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Re: Docket No. 15-BSTD-01; Proposed Amendments of Section 141.0(b)(2) and Table 141.0-E

My name is Daniel Vogl and I represent EJ Weber Electric Company Inc.
I'm a strong supporter of the Commission's Title 24 energy efficiency goals and would like to thank the Commission and staff for this opportunity to comment.

I am writing in opposition to the proposed rollback of lighting control and acceptance test requirements for alterations and modifications of both indoor and outdoor luminaires of existing buildings. I understand that the commission is considering a number of proposals that would weaken current lighting control requirements, including: (1) increasing the percent of luminaire replacements that would trigger Section 130.1 (a), (b), (c) and (d) control requirements from 10% of existing luminaires to 20% of existing luminaires; (2) exempting alterations from acceptance test requirements when 20 or fewer controls are added; (3) exempting luminaire modifications from any multi-level, shut-off or daylighting control requirements; and (4) exempting luminaire alterations or modifications from existing lighting control or lighting power allowance requirements where the modified luminaires have at least 20 percent lower power consumption compared to the original luminaires. I oppose all of these proposals and any other proposals that the Commission may be considering that would weaken lighting control or acceptance test requirements for alterations and modifications of indoor or outdoor luminaires. I also oppose any changes to the wiring alteration requirements that would reduce current control requirements.

Increasing the definition of alterations from 10% of altered luminaires to 20% of altered luminaires greatly increases the risk that owners will stagger their lighting upgrades over a five year period in order to avoid having to meet lighting control and acceptance test requirements. The Commission should be wary of creating bigger and more attractive loopholes for avoiding code requirements. This change will come at a real cost of lost energy savings. Lighting controls can double the energy savings achieved during a lighting retrofit.

We do not share the concern that the higher initial costs of requiring controls and acceptance testing are creating a barrier to achieving retrofit savings. Lighting controls can double the energy savings from a retrofit. Furthermore, studies have shown that without verification testing, lighting systems are very likely to fail to provide expected savings. Encouraging more shallow and unverified retrofits rather than making sure that the retrofits that are done are deep and effective will result in substantially less overall energy savings. Furthermore, the costs to building owners will be recouped by energy savings. These proposed changes are short-sighted and misguided.

With the provided information, I hope that you have the evidence that you need to make an educated and informed decision for keep the codes as they are.

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