UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING
AND MATERIALS d/b/a/ ASTM
INTERNATIONAL;

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION, INC.; and

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING,
REFRIGERATING, AND AIR
CONDITIONING ENGINEERS,

Plaintiffs/
Counter-Defendants,

v.

PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG, INC.,

Defendant/
Counter-Plaintiff.

Case No. 1:13-cv-01215-TSC

DECLARATION OF STEVEN CRAMER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Steven Cramer, declare the following statements to be true
under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am over the age of 18 years and am fully competent to testify to the matters
stated in this Declaration.

2. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge. If called to do so, I would
and could testify to the matters stated herein.

3. I am the Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning and Professor of Civil and
Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. My research focuses on
the mechanical behavior of wood and wood-based materials, the design and analysis of wood
structures, and the performance of concrete construction materials.
4. I am a member of ASTM International ("ASTM"). I have been a member of ASTM since 1986.

5. From 2006-2009, I was the Chairman of ASTM’s Committee D07, which is the committee that develops standards related to wood. This committee has jurisdiction over 116 ASTM standards.

6. I understood since I joined ASTM that ASTM would own the copyright in any standards or materials I helped to develop.

7. I consider my contributions to the ASTM standard development process to be contributions to my profession and to the related industries. ASTM provides the framework that allows me to make this contribution.

8. ASTM plays a stewardship role in convening a diverse group of members, providing the infrastructure that makes it possible for members to contribute ideas, and ultimately creating a usable product that members will use and from which the entire industry will benefit.

9. The process of developing, publishing and distributing standards is expensive and someone has to pay for those costs.

10. I understood since I became a member of ASTM that ASTM sell copies of all ASTM standards and uses the revenue from its sales to support the standards development process.

11. I understood since I became a member of ASTM that if I wanted a copy of an ASTM standard, including a standard that I helped to develop, I or my institution would be required to purchase it from ASTM.
12. I have renewed my membership with ASTM using ASTM’s online registration system since at least 2007. As part of that process, I indicated my agreement to the following statement: “I agree, by my participation in ASTM and enjoyment of the benefits of my annual membership, to have transferred and assigned any and all interest I possess or may possess, including copyright, in the development or creation of ASTM standards or ASTM IP to ASTM.” A screen shot of the membership renewal form is attached as Exhibit 1. I understand this to mean that I have assigned any and all copyrights in standards I helped to develop from 1986 to the present to ASTM.

13. I renewed my membership in ASTM for 2016. As part of the renewal process, I agreed once again to a statement indicating that I had “transferred and assigned any and all interest I possess or may possess, including copyright, in the development or creation of ASTM standards or ASTM IP to ASTM.” Attached as Exhibit 2 is a screen shot of this statement in my membership renewal.

14. I am not aware of any ASTM member who claims to own the copyright in any ASTM standard.

15. The context of ASTM’s operations, including the membership forms, membership renewal forms, Intellectual Property policy, and the copyright notices on each of the ASTM standards makes it very clear to all members that ASTM owns the copyrights in all ASTM standards.

16. As the Chairman of Committee D07, I did not consider how much revenue sales of a potential standard would bring to ASTM when deciding whether to approve a work item to develop a new standard. I considered whether there was a need for the proposed standard and
whether there would be sufficient interest from a balanced group necessary to develop the standard.

17. A task group puts together the first draft of a new standard. I have participated in several task groups that have drafted proposed standards that were then revised and voted upon by ASTM subcommittees and committees. In my experience, developing a standard is an iterative process. The task group works collaboratively, with many people sharing ideas, suggesting wording and providing comments that contribute to the draft standard.

18. I have also participated in developing standards through the balloting process in subcommittees and committees. Members of the subcommittee and committee that submit ballots on a proposed standard also suggest wording and provide comments on the draft. The suggestions and comments are often incorporated into the draft.

19. The ASTM standards I have participated in developing were developed based on public demands, industry needs, and public safety concerns and advancements in technology. They address a technical issue or problem identified by a group of people in the relevant sector that can be addressed with a standard-based solution.

20. The ASTM standards I have participated in developing were not developed for the purpose of being incorporated into government regulations.

21. ASTM committees composed of technical experts make decisions about the appropriate content of the standards, including the relevant measurements, values, descriptions, and other specifications, as well as the language with which to express these standards.

22. Other standard development organizations, including the American Wood Council and the American National Standards Institute, develop standards that relate to wood.
The content, language and purpose of these SDO's standards differs from the content of the ASTM standards.

23. Since joining ASTM, I was aware that all contributions I made to the process of developing a standard would be merged with the contributions of others and would result in a single standard.

24. The task group, section, subcommittee and committee structure through which ASTM standards are developed makes it apparent to all participants that their contributions will be merged with the contributions of others and will result in a single standard.

25. ASTM staff members added certain language required by the Form and Style guide to each of the standards I helped to develop.

26. ASTM staff editors also proofread and edited each one of the standards I helped to develop prior to their publication.

Dated: November 16, 2015

Steven Cramer
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