1. Revise 650.3 to read as follows:

650.3 Other Articles. Installations of circuits and equipment shall comply with 650.3(A) and (B) as applicable. Wherever the requirements of other Articles in Chapters 1 through 7 of this Code and Article 650 differ, the requirements of Article 650 shall apply.

(A) Electronic Organ Equipment. Installations of digital/ analog–sampled sound production technology and associated audio signal processing, amplification, reproduction equipment, and wiring installed as part of a pipe organ shall be in accordance with Article 640.

(B) Optical Fiber Cable. Installations of optical fiber cables shall be in accordance with Parts I and V of Article 770.

Submitter’s Substantiation: Section 90.3, Code Arrangement, states that Chapter 6, Special Equipment, supplements or modifies Chapters 1 through 4. Section 90.3 does not mention that a Chapter 6 article is permitted to supplement or modify a Chapter 7 article. Nonetheless, other Chapter 6 articles do so; see Article 645 which modifies the requirements of Article 725. The primary purpose of the recommended text is to clarify that Article 650 may have special wiring that modifies or supplements the general wiring requirements in Chapter 3 and the Class 1, 2 & 3 wiring requirements of Article 725.

Emergency Nature: It is not clear that a Chapter 6 article is permitted to supplement or modify a Chapter 7 article because section 90.3 doesn’t mention Chapter 6 modifying Chapter 7. This has led to the shutdown of a church’s pipe organ while the parties debate their differing interpretations of Article 650.

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