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November 2012 Motions for Rule Making Actions

Main Motion: Adopt 2012 Energy Code as proposed in WAC 51-11R and 51-11C; repeal WAC 51-11

Amendment to the main motion:

Modify Section C405.2.3, item 7 regarding egress lighting controls as follows:

7. <u>Luminares serving the exist access and providing the means of egress Egress and emergency</u> illumination required by Section 1006.1 of the International Building Code, including <u>luminares that function as both normal and emergency means of egress illumination, not normally off</u> shall be controlled by a combination of listed emergency relay and occupancy sensors, or signal from another building control system, or device capable of that automatically <u>shutting turns</u> off the lighting in response to occupancy conditions when the areas served by that illumination are unoccupied.

Exception: Means of egress illumination serving the exit access that does not exceed Up to 0.05 watts per square foot of building area is exempt from this requirement. lighting in any area within a building may be continuously illuminated provided that the area is designated an emergency egress area on the plans and specifications submitted to the code official.

Rationale: The amendment as written would be extremely confusing for both designers and code officials, and the proponent (Mike Kennedy) suggested that it be modified. The original language came from a California code proposal. This proposed change to the language does not change the requirement, but simply makes the language easier to understand.