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Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#16-15
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#16-11-17-g
Date of Decision*:	1 December 2016
Technical Committee on Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems Membership (SIG-SSS)	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of November 30 – December 1, 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".

Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

- c: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, R. Roux, W. Burke
Members, Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems (SIG-SSS)
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 (Regs.) and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Since this Council decision is not "related to the issuance of a document" as referenced in 1.7.2 of the Regs., notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within a reasonable time period.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal regarding membership on the NFPA 72[®], National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code[®], Technical Committee on Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems.

DECISION:

At its meeting of November 30 – December 1, 2016, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Steven Shapiro of ADT Security Services regarding membership on the NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*, Technical Committee on Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems (the “Technical Committee”).

The appeal requests that the Council overturn the August 2016 denial of Mr. Shapiro’s application for membership on the Technical Committee. In his appeal, Mr. Shapiro raises the question of balance on the committee indicating that the Installer/Maintainer category makes up only a minority of the committee members.

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 basis upon which to overturn the Council’s previous membership decision. Membership decisions require the Council to balance a number of interests in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*. The Council notes that this Technical Committee was recently reconstituted with some new membership.

In reviewing this matter, the Council raised questions about the current ownership of ADT Security Service given its recent corporate transaction history. Accordingly, the Council has directed staff to evaluate ADT Security Service as an organization and determine its appropriate interest category designation. The Council will consider this information at its next meeting to determine if any further action is warranted. In the meantime, if staff determines that any current Technical Committee member should re-apply given the organization’s transaction history, staff should reach out to such members in the normal course.