

Electric League Code Committee Meeting Notes from 12/16/2015 Submitted by Murray L McKinney Jr

Attendance:

Murray McKinney Jr. Mckin Assoc.	Allan Toole	Power Plus
Brook Walker Electric League	Dan Steinert	McKinstry
Rich Meell City Of Seattle	Andrew Pultorak	Puget Sound Energy
Al Hewitt Bussmann	Tom Tomlinson	Cummins NW
Ken McGowan HDR	Andrew Kosolutsky	NCPS
Len Whalen LDW Engineering	Tim Hingtgen	City of Bellevue
Cameron Clark Eaton	Rob Marks	Sno PUD
Bob Fuhr Power Studies	Stephen Thorton	Wash State L&I
Tom Tomlinson Cummins NW	George Williams	Cummins Power Generation

Opening:

Code Presentation (NFPA 110) – Rich Meell

- Rich spoke about NFPA 110 and Seattle interpretation of the code.
- Seattle’s interpretation of NFPA 110 is that EPS and EPSS equipment cannot be located in the same room. The impact on designers is that everything down stream of the transfer switches can no longer be in the same room as the generator.

Labor and Industries –

- The Inspector training was completed and was well received.
- L&I is filling inspector positions as fast as possible.
- 60% of the staff has been with L&I for less than 3-5 years.
- For residential cables the ampacity of cable needs to be 83% of the feeder rating. The residential feeder table has been removed from the code.

City of Seattle – Rich Meell

- Plan review backlog has been decreasing as the plan reviewers take advantage of overtime.

City of Bellevue – Tim Hingtgen

- Bellevue is keeping pace with plan review and does not have a significant backlog.
- Bellevue is currently fully staffed.
- There are plans for a new company campus near Spring Street District.

PSE – Andrew Pultorak

- There is an energy work book out for lighting.
- Existing lighting worksheets will still be accepted for a limited time.

Snohomish PUD – Rob Marks

- SnoPUD has recovered from the storms.
- Efficiency goals for the year have been achieved.
- SnoPUD is offering a “Lighting to Go” Promotion.

Energy Code – Dan Steinert

- The Energy Code is scheduled for adoption on July 1st 2016.
- There may be a delay in portions of the code that deal with the separation and decoupling of heating and cooling systems within the building.
- Education Materials and new Energy Code Forms are being developed.
- Energy code may no longer allow self-commissioning.
- There is a great push to reduce lighting allowances.

IAEI

- There will be a local meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2016 and large section meeting in September 2016 . Location to be determined.

IEEE IAS – Cameron Clark

- There was a section meeting on transformer energy / efficiency requirements. New efficiency requirements could increase the price by 40% and increase the size of some transformers.

Electric League – Brook Walker

- January 2016 – There will be a tour of the Brook Shoes Tower.
- February 2016 – There will be an economic forecast meeting.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2016

Adjournment