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Board of Fire Prevention Regulations
527 CMR 12:00 Interpretation Committee
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527 CMR 12.00, 215.18, 230.67 received from [REDACTED] on November 4, 2024.

Background:

Request for Interpretation Relative to 527 CMR 12.00, 215.18, 230.67

Question 1: 215.18 Requires Surge-Protective Devices on the load side of all: (1) Dwelling units. Is this interpreted to mean there is (1) SPD per each dwelling unit? Ex: a multi-family apartment building has (80) units. An SPD will be required adjacent to the load center in each dwelling unit (80) total, correct?

Response: Yes

Question 2: 230.67 is an existing section in the 2020 NEC which requires surge protective at all service entrances. In 2023 an exception was added indicating "The SPD shall not be required to be located at the service equipment as required in 230.67(B) if located at each next level.

Response: No

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry S. Fisher, Chairman
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