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- 1. Revise section 690.12(C) to read as follows:
  - (C) Initiation Devices. Where circuits identified in 690.12(A) are required to meet the requirements in 690.12(B), initiation devices meeting the requirements in 690.12(C)(1) through 690.12(C)(3) shall be provided to initiate the rapid shutdown function.
  - (1) Type and Location.
  - (a) Initiation devices shall be readily accessible and consist of one or more of the following as specified in the rapid shutdown equipment instructions:
  - (1) Service disconnecting means
  - (2) PV system disconnecting means
  - (3) Listed switches
  - (b) For one- and two-family dwellings, initiation devices, where required, shall be located at an outdoor location.

**Substantiation:** I believe that First Revision No. 8369 inadvertently deleted the sentence at the end of the charging paragraph in 690.12(C) "For one-and two-family dwellings, an initiation device(s), where required, shall be located at a readily accessible outdoor location." without substantiation. This section was reorganized, originally initiated by PI 4180, which is referenced in FR 8369. That PI did not strike this sentence but moved it to below the new list item 690.12(C)(1)(c). I do not recall any discussions during the first or second draft meetings about deletion of this language and I believe that it was removed in an error. Unfortunately this error was not caught during the first or second draft balloting, necessitating this TIA request.

**Emergency Nature:** The standard contains an error or an omission that was overlooked during the regular revision process.

This language needs to be retained for the 2026 edition of the NEC to insure that PV Rapid Shutdown initiation devices are readily accessible to fire fighters without first entering the dwelling.

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