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As an engineer, it is unethical for them to charge fees below and not according to the accepted standards of the profession in the area. Such standards are made to protect the welfare of engineers by ensuring that they are remunerated satisfactorily. Furthermore, this standards can prevent engineer competing with others engineers.

However, the fees schedule are not fix where it can be changeable in any application depending upon the nature and difficulty of the project, the reputation of the engineer or time available for the work and similar factors which must be considered in negotiating a fee. This consideration of the situation are be made in order to be fair to the client and the engineer.

From above case explained is quite different from the other cases where the design work was already done for previous client. Therefore, the Code 9(b) are not valid and cannot be applied for this situation because of the repetitive work is involved. There are many ways of application can be made to assured the engineer's compensation for the state fee repetitive such as proper per diem, cost-plus or other method of determination. To apply the guidelines to the particular requirements of each assignment, the state fee guides, by its very nature, must to admit of discretion and judgment.

Even so in the fee schedule are not focus on the lower fee for repetitive work, there reasonable conclusion to determine the fair value of his services and charge can be obtained to protect the privilege of the individual engineer.

However, there are various condition for engineer in determining the value of his services to ensure they are not take any advantages in this situation such as he does not regularly attempt to undercut normal fees for the area, and his motive in the instant case is not to reduce the normal fee for the

work involved for the purpose of a competitive advantage over fellow engineers. If we are looking this case in details, it is reasonable to reduce the costs of the engineer services for repetitive work from the fee stipulated in the state fee schedule for original design. We perceive there are no sense from the previous work, why an engineer may not take advantage of his own. Such fee will bring him with a fair return for the expenditure of time and effort required for the work to be accomplished. It is a good decision and particularly sensible if he is in a position to deliver decent services to client at a lower cost.

From above situation, we can conclude that the action taken by engineer to reduce the fee services for repetitive work below that indicated in the state society fee guide are ethical with a condition where he is adequately compensated for his services.