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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 16-ATTCP-01
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ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE TO THE)	NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS))	
RATER NONRESIDENTIAL DUCT)	RE: Public Comment Period for the
LEAKAGE TEST VERIFICATION)	Staff Report of the Propose
_____)	Alternative Procedure

Notice of Availability

Final Staff Report

Alternative Procedure to the Home Energy Rating System Rater Nonresidential Duct Leakage Test Verification

The California Energy Commission is making available to the public the final Staff Report regarding an alternative procedure to the Home Energy Rating System Rater Nonresidential Duct Leakage Test Verification. Comments will be considered in the final decision by the Energy Commission to possibly adopt this alternative procedure.

The Staff Report is available at the Energy Commission website on or after March 20, 2017:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/special_case_appliance/.

Background

The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) program was established by the Energy Commission on June 17, 1999. As part of that effort, the Energy Commission established the requirements for field verification and diagnostic testing services performed by HERS raters to show compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards). Generally, a HERS rater is limited to residential buildings, but there are several instances where a HERS rater is required to perform verifications on nonresidential system installations.

The 2013 Standards require that air ducts installed in nonresidential buildings be tested to determine if they leak into spaces that are not intended to be occupied by people. This testing is only required for smaller nonresidential installations that are generally similar in size and design to residential installations. The 2013 Standards require that these air duct

leakage tests be performed by the technician that installed the heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system and then verified, using the same test procedures, by a HERS rater.

This alternative procedure will allow a certified acceptance test technician to perform the appropriate air duct leakage test and satisfy the 2013 and 2016 Standards.

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