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SUBJECT: National Electrical Code (NEC) Committee Panel Meeting

DATE: January 12-15, 1997 **PLACE:** Crowne Plaza Hotel
Hilton Hd. Is., SC

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: January 28, 1997

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CPSC PARTICIPANT: William H. King, Jr., ESEE

NON-CPSC PARTICIPANTS:

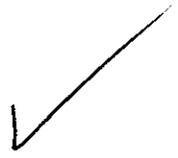
- Lee Richardson, National Fire Protection Association
- Robert Milatovich, Int'l. Assoc. of Electrical Inspectors
- Edward Charkey, American Insurance Services
- James Pearse, rep. National Electrical Mfrs. Assoc.
- Marcos Ramirez, rep. Independent Elec. Contractors Assoc.
- Herbert Spiegel, rep. National Elec. Contractors Assoc.
- Donald Talka, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
- Leon Uhl, Assoc. of Home Appliance Mfrs.
- Leonard VanTassel, rep. Air Conditioning and Refrig. Inst.
- Robert Yurkanin, rep. Inst. of Electrical & Electronic Engrs
- Dennis Baker, rep. Independent Elec. Contractors Assoc.
- Rick Gilmour, Canadian Standards Assoc.
- Robert Wisenburg, rep. National Spa & Pool Institute
- Randolph E. Maxwell, Helen of Troy Corp. (Jan 13)
- Ned Schiff, Technology Research Corp. (Jan 13)
- Ralph Guinn, Canplas Industries Ltd.
- William Seneff, Grounding Management, L.L.C.
- J.D. Mars, Elec. Light & Power Group
- and other members and alt. members of code making panel 20.

SUMMARY:

The committee panel met over the course of four days to address 212 proposals to revise Articles 422, 424 and 680 in the current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).

Among the proposals provisionally accepted by the panel to address significant safety issues were those related to spas and hot tubs. One such proposal would provide for an emergency shut-off switch within sight of all spas and hot tubs, except for spas and hot tubs at single family dwellings. Another proposal would include field assembled spas and hot tubs typically installed in single-family residences as units to be protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCIs). Currently, only factory built units are covered by the GFCI requirement.

One proposal submitted by the CPSC staff to limit the power rating of appliances to a value such that a single appliance alone would not completely consume the whole branch circuit



capacity was provisionally rejected by the panel, citing insufficient justification. This panel action was not unanimous.

Following the submission of written ballots by panel members, the panel actions will be made available in a report by the NEC sponsor, the National Fire Protection Association, for public comments. The panel will then reconsider issues which receive public comments before taking final action for the next edition of the NEC.