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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Proposed Efficiency Standards and Staff  
Analysis for Commercial Dishwashers

DOCKET NO. 26-AAER-01

NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND  
REMOTE-ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: Appliance Efficiency Regulations for  
Commercial Dishwashers

## **Notice of Staff Workshop and 60-day Pre-Rulemaking Comment Period for Commercial Dishwashers Proposed Standards**

### **Staff Workshop**

**April 15, 2026**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a public workshop to discuss draft standards and analysis for commercial dishwashers and to seek comments from interested members of the public regarding the draft staff report, *Analysis of Proposed Efficiency Standards for Commercial Dishwashers*. The draft staff report for commercial dishwashers includes standards under consideration and staff's analysis. The proposed standards for commercial dishwashers would be considered as amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 1601 through 1609).

The public can participate in the workshop by following the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

The draft staff report was published on March 10, 2026, and public comments will be accepted both orally at the workshop and in writing up to May 12, 2026. Instructions for accessing the draft staff report and for submitting comments are provided below.

### **Agenda**

The workshop will include staff presentations on the proposed standards and staff analysis for commercial dishwashers. It will also include a discussion segment and an opportunity for public

comment. A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the workshop to the [Commercial Dishwashers Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01&userId=12010), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01&userId=12010>.

## **Background**

On August 10, 2023, the CEC adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) for commercial food service equipment, under docket 23-AAER-01, to consider new standards and test procedures for commercial dishwashers and other appliances within the food service industry.<sup>1</sup>

On November 14, 2023, the CEC released a request for information and invitation to submit proposals for efficiency standards for the listed commercial food service equipment appliances, which included commercial dishwashers.<sup>2</sup>

On December 19, 2023, the CEC received comments from the ITW Food Equipment group (TN 253672 of docket 23-AAER-01) for commercial food service equipment.<sup>3</sup>

On February 13, 2024, the CEC received comments from the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (TN 254428 of docket 23-AAER-01) for commercial food service equipment.<sup>4</sup>

On February 13, 2024, the CEC received comments from CMA Dishmachines (TN 254435 of docket 23-AAER-01) for commercial food service equipment specific for commercial dishwashers.<sup>5</sup>

On February 13, 2024, the CEC received comments and a standards proposal from the California Investors Owned Utilities (TN 254440 of docket 23-AAER-01) for commercial dishwashers.<sup>6</sup>

On February 14, 2024, the CEC received comments from Frontier Energy (TN 254443 of docket 23-AAER-01) for commercial food service equipment.<sup>7</sup>

Staff evaluated all comments and proposals received, conducted an analysis based on comments and data received and CEC staff research, and prepared a draft staff report for proposed standards

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1 [Order Instituting Rulemaking Commercial Food Service Equipment](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=251567&DocumentContentId=86454), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=251567&DocumentContentId=86454>

2 [Request for Information for Commercial Food Service Equipment](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253089&DocumentContentId=88297), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253089&DocumentContentId=88297>

3 [ITW Food Equipment Group Comments](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253672&DocumentContentId=88922), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253672&DocumentContentId=88922>

4 [Alexander J. Bandza, Barnes & Thornburg LLP Comments – North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers \(NAFEM\) Comments](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254428&DocumentContentId=89813), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254428&DocumentContentId=89813>

5 [CMA Dishmachines Comments – RFI and ITSP for Appliance Efficiency Regulations for Commercial Food Service Equipment](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254435&DocumentContentId=89820), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254435&DocumentContentId=89820>

6 [California Investors Owned Utilities Comments – Title 20 Dishwasher CASE Report RFI Response Commercial Food Service](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254440&DocumentContentId=89825), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254440&DocumentContentId=89825>

7 [Frontier Energy Comments for RFI on Commercial Food Service Equipment](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254443&DocumentContentId=89831), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254443&DocumentContentId=89831>

for commercial dishwashers posted to [docket log 26-AAER-01](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov//Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01&userId=12010>.

## Attendance Instructions

Participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on [Commercial Dishwashers Proposed Standards Workshop](#) or login in at <https://energy.zoom.us/j/84259688801?pwd=oppyQnf8RgVzID6MEOdYRFYAbZZaIA.1> and enter the Webinar ID **842 5968 8801** and passcode **026755** and follow all prompts.
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## Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket: "[26-AAER-01 Add Comment](#)" at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document consistent with California Code of Regulations, section 1208.1, including Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

**Oral comments** will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.

**Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 26-AAER-01 and Commercial Dishwashers in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

Paper copy comments may be mailed to:  
California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 26-AAER-01  
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**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [Commercial Dishwashers Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov//Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01&userId=12010), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov//Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-01&userId=12010> . When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the “Appliance Efficiency Standards” subscription list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscriptions topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

**Dated:** March 9, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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