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SUBJECT: National Electrical Code (NEC) Committee Panel Meeting
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DATE: December 1-4, 1997 **PLACE:** Windham Emerald Plaza Hotel
San Diego, CA

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: December 30, 1997

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: William H. King, Jr., ESEE *W.H.K.*

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- Robert Egan, Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- James Pearse, rep. National Electrical Mfrs. Assoc.
- Herbert Spiegel, rep. National Elec. Contractors Assoc.
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- Donald Talka, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
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- Rick Gilmour, Canadian Standards Assoc.
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- Randolph E. Maxwell, Helen of Troy Corp. (Dec. 1)
- Ned Schiff, Technology Research Corp.
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SUMMARY:

The committee panel met over the course of several days to address 154 public comments made in response to the panel's previous actions regarding proposals to revise Articles 422, 424 and 690 of the National Electrical Code (NEC).

One comment submitted by the CPSC staff related to a previously submitted CPSC staff proposal to limit the power rating of appliances to no more than 80% of the branch circuit rating (15 and 20 ampere branch circuits). In order to address this issue, the panel chairperson, Mr. Milatovich, indicated that he would form a work group of interested code committee members to develop a consensus proposal for the next NEC revision cycle. Mr. King indicated his willingness to participate.



Through its actions on the comments, the panel reaffirmed its support for the proposal to 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.

The CPSC staff also provided comments in support of the proposal before Panel 2 to require arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) protection in residences. This panel accepted the comment but limited the protection to circuits in bedrooms, with an effective date of 2002.

The actions of all the panels will be submitted for letter ballots to panel members, and the actions that achieve panel consensus will be part of the final draft of the 1999 edition of the NEC that will be presented to the National Fire Protection Association at its Annual Meeting in May, 1998, for adoption.