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Subject: Interim Program for Fire Resistive Cables

On September 12, 2012, UL announced important changes to the certification requirements for fire resistive cable and electrical circuit protective systems. As announced, UL will not offer certification to the previous program for fire resistive cable that was tested in accordance with UL 2196.

The announcement also stated that the relevant technical committees (UL 2196 STP and ULC Committee on Fire Tests) will work to determine appropriate next steps. Finally, the announcement indicated that UL would be willing to work with customers on interim alternatives prior to the technical committee completing their work.

This bulletin announces the availability of an interim certification program for fire resistive cable. Effective as of the date of this bulletin, UL is making available an interim program, whereby subscribers who wish to certify fire resistive cables for use in electrical circuit protective systems can do so in accordance with UL 2196, Tests for Fire Resistive Cables. Attached to this bulletin are the guidelines that will be followed during the investigation of fire resistive cables for compliance with UL2196.

Please note that this is an interim program. Should the work of the technical committees further revise the certification requirements, products certified in accordance with the interim program may need to be reevaluated in the future in accordance with any new or revised requirements to UL 2196.

Those interested in submitting fire resistive cables for an evaluation in accordance with the interim requirements, or have any questions concerning the guidelines for submitting fire resistive cables for testing, should feel free to contact the undersigned.

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