ARTICLE 215, FEEDERS

A feeder, as defined by the National Electrical Code, is " . . . . circuit conductors between the service equipment . . . . . and the final branch circuit overcurrent protection". Feeders are those conductors that originate at a source of supply, are protected against overcurrent at that source, and then terminate in other overcurrent devices that supply branch circuits.

A common example is a set of conductors from a panel in a garage supplying power to a smaller panel located outside for swimming pool equipment.

Because feeders are a unique component of an electrical system, Article 215 establishes rules for their installation, protection, size, and ampacity.
