



*Dawn Michele Bellis*  
*Secretary, Standards Council*

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	<b>D#19-1</b>
Standards Council Agenda Item:	<b>SC#19-8-9-b</b>
Date of Decision:	6 August 2019
<i>NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems, 2020 Edition</i>	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 5-7, 2019, 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: S. Everett, S. Gallagher, L. Fuller, R. Solomon, B. O'Connor  
Members, TC Energy Storage Systems (ESS-AAA)  
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)  
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

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\*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's standards development 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 publication date of this Decision.



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**SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision):** The Standards Council voted to deny the appeals to overturn the Association Action and Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Revision No. 75.

**DECISION:**

At its meeting of August 5-7, 2019, the Standards Council considered appeals from Ned West of the Southern Company Services and William Cantor of TPI Engineering. The appeals each request that the Standards Council overturn the Association Action and Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Revision No. 75 for the 2020 Edition of NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*. Specifically, the appeal requests to restore the 250 kWh maximum group size limit in section 4.6.2 of the standard.

As background, the Technical Committee supported Second Revision No. 75 through ballot. Notices of Intent to File a Motion (NITMAM) to Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Revision No. 75 were filed by Mr. West and Mr. Cantor, among others, and were certified by the Motions Committee as a single motion, then presented to the floor at the NFPA Technical Meeting as CAM 855-8. CAM 855-8 failed to achieve the necessary support of a simple majority of votes on the floor of the NFPA Technical Meeting. Mr. West and Mr. Cantor each filed an appeal with the Council based upon the unsuccessful result of CAM 855-8.

The text subject to the appeal did not gain sufficient support within the standards development process for inclusion in the 2020 edition of NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*. 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 the view of the Council, the appeals do 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 appeals. The effect of this action is that Second Revision No. 75 will be included in the 2020 edition of NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*.

Council Members Kerry Bell and Gary Keith recused themselves from deliberations and vote on this appeal.