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Article: 230.85(C)

Board of Fire Prevention Regulations
527 CMR 12:00 Interpretation Committee
Department of Fire Services
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Background:

Request for Interpretation Relative to 527 CMR 12.00, 230.85(C)

Question # 1: In a one or two family dwelling where the main electrical panel, which contains the main service disconnect and branch circuit over current protection for the dwelling replaced but the service entrance conductors, meter socket, and other related raceways & fittings are not replaced, nor is capacity increased in amperes, require the installation of an emergency disconnect per 230.85(C)?

Response: No

Question # 2: Does replacing a piece of service equipment but not the entire service require an emergency disconnect per 230.85?

Response: No

Question # 3: Do all of the four items listed in 230.85 ((1) Meter Sockets, (2) Service Entrance Conductors (3) Service entrance or other related raceways and fittings (4) Main over current device))

have to be replaced to trigger requiring an emergency disconnect?

Response: Requestor withdrew request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. P. Caputo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Anthony P. Caputo, Chairman
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