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Re: Proposed Standard UL539

Dear Pete:

Nothing in your letter of April 12 has caused me to change my mind concerning UL publication of a Standard for Single and Multiple Station Fire Alarm Devices, i.e. the gas powered heat reactive detectors primarily designed for home use.

With the publication of the Standard, it will and already is, making it more difficult for Fire Marshals and Code writing committees to hold out for the quick acting detectors essential to life safety from fire.

The UL motto "testing for public safety" is not being adhered to if UL publishes a standard which opens the door to unsatisfactory devices.

Ordinary thermostats are NOT widely accepted in the last couple of years - as a matter of fact, they are being consistently written OUT of codes where life safety is the concern.

I'm sorry I missed you at St. Louis. I discussed this subject with Dick Bright, Pat Phillips and others and find that we are all in agreement that the proposed Standard should NOT be published. I completely agree with Dick Bright's position as stated in his letter of March 22, 1973.

Sincerely,

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