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Main website: www.energy.ca.gov**NOTICE OF COMMISSION ADOPTION HEARING, AVAILABILITY OF
15-DAY LANGUAGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT****NOTICE OF COMMISSION ADOPTION HEARING
OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION****PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPLIANCE
EFFICIENCY REGULATIONS
California Code of Regulations, Title 20,
Sections 1601 through 1607****CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Docket No. 15-AAER-1****April 23, 2015****INTRODUCTION**

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a public hearing for consideration and possible adoption of proposed amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations, contained in Sections 1601–1608 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt regulations for HVAC air filters, fluorescent dimming ballasts, and heat pump water chilling packages that will lead to lower energy consumption in the state. In addition to the proposed changes to language of the state standards, the amendments contain changes to the regulations that align with recently adopted federal standards. The Energy Commission has also drafted a proposed Negative Declaration regarding the amendments, which will also be considered and possibly adopted at the same public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Energy Commission will consider adopting the proposed amendments and the proposed Negative Declaration at a public hearing to be held on:

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

10:00 a.m.

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth StreetFirst Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
(Wheelchair accessible)

Audio for the May 13, 2015, adoption hearing will be broadcast over the Internet.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate in these hearings, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov at least 5 days before the meeting.

At this hearing, any person may present statements or arguments relevant to the proposed action. Interested persons may also submit written comments (see below).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2015. If you wish to provide comments on the 15-Day Language, please submit comments to the Commission using the Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the Commission's 2015 Appliance Efficiency Rulemaking webpage <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-1/rulemaking/> and click on the "Submit e-comment" link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Commission Dockets Unit.

Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information included within the written comments and attachments, (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record.

You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system, described above, to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments may be sent to:

Docket Unit
California Energy Commission
Docket No. 15-AAER-1
1516 9th Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or e-mail them to: DOCKET@energy.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

On February 13, 2015, the Office of Administrative Law published a Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) concerning the potential adoption of proposed amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Express Terms or 45-Day Language). The NOPA and 45-Day Language were also posted on the Energy Commission's website on February 13.

On February 27, 2015, the Energy Commission published and posted on its website a Notice of Availability and Hearing for the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the proposed amendments. On February 27, 2015, The Energy Commission published and posted on its website a Notice of Postponement, notifying

the public that the April 8, 2015, hearing date contained in the NOPA for consideration and adoption of the amendments and the Negative Declaration had been postponed to May 13, 2015. The Notice of Postponement noted that there would be an additional 15 day comment period added to the initial 45-day comment period. The additional 15-day comment period ended on April 15, 2015.

The first public hearing listed in the NOPA, with the Energy Commission's Efficiency Committee, was held on March 17, 2015, where public comments were received.

On April 1, 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown issued Executive Order B-29-15 directing the Energy Commission to "adopt emergency regulations establishing standards that improve the efficiency of water appliances, including toilets, urinals, and faucets available for sale and installation in new and existing buildings." Therefore, the Energy Commission removed the language related to toilets, urinals, and faucets from the proposed 45-day language in Docket No. 15-AAER-1. The Energy Commission held a public hearing and adopted the emergency regulations establishing standards for these water appliances on April 8, 2015.

As a result of the Executive Order and adopted emergency water efficiency regulations, only language related to dimming ballasts, heat-pump water chilling packages, air filters, and necessary federal updates remains in the proposed 15-day language.

PROPOSED 15-DAY LANGUAGE

The proposed amendments to the Express Terms (15-Day Language) will be available on the Energy Commission website, under "15-Day Language," posted on April 23, 2015, at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-1/rulemaking/>

The 15-Day Language changes to the originally-proposed 45-Day Language are indicated by double strikethrough (~~example~~) for deleted language and double underline (example) for added language. The 15-Day Language changes include:

1. Clarifying language for HVAC air filters, fluorescent dimming ballasts, and heat pump water chilling packages;
2. All language related to toilets, urinals, and faucets has been removed; and
3. Additional updates to comport with recent changes in the Code of Federal Regulations.

DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSONS

Please contact the following person, preferably by e-mail, for general information about the proceeding or to obtain any document relevant to the proceeding:

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Mr. Singh and Mr. Rider also can assist in obtaining documents and in answering general questions.

PUBLIC ADVISER

The commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to assist any person who wishes to participate in this proceeding. For assistance from the Public Adviser's Office, please call (916) 654-4489 or toll-free in California at (800) 822-6228, or send an email to pao@energy.ca.gov.

NEWS MEDIA INQUIRIES

News media inquiries should be directed to Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at: Mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THIS RULEMAKING

The first action to take to obtain documents in this rulemaking proceeding is to visit the Energy Commission's appliance efficiency website at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=15-AAER-01>.

The website will have all of the documents prepared by the Energy Commission, including the 15-Day Language of the proposed amendments (written in plain English and set forth in a format that indicates affected portions of the existing text and the proposed amendments to the text), and most of the other documents in the rulemaking file.

The 15-Day Language is also available at no cost from the contact person, Angelica Ramos (see above).

The Energy Commission's Docket Office has available all of the documents in the rulemaking file; for copies, please contact:

Docket Office
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS 4
Sacramento, California 95814-5504
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INTERNET ACCESS

Documents prepared by the Energy Commission for this rulemaking, are or will be posted on the Energy Commission's website:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=15-AAER-01>.

Note: The California Energy Commission's formal name is the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.