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**To:** ICC-ES Report Holders and Interested Parties

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**Subject:** Time Limits for Testimony Given at ICC-ES Committee Meetings

**MEMO** 

Beginning at the October 2013 Evaluation Committee meeting, ICC-ES *implemented* time limits for testimony before the committee.

**Time Limits:** In the interest of fairness, each person requesting to testify on a proposed acceptance criteria or proposed changes to an existing acceptance criteria will be given the same amount of time. The following time limits are established:

- 1. A 10-minute limit applies to each person offering their first testimony on any item. This time limit applies to both verbal testimony and/or visual presentations. Those planning on giving a visual presentation must provide it to the ICC-ES staff in PowerPoint or pdf format, and by the deadline posted on the ICC-ES website and as noted in the cover letter associated with the agenda item.
- 2. Each person offering testimony may return to the microphone for one five-minute period to offer additional testimony and/or to rebut testimony given by others.
- 3. Each person offering testimony on the staff recommendation, on each criteria, is allowed one two-minute trip to the microphone.

Time limits do not include time needed to answer questions from the staff and committee members. The chairman-moderator shall have limited authority to modify time limitations on testimony. The chairman-moderator shall also have the authority to adjust time limits as necessary in order to get through the hearing agenda.

**Time Keeping:** Keeping of time for testimony by an individual will be by an automatic timing device *controlled by the chairman moderator*. The time remaining shall be evident to the person testifying. Interruptions during testimony will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the chairman-moderator to maintain decorum and order during all testimony.