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Rule 3

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527 CMR 12:00 Interpretation Committee  
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**Background:**

Request for Interpretation Relative to Rule 3:

**Question #1:** When adding a PV system to an existing service that has knob and tube circuits, does Rule 3 allow an electrician to install said PV system without replacing the knob and tube circuits?

**Response:** Yes, Rule 3 does stand.

**Question #2:** When replacing a service that has knob and tube circuits, does Rule 3 allow an electrician to install said service without replacing the knob and tube circuits?

**Response:** Yes, Rule 3 does stand.

**Question #3:** Does adding a PV system to a home that has knob and tube in poor condition (Anything in need of repair/replacement) fall under a part of Rule 3 that states, The install shall not increase the magnitude of an existing violation? (Note: The knob and tube circuits are not directly attached to the PV circuit(s) and are protected by circuit breakers.)

**Response:** Yes, Rule 3 does stand.

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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