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FINAL INTERPRETATION

Subject: Scope of National Electrical Code Section 90.2

Code Reference: Minnesota State Electrical Code, Chapter 1315

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Approved by: Board of Electricity by Joseph Vespa, Chair

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Question: Does the National Electrical Code apply to wiring on an electrical utility premises that is not used exclusively for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy as provided in National Electrical Code (2008) section 90.2(B)(5)(c)?

Answer: Yes. The following final interpretation was passed by a majority of voting members at the August 16, 2011 meeting of the Minnesota Board of Electricity.

National Electrical Code section 90.2 (A)(4) is clarified by the following statement: Except for the wiring that controls utility function under its exclusive authority, premises wiring that is part of a multi-purpose building is covered by the NEC.

Commentary: The Board considered this request for interpretation and made a determination regarding the final interpretation at the August 16, 2011 Board meeting. All persons present who wished to speak were given a full and fair opportunity to speak. The Board also considered written comments that were received before the meeting. As required by Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.127, subdivision 5, the Board will consider this Final Interpretation for adoption as part of the Minnesota Electrical Code.
Note: The 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code was used for this interpretation as it was in effect at the time of the request.

Date: August 16, 2011

Joseph Vespa, Chair
Board of Electricity