

Resolution Concerning FCC Standards for Inside Wiring

WHEREAS, The FCC, through the Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 88-57 (Review of Sections 68.104 and 68.213 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to the Telephone Network), decided on December 21, 1999 to adopt material standards for copper, twisted pair wire used in new, simple inside wiring installations; *and*

WHEREAS, Some national, State and local building inspectors, along with building code writers, have viewed this issue as one of “performance” instead of a health and safety issue; *and*

WHEREAS, A majority of the building codes in this country do not address the requirement established by the FCC that only 24 gauge twisted pair (24 gauge or larger, twisted copper pairs marked to indicate compliance with the electrical specifications for Category 3 or higher as defined in the ANSI/EIA/TIA Building Wiring Standards) be used for inside telecommunications wiring; *and*

WHEREAS, The use of adequate quality inside wiring can benefit consumers as broadband technology becomes more widely deployed in residential and small business installations; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 2001 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., encourages State commissions to prepare and distribute educational letters to local building inspectors detailing the specifics of the FCC requirement and the importance of using the proper gauge and type of inside wiring.

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