formerly served as vice president and chief operations officer.

“Mr. Kloss’s dedication to Pieper, along with his great insight into the industry and company, make him the obvious choice for this position,” Mr. Walters said.

The change allows Mr. Walters to handle more of the long-term vision and plan for Pieper, as well as give back to the industry through the American Subcontractors Association and Construction Career Collaborative. Mr. Kloss expressed his excitement about the opportunity, while acknowledging Mr. Walters’ strong leadership over the past two decades.

“I have great respect for Mr. Walters. He really set the tone and pace,” Mr. Kloss said, adding that he wants to capitalize on this established foundation to grow the company.

“Houston’s going to explode — it’s been projected that it will grow from four million to 12 million people in the next 20 years,” Mr. Kloss said. “With that being said, we plan to grow Pieper in a controlled manner, while still keeping it the same old Pieper — a large company with a close-knit, family-type atmosphere. We want to keep that part the same, while

continuing to diversify our portfolio, build our client base and maintain our current partnerships.”

**Pieper-Houston Electric** is a trusted, leading commercial electrical contractor that provides both new construction and maintenance services to the greater Houston area. Since 1958, Pieper has built and maintained a wide range of noteworthy facilities, from offices, commercial buildings, schools and churches to hotels, hospitals, stadiums, and recreational and manufacturing facilities. More information is available at [www.pieperhouston.com](http://www.pieperhouston.com).



**Caption:** Current Pieper-Houston Electric Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Rick Kloss has been promoted to president.

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