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Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#16-7
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#16-8-3-c
Date of Decision*:	4 August 2016
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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 3 – 4, 2016, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Michele Bellis".

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, W. Burke, M. Earley
Members, NEC Code-Making Panel 10 (NEC-P10)
Members, NEC Correlating Committee (NEC-AAC)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's codes and standards making process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the Date of Decision noted in the subject line of this letter.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): *The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to overturn the Association action on CAM 70-5 and Accept Public Comment No. 1136.*

DECISION:

At its meeting of August 3 – 4, 2016, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Christel Hunter of General Cable. The appeal requests that Standards Council overturn the Association action on CAM 70-5 and Accept Public Comment No. 1136 for the 2017 Edition of NFPA 70[®], *National Electrical Code*[®]. Specifically, the appeal requests the introductory phrase “as used in this article” be returned to the definition of Tap Conductor in Section 240.2 as it was in the 2014 Edition.

As background, Code-Making Panel 10 rejected Public Comment No. 1136. Ms. Hunter filed a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) which was certified by the Motions Committee as CAM 70-5. CAM 70-5 failed on the floor of the NFPA Technical Meeting.

The text subject to appeal did not gain sufficient support within the standards development process for inclusion in the 2017 Edition of NFPA 70[®], *National Electrical Code*[®]. The appeal requests that the Council overturn the results yielded by the standards development process. On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated. The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present any clear and substantial basis upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that Public Comment No. 1136 will not be included in the 2017 Edition of NFPA 70[®], *National Electrical Code*[®] and the phrase “as used in this article” will not appear in Section 240.2.

Important to the Council’s decision in denying this appeal was that the Chair of the NEC[®] Correlating Committee indicated at the appeal hearing that the Correlating Committee plans to establish a Task Group to consider how article-specific definitions are identified in the NEC[®] and to make appropriate recommendations including revisions to the NEC[®] Style Manual, if desirable.