

# Preface

Every year there are widespread anecdotal reports of homeowners' property damage to electrical and electronic equipment resulting from electrical surges. The revision cycle of the 2011 edition of NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*<sup>®</sup> (NEC<sup>®</sup>) included several proposals (e.g., NEC 4-53 and NEC 4-127) to add new requirements for a Surge Protective Device for all dwelling units. These proposals were rejected by the respective Code Making Panel (i.e., CMP-4) due to a lack of reliable data to support such requirements.

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