

**Electric League Code Committee
Meeting Notes from 5/18/2011
Submitted by Greg Batie**

Attendance:

Linda Howell	Electric League	Allan Toole	Power Plus
Rich Adams	Puget Sound Energy	Luke Depiesse	Puget Sound Energy
David Sher	City of Bellevue	Bob Lloyd	City of Bellevue
Greg Batie	Sparling	Dan Steinert	McKinstry
Syd France	PSE	Christine Porter	Intertek
Cameron Clark	GE	Dick Becker	EES
Joe Andre	NEMA	Robert Fuhr	Power Studies

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:32 AM by chairman Allan Toole and introductions were made.

Previous Minutes:

The meeting minutes for the April 20, 2011 Code Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports:

State of Washington - Bill Eckroth/ Tim Hingtgen (not present)

City of Seattle - Mark Gibbs (not present)

NEMA - Joe Andre

- The Mechanical, Ventilation, and Energy Committee of the State Building Code Council met on May 13th (Friday the 13th) to address 8 requests for interpretation on new Chapter 12 of the 2009 Washington State Energy Code on metering. Based on his observations there are tones of confusion on how to apply the state energy code. The code requirement that all buildings shall have a totalizing meter was interpreted to being able to have multiple meters that could be added together. The mechanical, ventilation and energy committee really needs to hear from the design community.
- Some of the proposed metering requirements may not be practicable.
- There is no enforcement/ inspection agency for the energy code in the State of Washington. It is up to the cities to determine how to enforce the State Energy Code.
- The committee might be amiable to suspend chapter 12 as an emergency rule. A request has to be sent to the Building Code Council. Dan Steinhart, Jim Degnan and Joe Andre will meet to discuss preparing a request to suspend chapter 12.

City of Bellevue - Bob Lloyd

- The City of Bellevue has looked at their process for electrical permitting and requirements for submitting selective coordination and arc flash studies. They found that they have been issuing multiple "walls only" or "slabs only" permits for projects.
- They are looking into a process that would allow a phased submittal of plans and selective coordination and arc flash studies. Everything would have to be submitted and approved prior to energization of service. They will send a draft of the process to interested parties for comments. This may require an ordinance to implement.
- There are a few more plan reviews coming in - slowly.

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Puget Sound Energy - Syd France, Rich Adams

- PSE is now able to sum tenant meters to provide totalizing metering information to a building owner. Customer needs to get a release form signed by each tenant before PSE can send out the information.

Snohomish PUD - Jim McDougal

- No report

UL - Jeff Fitzloff (www.ul.com)

- No report

IEEE - Dick Becker

- Still nothing happening.

IAEI - Chris Porter (<http://www.psiaei.com>)

- Annual meeting is scheduled for July 9th in the Issaquah Service Center. Meeting topic is Analysis of changes in the 2011 NEC.
- The next chapter meeting will be October 8th in the Olympia area.

Electric League - Linda Howell

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- Thanks to Jessica Barton (PSE), Bob Lloyd & Dave Sher (City of Bellevue) for their help with the demonstration of net meeting.
- May 19th Selective Coordination luncheon and class presented by Bob Fuhr.
- June 8th Powerful Business Conference
- June 15th Code Committee Meeting - Joe Andre has volunteered to present a discussion on the Washington State Energy Code with a focus on its effects on the electrical industry.
- July 15th Mariners vs. San Diego
- August 25th Golf Tournament at Echo Falls

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting: June 15, 2011

Joe Andre will be making a presentation on the Washington State Energy Code as it affects on the electrical industry.

Adjournment 9:30