

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

SUBJECT: Electrical safety devices

DATE OF MEETING: October 8, 2003

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: William H. King, Jr., ES *W.H.K.*

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: October 10, 2003

LOCATION: Room 711, Bethesda Towers

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

William H. King, Jr., ES
Andrew Trotta, ESEE
Doug Lee, ESEE

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Ned Schiff, Technology Research Corporation (TRC)
Jerry Kendall, Technology Research Corporation
Sean Oberle, Product Safety Letter newsletter

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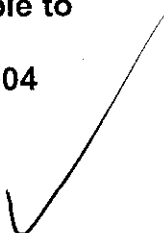
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SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Schiff used this meeting to introduce the new president of Technology Research Corporation, Mr. Jerry Kendall. Messrs. Schiff and Kendall informed the CPSC staff that their company was ready and able to supply the manufacturers of room air conditioners with a complete line of leakage current circuit interrupters (LCDIs) in order to meet the August 2004

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effective date for new UL requirements that call for AFCI or LCDI protected power supply cords for room air conditioners. Mr. Schiff indicated that UL planned to call a meeting to review the rationale by which the August 2004 date was established.

Mr. King complimented TRC for their efforts to have their LCDI equipped household extension cords offered for sale in Home Depot stores. These devices combine fire protection for the cord as well as ground fault protection similar to that provided on hand-held hair dryers.

Mr. Schiff requested CPSC staff support for several proposed revisions to the "National Electrical Code." The products involved include portable electric heaters, portable fans and extension cords. Mr. King indicated that TRC should schedule a meeting with the director of the electrical engineering division to discuss these topics.

TRC and the CPSC engineering staff agreed to stay in touch with regard to new electrical safety developments for consumer products.