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**Energy Storage Systems Subcommittee**

Public Minutes

**June 16th, 2022 @ 10 a.m. via teleconference**

The Energy Storage Systems Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

Board members present:

John Couture  
Jennifer Hoyt  
Darien Crimmin

Staff present:

Gordon Bailey  
Greer Spatz  
Charles Kilb  
Paige Brenner  
Richard Baldacci  
Dan Walsh

1. **Discuss** 10th Edition of 780 CMR based on the 2021 IRC, Section 328 Energy Storage Systems.

A short discussion was had between board members and staff on the documents that were distributed to the subcommittee. An overview of the proposed language amendments to Section 328 (Exhibit A) was presented to the group by Gordon Bailey. After concluding his presentation of the amendments, he opened for discussion the language mentioned in the document. Jennifer Hoyt noted that most of the language in Section 328, including adoption of NFPA 855, was already adopted by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations (BFPR) in the fire code, 527 CMR 1.00. She stated that her opinion was adopting NFPA 855 would create a conflict since such an adoption would not consider amendments to that code made by the BFPR. Using screen sharing technology, Jennifer Hoyt presented a draft of 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 52, to show the newest changes being considered by the BFPR. Darien Crimmin suggested that what the current proposed amendments of Section 328 would add would not appear to impede the fire code, though it might duplicate some of the requirements. Further discussion was had in how the amendments may require two permits be obtained for fire approval and building approval of energy storage systems. John Couture suggested that proposed language be added to the building code to provide guidance to





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where the fire code may need to be consulted as well as to identify areas directly regulated by the building code. Jennifer Hoyt agreed to create a new draft to incorporate comments and language as discussed at this meeting and strike out proposed language where already covered in CMR 527.

2. **Discuss** Other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

It was determined by the subcommittee the next meeting would take place on June 22, 2022 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via teleconference.

Jennifer Hoyt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM and was Seconded by John Couture. The motion passed Unanimously.

Documents Relied Upon

Agenda

Draft amendments to IRC 2021 Section 328

