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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 15-AAER-02
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Appliance Efficiency Pre-Rulemaking for)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Pool Pump Motors and Portable Electric)	
Spas)	RE: Appliance Efficiency
)	Regulations for Pool Pump Motors
_____)	and Portable Electric Spas

**Notice of Staff Workshop
Appliance Efficiency Regulations
Pool Pump Motors and Portable Electric Spas**

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a pre-rulemaking public workshop to seek comments from interested parties regarding appliance efficiency regulations, including pool pump motors and portable electric spas. These topics are to be considered as possible amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1601 through 1609). The workshop will be held on:

Thursday, February 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to provide industry, stakeholders, and the public an opportunity to respond to and discuss staff proposals to update the appliance efficiency regulations for pool pump motors and portable electric spas. These proposals will be posted online with a detailed agenda before the workshop.

BACKGROUND

The Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, Sections 1601-1609 of the California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.)) contain definitions, test procedures, labeling requirements, and efficiency standards for state-regulated appliances. Appliance manufacturers are required to certify to the Energy Commission that their products meet all applicable state regulations pertaining to efficiency before their products can be included in the Energy Commission's database of approved appliances and sold or offered for sale in California.

Pool Pumps and Motors

In 2004, the Energy Commission adopted standards for residential pool pumps and motors, which included a prohibition on inefficient split-phase or capacitor-start induction electric motors, and a requirement that all pumps and motors that have a total horsepower of one HP or greater provide at least two-speed operation and controllers. The 2004 standards prohibition on split-phase or capacitor-start induction motors took effect starting January 2006 and the two-speed requirements for pool pump motors that are one HP or greater took effect starting January 2008.

In 2008, the Energy Commission adopted revisions to the 2004 standards, which included a requirement that motors that are one HP or greater manufactured after January 1, 2010 shall be capable of at least two speeds or be of variable speed design.

Staff proposes to expand the scope of pool pump motors, establish minimum motor efficiency levels, remove the prohibition on motor types and update the motor and pump efficiency test procedures. The draft staff report will contain details of the staff proposed changes. Staff seeks public comments on the proposal.

Portable Electric Spas

In 2004, the Energy Commission adopted standards and testing procedures for portable electric spas, which have been in effect since January 2006.

Staff proposes to clarify the scope and definitions of portable electric spas, increase the stringency of the standby power consumption standard, adopt an updated test method, and add a labeling requirement. The draft staff report will contain details of the staff proposed changes. Staff seeks public comments on the proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/WRITTEN COMMENTS

Oral comments: The Lead Commissioner for Efficiency will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2016. If you wish to provide comments, 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-02/rulemaking/> and click on the "Submit e-comment" link. A full name, email 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.

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=15-AAER-02>.

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