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3 MR. ALATORRE: (Presentation in progress) --
4 from 14 up to 16.1 gallons per minute per horsepower for
5 propeller or actually closed circuit quintars.

6 On the VRF side here the increases in part load
7 efficiency.

8 And lastly, there was a change in the footnote
9 from NAECA to the U.S. Department of Energy Federal
10 Regulations.

11 This proposal, we do this every cycle, update
12 the efficiencies to reflect what was done in 90.1. And
13 at this point I'm ready to take any questions. What I
14 included here is a docket number. If you wanted to
15 submit questions or comments, you can do it to this
16 docket number and e-mail to our dockets unit.

17 So, I am ready for questions if there's any
18 online or any in the room.

19 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: There are none. One
20 person's asking about the links. Is there the other
21 page of links that you can show him?

22 MR. ALATORRE: This is the only page I have
23 links on.

24 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: So, this is Payam,
25 again. On the presentation I did our links. So, you

1 can go to go look at the case reports (inaudible) -- and
2 also, if there's other comments you can submit them to
3 us.

4 MR. ALATORRE: Okay, with nothing further I'll
5 go right into the next topic, which is cooling tower
6 efficiency. So, again, I'd like to acknowledge the
7 California Statewide Codes and Standards team, and the
8 case authors Stefan Gracik, Matthew Dehghani and Anna
9 Brannon, all from Integral.

10 A little background on cooling towers, they were
11 first introduced under the 2001 California Building
12 Energy Efficiency Standards. At that time the
13 efficiency requirement for propeller or axial fan
14 cooling towers was 38.2 gallons per minute per
15 horsepower. At that time, 5 percent of the cooling
16 towers that were available could not meet that. This
17 was in response to a 90.1 requirement.

18 Some more background, after 2001 there was an
19 attempt to increase the efficiency in the 2013
20 rulemaking, and they were pretty aggressive. They went
21 from 38.2, they wanted to recommend 100 gallons per
22 minute per horsepower. And they showed in the case
23 report that it was cost effective.

24 However, during the stakeholder meetings and
25 rulemaking there was industry reaction. At that time

1 nearly 90 percent of the cooling towers that were
2 available could not meet the 100 gallons per minute per
3 horsepower requirement. And there was fear from the
4 industry that it would push designers to spec air cooled
5 chiller plants.

6 So, instead of getting to 100, they got only
7 42.1, which was a 10 percent increase. 90.1 at the time
8 upgraded their cooling tower efficiency by 5 percent.
9 The reason there was a different is that unlike 90.1,
10 California Energy Standards has a limit on air cooled
11 chilling plants at 300 tons. So, if you exceed that
12 capacity, you must install a water cooled system. So,
13 that gave the allowance of the extra 5 percent increase
14 in cooling tower efficiency.

15 So, for this code change, the CASE Team's
16 recommending another increase in cooling tower
17 efficiency up to 80 gallons per minute per horsepower.
18 They want this to be a prescriptive measure and it would
19 be applicable to all new construction and replacements.
20 With an exception for building-mounted replacements that
21 would be either on the roof or in the building. And
22 it's also for systems 900 gallons per minute and larger.

23 So, as I mentioned previous attempts to increase
24 the efficiency resulted in concerns that they'd be
25 pushing designers to spec air cooled plants. But again,

1 we have a cap at 300 tons, so that fear shouldn't
2 happen. Also, in previous stakeholder meetings and this
3 rulemaking cycle there was some concern about product
4 availability, structural design to accommodate the added
5 weight and available roof space. And all of those were
6 addressed in the CASE report.

7 The CASE Team did a survey of available products
8 and it turns out that 45 percent of the available
9 products can meet this efficiency.

10 Also, they did an interview with a structural
11 design firm and they found that, on average, 80 percent
12 and beyond, meaning per horsepower tower, when you
13 compare the weight to a 42.1 gallons per minute per
14 horsepower tower, the weight increases from 30 to 40
15 percent. According to the structural design firm, that
16 would not increase the structural design in any
17 significant way. However, if it was double the weight,
18 then it would be on the order of \$2,000 for the
19 increased cost of additional steel.

20 As far as the concern for roof space, the CASE
21 Team noted that this is a prescriptive requirement that
22 makes it available for tradeoffs. Also, it doesn't
23 necessarily have to increase the footprint of the
24 cooling tower. It could be a taller cooling tower. And
25 not all towers are required to be roof mounted. You

1 know, some are mounted on the ground for, you know, a
2 university or something on that order.

3 And also, if there's exceptions to this
4 requirement if the -- on alterations, if the existing
5 cooling tower is building mounted. So, they try to
6 address all the concerns that were brought up during the
7 stakeholder meetings.

8 In their energy analysis, they chose two
9 prototype buildings, one office and one school with
10 these features. And the first year impact for the large
11 office, there was an electricity savings high of .12
12 kilowatt hours per year, per square foot, and a demand
13 reduction high of 5.7 kilowatt hours -- or kilowatts,
14 I'm sorry, and a TDV savings high of 4.53 TDV.

15 For the large school it had a little bit less of
16 an impact but, however, there was savings across all
17 climate zones.

18 The energy cost savings is outlined here and
19 this is all per square foot, I'd like to remind
20 everyone. Here's the result for the large school. As
21 far as incremental cost, they surveyed three major
22 manufacturers and they tailored the incremental cost
23 based on the design flow for each prototype in every
24 climate zone, given that they load would change. And
25 they calculated a percent increase in cost compared to a

1 baseline of 42.1 gallons per horsepower tower.

2 And so, that's where we get the average actual
3 efficiency. It would be the average of the three
4 available cooling towers in the capacity that would meet
5 the minimum 80 gallon per minute per horsepower and can
6 satisfy the flow rate.

7 So, using the cost savings in incremental costs,
8 we got benefit cost ratios showing that this measure was
9 cost effective in all climate zones except 1 and 16, for
10 the large office. And that similar trend for the large
11 school, it was cost effective in all but 1 and 16.

12 So, for the proposed code language they
13 recommend amending Section 140.4(h)(6) to say "Cooling
14 tower efficiency, New or replacement open-circuit
15 cooling towers serving condenser water loops which total
16 900 gpm or greater, shall have a rated efficiency of no
17 less than 90 gpm/hp when rated in accordance to the test
18 procedures and rating conditions as listed in Table
19 110.2-G."

20 Again, adding the exception for replacement of
21 existing towers that are inside or on the roof of the
22 existing building.

23 Or, if you're in Climate Zone 1 and 16, since it
24 proved not to be cost effective in those climate zones.

25 So, at this time I'm ready to answer questions

1 either in the room or online.

2 MR. WICHERT: So Mark, I'll go ahead and there's
3 a question about the cooling tower requirement staying
4 at 42.1 gpm per horsepower. Is that the --

5 MR. ALATORRE: I think the referencing was the
6 mandatory minimum requirement and what we're proposing
7 is a prescriptive increase.

8 MR. WICHERT: So, it says, "Is the building
9 mounted cooling tower requirement staying at 42.1
10 gpm/hp?"

11 MR. ALATORRE: Yes. On replacement systems,
12 yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'm sorry, I
14 didn't get that. So, replacement systems will stay at
15 42.1 --

16 MR. ALATORRE: Replacement systems that are
17 building mounted. So, if you're replacing an existing
18 tower that's on the roof or inside the building, the
19 minimum would stay at 42.1.

20 We're good? All right. This next topic is
21 Waterside Economizer. Acknowledging, again, the
22 Statewide Codes and Standards Team, and Stefan Gracik
23 from Integral.

24 Some background on water economizing, it's the
25 method of using a chilled water plant's cooling towers

1 to directly provide cooling for the chilled water plant,
2 bypassing or working in series with the chiller. So,
3 here's a schematic of the key components.

4 Non-integrated water economizing is what would
5 be called bypassing the chiller and it is used when the
6 outdoor wet-bulb temperatures are sufficiently low, the
7 cooling towers are able to provide water at the design
8 supply temperature and able to turn off the chiller.

9 An integrated water economizer has the same
10 benefits as a non-integrated, with the added benefit of
11 working in series with the chiller and able to pre-cool
12 the chilled water coming into the chiller.

13 So, both integrated and non-integrated
14 economizers are comprised of the same components,
15 cooling tower, heat exchange, pumps, sensors, and
16 controls. The systems, however, are rated by their
17 approach. And the approach is defined at what wet-bulb
18 temperatures can be required, or what level temperatures
19 can be reached depending on ambient. So, typically, a
20 cooling tower can reach 5 degrees according to what's
21 the ambient wet-bulb. And the heat exchanger can -- a
22 heat exchanger, a typical approach is 4 degrees.

23 So, for example at 45 degrees wet-bulb, a 9
24 degree approach on a system would supply 54 degree
25 water.

1 Lowering the approach will increase the amount
2 of hours that you can water economize and, yet, still
3 get the desired water temperature. So, instead of 45
4 degrees, if we increased that minimum to 49, if we lower
5 the approach from 9 degrees to 5 you can still cool the
6 water down to 54.

7 And in doing so, looking at Sacramento, the
8 amount of hours that you can -- at 49 degrees or lower,
9 you can get pretty close to the same amount of hours
10 that you would be using an airside economizer.

11 So, the proposed code change is to expand the
12 current water economizer requirements in 140.4(e). By
13 doing a more stringent system approach that would be
14 increasing the minimum from 45 degree wet-bulb to 49.

15 And align with ASHRAE 90.1 for requiring
16 specifically an integrated water economizer, adding
17 requirements for a max pressure drop for the heat
18 exchange, to accommodate the pressure drop by the heat
19 exchanger. And also, to require water economizing on
20 passive or hydronic systems, which previously has not
21 required water economizing.

22 So, in the energy analysis they chose an office
23 building, 500,000 square feet, 13 stories. In the base
24 case, the base case incorporated non-integrated
25 economizer, with a 9 degree approach and a cooling tower

1 efficiency of 42.1 gallons per horsepower.

2 The proposed design had a fully integrated water
3 economizer to take advantage of the pre-cooling, with a
4 more stringent 5 degree approach. And they chose the 80
5 degree gallon per minute horsepower tower, as
6 recommended in the previous proposal.

7 So, here's the first year energy impacts and on
8 the far right column is the 15-year electricity cost.
9 This is only in electric savings, electricity savings
10 measure since it's all about cooling. And we had --
11 that resulted in a high of TDV, in Climate Zone 5,
12 11.99. A low TDV of 2.69, in Climate Zone 11.

13 So, lifecycle costs. Costs, as we mentioned
14 before there are integrated versus non-integrated.
15 They're comprised of the same components. It's all
16 about where you're mounting the heat exchanger. The
17 difference in an integrated economizer would be an added
18 sensor. But the controls will be the same, the control
19 costs. The algorithms would be different, but the
20 programming costs would be the same.

21 But there is a cost in the lower approach
22 cooling tower and the lower approach heat exchanger.
23 So, that is what was incorporated into the incremental
24 costs.

25 So, the assumption is 75 percent cost increase

1 for the cooling tower and, let's see, the base cost for
2 the heat exchanger is sourced from a contractor quote
3 for a 2 degree approach tower.

4 So, using this incremental cost in energy
5 savings we got a cost benefit ratio showing cost
6 effectiveness in all climate zones, resulting in a
7 statewide energy savings impact of .25 gigawatt hours.

8 MR. GRACIK: Hey Mark? Mark, this is Stefan,
9 the case author. I just want to make a comment. I
10 think the cooling tower increase was not 75 percent. I
11 believe it was closer to 20 or 25. I think the heat
12 exchanger was the one that was 75.

13 MR. ALATORRE: Oh, the heat exchanger was 75,
14 okay.

15 MR. GRACIK: Yeah.

16 MR. ALATORRE: This measure also had water
17 impact. So, because we're using more cooling water
18 economizing hours that's less evaporation, so there's a
19 net savings in gallons per year. And so, we have a 3.24
20 gallons per year per square foot impact.

21 And also, there's an increase in steel for the
22 heat exchanger.

23 So, for the proposed code change this is the
24 higher approach -- oh, that's the lower approach, the 5
25 degree approach change. It would increase from 45 to 49

1 degrees wet-bulb.

2 And then an added section here that would
3 require that each central chilled water system that has
4 a designed total mechanical cooling capacity over that
5 listed in Table 140.4-D, which is a new table, shall
6 include a waterside economizer capable of providing 100
7 percent of the expected system cooling load as
8 calculated in accordance with the method approved by the
9 Energy Commission, at the outside air temperatures of 54
10 and 49.

11 And so here we have a table showing the minimum
12 capacities based on the cooling system type.

13 Also, the max pressure drop requirements for the
14 heat exchanger, to come into heat exchanger we have it
15 to be no less than 15 feet of water. And then there is
16 an added heat rejection energy impact. This would be to
17 have no added heat rejected energy in use when the water
18 economizer is not in operation. And also, or, air
19 cooled chillers with the water economizer heat rejection
20 coil in series, with the refrigerant condensing coils
21 meet the Efficiency Table 110.2(d), which is the air
22 cooled chiller efficiency table.

23 And then the last requirement is for the
24 economizer system to be fully integrated.

25 Okay, with that I can take questions.

1 MR. WICHERT: Nothing online. Oh, actually, we
2 do have an online question. Frank, I unmuted you. Go
3 ahead and state your name and association.

4 MR. MARSTON: Thank you. This is Frank Marston
5 with Baltimore Aircoil Company. I couldn't unmute
6 myself for the original one with the cooling towers, but
7 I think the industry still has some concerns with the
8 increase to 80 gpm per horsepower, but we'll send you in
9 our further comments.

10 But specifically to this economizer issue, you
11 ran your study with 42.1 and the current requirements
12 for temperature, and then looked at the case with 80 gpm
13 per horsepower and new temperature requirements. Did
14 you run that with the same gpm per horsepower so that
15 you could compare the impacts of just increasing the
16 efficiency of the power versus making the duties more
17 stringent?

18 MR. GRACIK: Hi Frank, this is Stefan. I'm the
19 case author. Right, so we did, we ran the baseline
20 proposed with the separate cooling tower efficiencies
21 based on the other cooling tower code change proposal.
22 We had received some comments on that discrepancy and we
23 are working on updating the analysis so that both cases
24 are run with the same cooling tower efficiency.

25 We were carrying a cost increase for the cooling

1 tower to be for a higher existing cooling tower in the
2 proposed case. But I guess to make the comparison more
3 apples to apples we should rerun it with the same
4 cooling tower efficiency in each case. So, the final
5 CASE report will have that updated analysis.

6 MR. MARSTON: Yeah, we'd be very interested to
7 see that. You know, because you probably well know,
8 that as you get closer and close this approach here
9 weight, cost and everything goes up significantly for a
10 cooling tower, as well as plate frame heat exchanger.

11 And then to throw on the requirement to be 80
12 gpm per horsepower, you know, your cost is going to be
13 significant, as well as the available models that can be
14 used. So, we would appreciate that, thank you.

15 MR. WICHERT: We have another comment online.
16 Jeff, I'm going to unmute you, now. Please state your
17 name and association?

18 JEFF: Hi, I'm Jeff Stein Taylor Engineering
19 (inaudible). Mark, I have been paying attention, so
20 this might be a dumb question, but it sounded like water
21 economizers are required for all plants over a certain
22 size? Is that right, even if the plant shares loads
23 with airside economizers?

24 MR. ALATORRE: Yes, but there was a capacity
25 table that was proposed. I can bring it back up on the

1 -- so, it would be according to this table.

2 JEFF: What's the plan? Is serving air handlers
3 that have airside economizers -- you wouldn't have any
4 savings from the water economizer?

5 MR. GRACIK: Can we look back at the previous
6 slide? I may need to reexamine how we wrote the code
7 language. The intention of the code is that a system
8 with an airside -- oh, sorry. Sorry, the code language
9 is specified calculating your -- so, there's the
10 capacities that require -- sorry, the capacities that
11 determine when a waterside economizer is required for
12 the chilled water plants, the capacities are calculated
13 by first subtracting out the capacity of air economizers
14 from the total chilled water cooling capacity.

15 So, if the full building is cooled with airside
16 economizer, or if the full building is capable of
17 airside economizer then the effective capacity will be
18 zero and a waterside economizer would not be required
19 for that.

20 JEFF: So, if you go to the table on the next
21 slide it does --

22 MR. ALATORRE: So, if you look at the heading
23 there, total building chilled water system capacity
24 minus the capacity of cooling units with air
25 economizers.

1 JEFF: Okay. And isn't it already captured on
2 the previous slide where it says if you -- you have to
3 have an air or water economizer? This is basically
4 capturing like small coils that are below the 54,000 or
5 whatever. But if you have enough, then you'd have to
6 have a water economizer. Is that kind of where this is
7 going?

8 MR. GRACIK: Yeah, that's the intention is to
9 capture chilled water plants.

10 JEFF: Okay.

11 MR. GRACIK: I might add that a common building
12 type that uses the small fan coil units is like the
13 hotel or high rise residential. And those types of
14 buildings are exempted from economizer requirements.
15 So, those buildings would not be covered under this code
16 change proposal.

17 MR. WICHERT: We have another question online.
18 I'm going to go to Skip. All right, Skip, I just
19 unmuted you. You'll have to restart. State your name
20 and association, please. Thank you.

21 MR. BURNS: Skip Burns with Diken Applied
22 (inaudible) Applied. Water cooled unitary equipment
23 also use water economizers and will need to be -- these
24 studies are not really applicable to that type of
25 equipment. I mean, they don't use plate frame heat

1 exchangers. They just use, usually, fin tube water
2 (inaudible) coils in series with the evaporator coil. I
3 think these systems are going to run into some
4 compliance issues trying to reach this level. And on
5 replacement equipment you would have some real
6 difficulties.

7 MR. ALATORRE: Thank you, Skip. Could I
8 encourage you to submit a letter to the docket,
9 outlining what these issues would be?

10 MR. BURNS: Okay.

11 MR. ALATORRE: And then, we could accommodate,
12 if need be.

13 MR. GRACIK: Skip, this is Stefan. I just want
14 to respond and say I've heard your comments before. And
15 we are still trying to -- I mean, the system type is
16 seen as rare in California, and we're still trying to
17 understand how we can incorporate it into our analysis,
18 which is mostly focused on waterside economizers with
19 BAV systems. So, I encourage you to maybe reach out
20 again to me, and we can continue the conversation. And
21 also, please submit public comments to the CEC.

22 MR. BURNS: Okay.

23 MR. WICHERT: And that should do it for online
24 comments.

25 MR. ALATORRE: Okay.

1 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: If there's no more
2 comments on this one, let's take a five-minute break. I
3 want to get some water. It looks like we're a little
4 bit ahead of schedule. For some reason we caught up.
5 So, we may do Fan System Power before lunch. And maybe
6 even Exhaust Air Recovery.

7 MR. ALATORRE: Yeah, if we continue to get no
8 comments then, yeah.

9 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: Thank you.

10 (Off the record at 10:08 a.m.)

11 (On the record at 10:20 a.m.)

12 MR. ALATORRE: We're good, RJ.

13 MR. WICHERT: We're going to go ahead and get
14 started. We have another question for the previous
15 presentation. Ben, if you're ready I'm going to unmute
16 you, now. Go ahead and state your name and association.

17 MR. DOLDICH: Yeah, Ben Doldich with Liebert
18 Vetiv. I've really got two. There are some newer
19 designs for data center applications that utilize
20 refrigerant economizers, ala turn the compressors off
21 and just circulate refrigerant. How are those
22 considered under the guidelines of water economizers?
23 And then, should the language be changed to more broadly
24 accept all fluids?

25 MR. GRACIK: This is Stefan, the CASE Report

1 author. And I believe data centers are covered under a
2 separate section of Title 26, so our measure would have
3 no effect on data centers.

4 MR. DOLDICH: Okay. And then, can I ask a
5 second, just related to the newer ASHRAE Standard 90.4
6 for data centers, what implications, if any, of what's
7 being discussed today has considered that standard?

8 MR. ALATORRE: So, we have not considered any
9 proposals or any other requirement that's within 90.4.
10 This is only 90.1 measures that we're considering.

11 MR. DOLDICH: And then, what is the process for
12 California to consider 90.4?

13 MR. ALATORRE: Well, technically, we're not
14 required to consider 90.4 since it's not a National
15 Model Code. We're required to consider 90.1, since it
16 is.

17 But like any other proposal, anybody can submit
18 a proposal following the CASE Report template, if you
19 had a measure. At this point it's a little late in the
20 process to get a full measure vetted and proposed for
21 2019.

22 MR. DOLDICH: Okay, thank you.

23 MR. ALATORRE: We're good, now?

24 MR. WICHERT: Okay.

25 MR. ALATORRE: So, we're moving on to Economizer

1 Fault Detection and Diagnostics for Built-Up Air
2 Handlers.

3 I'd like to acknowledge the CASE authors for
4 this measure, Farhad, Catherine, and Hillary, from TRC
5 and Integral.

6 And a little measure background, fault detection
7 and diagnostics, or FDD, it's been a mandatory
8 requirement since the 2013 Energy Efficiency Standards
9 Update. It's applicable to systems over 4 and half tons
10 that incorporate in their economizer. But it's limited
11 to packaged systems.

12 And under the 2013 requirements there was
13 language that required the manufacturer of the FDD
14 device to certify to the Energy Commission that it met
15 the requirements. At that time, once after adoption we
16 were getting questions from manufacturers as to what
17 test method they had to certify to, since there was
18 nothing at that time, you know, setting kind of a bottom
19 bar.

20 So, the Energy Commission worked with industry
21 to come up with a document that wasn't a requirement.
22 However, it gave guidance to manufacturers on testing
23 and certifying to the Commission, which all of the FDD
24 manufacturers followed.

25 Under the 2013 standards, the faults that needed

1 to be detected were air temperature sensor failure
2 faults, the economizer not economizing when it should --
3 economizing when it should not, damper not modulating
4 and excess outdoor air.

5 And also, the FDD system needed to provide the
6 HVAC system status. And those included free cooling,
7 economizer enabled, compressor enabled, heating enabled
8 if it had heating, and also mixed air low limit cycle
9 was active.

10 Under the 2016 update, the guidance document
11 that staff developed with industry, it got incorporated
12 into the reference appendices and became a mandatory
13 test method for a system certified to the Energy
14 Commission.

15 And the previous listing was grandfathered into
16 the new certification listing and granted that they all
17 had submitted under that test method.

18 Under the 2016 standards there were no other
19 proposed changes to the fault detection capabilities.
20 No changes to the systems that it was applicable to or
21 anything else.

22 But this proposed change is going to expand the
23 requirement to built-up air handlers, not just packaged
24 rooftop systems. And it's still triggering 4 and a half
25 tons or larger, but it's moving away from these stand-

1 alone FDD devices to DEC-controlled systems for the
2 larger HVAC systems.

3 So again, under current regulations the FDDs had
4 to be certified to the Energy Commission. And if we go
5 forward with this recommendation it would expand. And,
6 you know, we looked at requiring DDC-based systems to
7 also be certified to the Energy Commission. However,
8 there were some problems with that given the different
9 people that could be involved in stalling these systems.
10 It could be the mechanical designer, controls
11 contractor, third-party FDD vendor, or DDC manufacturer,
12 all who could have responsibility over the sequence of
13 operation.

14 So, I got a little ahead of myself. So, yeah,
15 each one of these could have responsibility over
16 inputting the sequence of operation. And also, sequence
17 of operations are optimized per building, so certified
18 pre-configured modules was problematic given that they
19 would be changed once they got installed. So, there was
20 little sense in requiring them to certify if that's not
21 what was going to be installed, or that's not how the
22 building would have been operated.

23 So, we're trying to avoid adding inflexibility
24 in the way these systems are operating.

25 However, instead of requiring certification, the

1 CASE Team's proposing an acceptance test, an amendment
2 to an existing acceptance test that would require a more
3 rigorous test to ensure proper system setup. And that,
4 we feel, would ensure that the system was operating
5 according to the intent of 120.2 and the FDD fault
6 requirements.

7 So, the proposed code change, again, is not to
8 require certification on DDC, but require the acceptance
9 test to be a little more stringent.

10 So, the acceptance test that they identified is
11 found in the nonresidential appendices, Section 7.5.12,
12 and the associated form is the NRCA-MHC-13.

13 So, this form, currently, it includes functional
14 testing on heating and cooling coil valves and zone
15 terminal units. The Case Team's recommending that we
16 split this form into two, an A and B. The A will
17 contain the new acceptance test and the B will remain
18 what it is, currently.

19 So, the changes that they're recommending to the
20 acceptance test, it would require inspecting of the
21 sensor accuracy, giving direction to override any alarm
22 delays. So, some FDD systems wait for a specific fault
23 to reoccur several times, and it may be over a long
24 period of time before it actually reports the fault to
25 ensure that it's not an anomaly. So, there needs to be

1 some direction given to override that delay.

2 To disconnect local temperatures and not global
3 sensors. Global sensors can give a false fault
4 detection. And also, direction on which actuators to --
5 or, how to test the actuators versus actually unplugging
6 them. You can actually harm or actually kill an
7 actuator if you disconnect it wrongly or reconnect with
8 their power going to it, you can burn it up. So, they
9 give some more direction on that.

10 As far as energy analysis, they chose a
11 prototype building, a large office, 13 stories with a
12 central plant. And they modeled the five faults that
13 are required under 120.2.

14 They assumed an FDD benefit by making these
15 assumptions. The air temperature sensor malfunctioned.
16 They felt over 15 years it occurred 20 percent of the
17 time. And if there was an installed FDD that fault
18 would be caught 75 percent of the time. If they didn't
19 have an FDD, only 25 percent of the time would a
20 maintenance person or building operator find that
21 temperature sensor failure.

22 They claim that these assumptions are
23 conservative. They think an FDD would have a better
24 capture rate and they don't think the building
25 maintenance person would necessarily find the sensor

1 failure on that high of a rate. But on the conservative
2 side they chose 75 percent and 25 percent.

3 And then, on the far right column they showed
4 how they came up with the FDD benefit. So, for each of
5 the five they calculated this benefit and they applied
6 these savings to the simulation run.

7 So again, they applied it to the expected energy
8 impact of the simulated faults and the benefits were
9 some to yield in energy and cost effectiveness result.

10 So, for the first year impact it had a high of
11 .05 kilowatt hours per year, and demand reduction
12 expected to be between .068 and .02 watts per square
13 foot. This is the 15-year cost savings.

14 Now, for determining incremental costs, they
15 interviewed three mechanical designers and came up with
16 \$2,604 for the contractor to implement a return air
17 temperature sensor and FDD sequence of operation, as
18 well as a mixed air temperature. Is that what that
19 means, a mixed air temperature sensor?

20 And these costs are per air handler. So, in the
21 prototype there were 13 stories, 13 air handlers, a
22 total cost of \$35,804.

23 Compare that to the energy savings and came up
24 with a cost benefit ratio showing cost effectiveness in
25 all climate zones.

1 For the proposed code language -- yeah, I didn't
2 actually incorporate that one into the slide show but --
3 here we go. They're proposing to make amendments to
4 Table 100-A. This would include computer room fault
5 detection requirements and then amending the actual FDD
6 language in 120.2 to say "All newly installed air
7 handlers with a mechanical cooling capacity greater than
8 54,000 or the 4 and a half tons."

9 So, this, eliminating the "air-cooled package
10 language", so this would make it applicable to all
11 system.

12 They had some other recommended changes.
13 Instead of saying "compressor enabled", say "mechanical
14 cooling enabled."

15 They also recommend making these amendments to
16 the rest of the 120.2(i). The unit controller shall
17 allow manual initiation of each operating mode so that
18 the operation of cooling systems, economizers and
19 heating systems can be independently tested and
20 verified.

21 And then had the exception that the algorithms
22 based in DDC systems are not required to be certified to
23 the Commission.

24 Additionally, they wanted to make changes in JA
25 6.3. This is where they had the test requirement for

1 the stand-alone FDD, or the FDD devices rather than DDC
2 based. Similar to what's in 120.2(i).

3 And further down, here's the recommended changes
4 to the acceptance test. So, first, verify the installed
5 sensor accuracy. In the functional test you would
6 bypass the alarms and then you would initiate the
7 different alarms to create faults. And these faults
8 that are being initiated are in accordance with what's
9 required in 120.2(i).

10 So with that, I am available to answer questions
11 on this topic.

12 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: This is Payam. The
13 presentations that you will see today will be posted on
14 our website tomorrow. And please submit your comments
15 by June 7th -- July 7th, excuse me.

16 MR. ALATORRE: No? Okay.

17 MR. WICHERT: Mark, we actually do have one
18 question that just came in.

19 MR. ALATORRE: Okay.

20 MR. WICHERT: Alex, I'm going to go ahead and
21 unmute you. Go ahead and state your name and
22 association.

23 MR. CARILLO: Hi, my name's Alex Carrillo. I'm
24 with the Pelican Wireless Systems. I have a question on
25 the fault detections and that is how are those faults to

1 be delivered? Is this something with the packaging
2 and/or is there a fault to be delivered with some method
3 that has to notify somebody somehow?

4 MR. ALATORRE: That's a good question. Let me
5 bring up the existing language in 120.2(i). It gives
6 direction. If you look at number 6, on how faults are
7 to be reported, so currently faults are required to be
8 reported to either an energy management control system
9 or enunciated locally at zone thermostats.

10 Or, for the fault management application that
11 automatically provides notification to the HVAC service
12 provider. So, any one of those three ways.

13 MR. CARRILLO: All right, thank you.

14 MR. ALATORRE: Sure.

15 MR. WICHERT: I think that's all the online
16 questions.

17 MR. ALATORRE: Okay. I am. Do I just keep
18 going? All right.

19 Okay, the next topic is Fan Power. I'd like to
20 acknowledge Ken, from Integral Group.

21 And I'll do a background on fan systems. System
22 fan power, it's affected by basically anything that's in
23 the duct system. You know, everything that adds static
24 pressure to the fan.

25 Fans consume -- the fan motors consume watts --

1 let's see, let me start over.

2 So, watts consumed by the fan motor versus the
3 amount of air moved by the fan, and that's how we come
4 up with the fan efficiency, basically.

5 The less power needed or the less watts or
6 horsepower to move the same amount of air results in a
7 more efficient fan.

8 Static pressure is what makes the fan work
9 harder and consuming more power. And there, again,
10 anything that's inside the duct system would add static
11 pressure. It would be the cooling/heating coils,
12 filters, and the ductwork, itself.

13 Currently, fans are regulated under 140.4(c).
14 They were first introduced in the standards in 1992.
15 The efficiency metric is watts per CFM. And currently,
16 there's no limit to the added static pressure due to
17 filters.

18 Since its introduction in 1992, DOE has updated
19 their fan motor efficiency several times. However, Part
20 6 of the Energy Standards has not updated its fan power
21 allowances.

22 Under the 2013 update to Part 6 there was a
23 change in the reference software. The simulation engine
24 went from DOE-2 to EnergyPlus, and in that change came a
25 shift in fan power. Before under the DOE-2, the

1 140.4(c) was implemented, and with the change to
2 EnergyPlus the standard design under the performance
3 software actually shifted and required a more stringent
4 fan requirement.

5 So, the standard design under EnergyPlus
6 actually resulted in a more stringent requirement than
7 what's prescriptively required.

8 And right here, at the bottom table, you can see
9 the results of that. The allowed total static under the
10 prescriptive approach allows constant volume total
11 static of 3 inches, 3.96 inches, and variable volume
12 6.18.

13 However, in the standard design under the ACM,
14 those numbers are significantly lower.

15 So, under this code change proposal the CASE
16 Team's recommending that we adopt ASHRAE's calculation
17 method for allowed fan power, as well as fix the
18 discrepancy that's currently in the software.

19 So, that would result in being more stringent
20 than 90.1. If you look at the table below you'll see
21 what 90.1 allows for total static for constant volume
22 versus variable air volume.

23 We have been requiring something more stringent
24 than that for any building complying under the
25 performance approach since 2013. So, this would be more

1 of a formality to get that discrepancy fixed.

2 I'd like to point out that the CASE Team did a
3 survey on packaged air-handling units. And they noted
4 that basically any unit under 5 tons are not affected by
5 this proposed code change, since the fan motor nameplate
6 is under 5 horsepower.

7 And for packaged units that are larger than
8 that, it's a limited number of cases where the packaged
9 unit would not comply. And that would be if they had a
10 low air flow to a high static ratio.

11 So, what's currently required by ASHRAE is for
12 there to be, for all supply, return fans and exhaust
13 fans at the system level, the AV boxes and zonal exhaust
14 that are greater than 5 horsepower, they need to comply
15 with the maximum fan power.

16 And there's adjustment factors for filtration
17 and energy-recovery devices, which I'll show in the
18 table under the proposed code language.

19 For the energy analysis, they chose two
20 prototypes, the large office and medium retail. Again,
21 a bit different under this energy analysis is that the
22 standard design is actually what we're trying to
23 formally make the prescriptive requirement.

24 So, the proposed design model, what's in the
25 prescriptive requirements under 140.4, that would be for

1 a AV system to have a max watts per CFM of 1.25 and a
2 total static maximum of 6.231.

3 What that yielded was these impacts, the first-
4 year impact for the large office, there was a high of
5 .28 kilowatt hours per square foot, per year. The peak
6 demand reduction, 3.88 times 10 to the negative 5
7 kilowatt hours per square foot, and the high TDV of
8 8.43.

9 I'd like to -- highlighted in red is the natural
10 gas. There was no natural gas savings since it results
11 in smaller fans, with less heat into the air stream, so
12 that resulted in more gas for the heating cycle.

13 The same thing for the medium retail, the same
14 trend with the heating results. We had higher savings,
15 it was .43 kilowatts per square foot, per year. For the
16 electricity savings, of peak demand reduction, 11.03
17 times 10 to the negative 5 kilowatt hours per square
18 foot, and a high TDV of 13.99.

19 Now, both prototype simulations showed that
20 Climate Zone 15 was the high performer.

21 There's a 15-year cost for the large office.
22 So, high cost savings, again Climate Zone 15 being the
23 high performer here of .76 dollars per square foot
24 savings.

25 Medium retail, the same trend with Climate Zone

1 15 being the top climate zone.

2 So, incremental costs. So, the CASE Team used
3 existing projects and RS means to calculate the cost of
4 larger duct work for the lower static pressure. And
5 they also used RS means to determine the decreased cost
6 due to smaller motor size and fans.

7 Here's the results for medium retail. I'd like
8 to note that both showed cost effectiveness in all
9 climate zones.

10 And here's the statewide impacts in cost of this
11 measure, using the projections of the impact analysis.

12 So, it looks like gigawatt hour savings of 11.728 and
13 2.340, that's when you combine both prototype savings.

14 So, for proposed code language they would delete
15 all of what's in Section 140.4(C) currently, with the
16 exception to some of the variable air volume
17 requirements for static pressure sensor location and set
18 point reset.

19 They would delete or current total fan power
20 index equation and this would be the new code language.

21 So, again, the trigger being 5 horsepower and up
22 for fan systems. Supply fans, return, relief fans,
23 exhaust fans, fan-powered terminal units and so on. So,
24 they must comply with Option 1 or Option 2 in the
25 following table.

1 There are exceptions to this requirement. The
2 exceptions came out of 90.1.

3 And so, Option 1 and Option 2 here, one being
4 for motor nameplate horsepower versus fan system brake
5 horsepower. If you notice, the multiplication factors
6 here are different than what's in 90.1. They're more
7 stringent and that's because of the total static
8 pressure that's allowed, or that's required by the ACM
9 currently, since 2013. So, these factors were adjusted
10 to accommodate that. It's about a 10 percent increase
11 in stringency.

12 And here's the pressure drop table. The CASE
13 Team -- what I have highlighted in red, the CASE Team
14 recommended deleting this. They noted that, you know,
15 this was more for process equipment.

16 However, the Energy Commission is expanding the
17 scope to now cover hospitals and so this MERV 16 and
18 greater might become applicable. So, I reinserted it
19 back into the table.

20 And at this time, I'm available for questions on
21 this measure.

22 MR. WICHERT: We do have one on the line. This
23 comes from Laura Petrio-Grow (phonetic). She's asking
24 about where the impacts of a fan system power model with
25 the proposed air filter level, she believe it's MERV 11.

1 Is that correct?

2 MR. TAKAHASHI: Hi, this is Ken, from Integral
3 Group, the CASE author. The proposed measure was
4 assuming a MERV 9 filter as the base case. So, any
5 additional filters would have the adjustment factor
6 applied to it.

7 MR. WICHERT: Oh, Ken, can you repeat that?
8 Adjust the mic really close, actually.

9 MR. TAKAHASHI: Oh, okay, sorry.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, these mics don't
11 amplify, either, so can you speak up? They only can
12 serve to let people on the phone hear you, but they
13 don't help the audience at all.

14 MR. TAKAHASHI: Okay, I apologize. So, this is
15 Ken Takahashi, the CASE Author. The base case was
16 assuming a MERV 9 filter. And any kind of additional
17 filters would be adding the -- the adjustments factors
18 will be applied to any additional filters.

19 MR. ALATORRE: So, I wanted to make the point
20 that both MERV 9 and MERV 11 would have the same
21 adjustment factor.

22 MR. WICHERT: Unless there's anyone else online,
23 I think we're done with the online comments.

24 MR. ALATORRE: Okay.

25 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: All right, we're on to

1 the next topic. And then, after this one we'll take a
2 quick, one-hour lunch break.

3 MR. ALATORRE: So, we're doing transfer air,
4 now. Okay, this measure is Exhaust Air Heat Recovery.
5 Again, Ken, thank you for the CASE proposal.

6 A little background. Exhaust air heat recovery
7 is currently not mandated under the Energy Standards.
8 However, it is a compliance option. But it's only a
9 compliance option if you have a dedicated outside air
10 system. And under the right conditions it could yield
11 energy savings.

12 However, this is currently a national
13 requirement under 90.1 2016. Energy recovery systems
14 are also rated under AHRI Standard 1060 and 1061. And
15 they are listed within the AHRI Directory.

16 So, there's many different manufacturers and
17 they come in either stand-alone or as an option on
18 packaged systems.

19 The CASE Team did an analysis of what's
20 currently in the AHRI Directory. So, there's 1,254
21 different plate type heat recovery ventilators and close
22 to 3,000 wheel type.

23 The 90.1 requirement requires a 50 percent
24 recovery efficiency, which means of the 1,254 plate
25 type, 86 percent of those can comply with the 50 percent

1 recovery. And similarly, 95 percent can comply using
2 the wheel type heat recovery ventilators.

3 However, the CASE Team is recommending that we
4 push for 60 percent and that had the most impact on the
5 plate type, bringing what's available currently on the
6 market down to 48 percent. A little less than half.
7 But if you look at the wheel type, almost no impact on
8 the availability of those systems.

9 So, here's an example certificate from AHRI.
10 This is for a system that's rated for 12,900 CFM. If
11 you notice, this one would comply with the 60 percent
12 recovery, both heating and cooling.

13 The recommendation is for it to be the lower of
14 the two. So, in this case 63 percent would be
15 considered during cooling.

16 In the energy analysis they chose three
17 prototypes, small office, medium office, and medium
18 office with a lab. They did this to show the different
19 HVAC types.

20 So, as I mentioned before, heat recovery
21 ventilators come as an option on packaged systems, or
22 they could be stand-alone. So, they chose an office,
23 and an office with a lab that had significantly
24 different exhaust rates, which I think covered a pretty
25 good spread of where these systems could be installed.

1 Key assumptions in their analysis was they
2 calculated the added static pressure using the ASHRAE
3 power adjustment factors. And they also put into the
4 simulation that the outdoor air intake will bypass the
5 ventilator if it was in the right conditions to be in
6 economizer mode.

7 What the simulation couldn't do, however, is
8 accommodate the fan or the fan pressure, so they were
9 not able to get the savings from bypassing the recovery
10 ventilator and economizer operation. And they couldn't
11 adjust the static pressure if they bypassed the heat
12 recovery ventilator.

13 So, for those hours when it was economizing they
14 were taking a hit on the fan energy.

15 So, this is the first year impact for the small
16 office. It did not have any electricity savings and no
17 TDV savings. A little bit on natural gas.

18 The 15-year impact, there was no TDV energy cost
19 savings and no electricity savings.

20 For the medium office, with the VAV system,
21 there was some savings TDV-wise in Climate Zones 10
22 through 15. And the 15-year impact showed energy cost
23 savings in those same climate zones, 10 through 15.

24 When we got to the medium office with the lab
25 that had higher exhaust rates there was more savings,

1 this time Climate Zone 2, Climate Zone 4, and 8 through
2 15.

3 The same climate zones showed savings in the 15-
4 year impact.

5 So, incremental cost. They used manufacturers'
6 data and RS Means, and they included the cost of the
7 bypass dampers, the control and labor to install the
8 bypass. And they did it -- they did the incremental
9 cost based on CFM.

10 Also, incorporating the heat recovery ventilator
11 resulted in reduced capacity of the mechanical system.
12 So, they calculated that impact. So, this is a cost per
13 square foot reduction. And this shows that this measure
14 is not cost effective for small offices, in any climate
15 zone. It's only in Climate Zone 15 for the medium
16 office, and only in Climate Zone 2 and 9 through 15 for
17 the medium office with the lab.

18 So, the proposed code language, they propose
19 amending Section 140.4, saying each fan system shall
20 have a heat recovery system with the system supply air
21 flow exceeds volumes the table. I'll show you the table
22 in a minute. Then they point to the AHRI test, saying
23 that the minimum heat recovery ration shall be at least
24 60 percent.

25 And here's the table. So, for systems without

1 high exhaust rates, you know, they're not operating over
2 800 hours a year, it showed that it was cost effective
3 only in Climate Zone 15 at the 60 percent recovery ratio
4 and higher.

5 So, the red, what you see in red strikeout are
6 my amendments to this proposal. For buildings that are
7 8,000 hours or more, it only showed cost effectiveness
8 in 2 and 8 through 15, so I amended the table to reflect
9 that and only to require 60 percent recovery efficiency
10 and up.

11 So at this time I can take questions.

12 MR. WICHERT: There's no questions online at
13 this time, unless anyone wants to raise their hand or
14 speak up.

15 MR. GRACIK: This is Stefan, the CASE Author. I
16 just want to make a quick comment that the CASE Team is
17 exploring other sort of avenues for presenting the
18 proposed code change requirements away from the table
19 format. We've gotten a lot of feedback it's confusing.
20 And as you saw, it was not actually updated with our
21 analysis. It was sort of a place holder.

22 So, we're trying to come up with maybe a more
23 clear method of presenting the proposed heat recovery
24 requirements.

25 MR. ALATORRE: Okay, thanks.

1 So, also for consideration, and this is a
2 measure that could be a candidate for a compliance
3 option, if we took away the caveat of having it apply to
4 dedicated outside air systems, and have it applicable to
5 all other systems, maybe that can get a little more
6 market penetration. People wanting them to model it.

7 But, yeah, we look forward to the revised code
8 language proposal.

9 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: So, it's 11:00. I think
10 we can take maybe an hour and a half break. And then
11 come back at 12:30 and continue the rest of the
12 afternoon. Some of you may have seen the schedule and
13 may be more interested in the afternoon topics, and may
14 not -- our schedule's way ahead.

15 MR. ALATORRE: Okay.

16 MR. WICHERT: And this is being webcast and
17 recorded.

18 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: This is being webcast,
19 yeah, and it's being recorded.

20 (Off the record at 11:00 a.m.)

21 (On the record at 12:30 p.m.)

22 MR. WICHERT: Welcome back, everyone. We'll be
23 starting the workshop shortly.

24 (Pause)

25 MR. ALATORRE: Are you ready, Payam? Okay,

1 welcome back.

2 All right, we're ready for the next topic,
3 Transfer Air for Exhaust Air Makeup. I'd like to
4 acknowledge the CASE Authors for this measure, Jeff
5 Stein from Taylor Engineering, and Stefan Gracik and
6 Matt Dahlhausen from Integral Group.

7 The background on this topic, this measure has
8 been adopted by ASHRAE, in their 2013 update. And it
9 applies to spaces that have exhaust airflow rates that
10 are greater than the heating or cooling airflow
11 requirement to satisfy the load.

12 This proposal would eliminate the practice of
13 providing 100 percent outside air or 100 percent supply
14 air to satisfy the exhaust rate when you can use
15 transfer air, instead.

16 It's common practice, and here's an example, a
17 toilet room with a VAV box sized to match the exhaust,
18 CFM required to meet the heating and cooling load or
19 ventilation requirement much smaller than the exhaust
20 rate. It's more efficient to only provide enough supply
21 air to accommodate the cooling load and then use the
22 transfer air to make up the rest of the exhaust
23 requirement.

24 So the payback for this measure is immediate
25 because it reduces both first cost and energy cost

1 compared to supplying 100 percent of the supply air to
2 spaces with high exhaust rates.

3 And, currently, there's no limitation, either
4 mandatory or prescriptive, on the amount of air to
5 supply. So this, similarly in the standards, in the
6 covered process section we have a requirement for
7 commercial kitchens to basically implement what this
8 proposal is asking for. And so, we're going to expand
9 this requirement to all spaces.

10 In the energy analysis, the prototype that was
11 selected was a medium office and laboratory, because of
12 the high exhaust. The lab spaces are exhaust-driven,
13 meaning that there's a higher exhaust rate than there is
14 a cooling air flow requirement. So, the medium office
15 lab is sized to this tier, 53,628 square feet, 3
16 stories.

17 So, the energy savings from this measure depend
18 on the benefit of reducing outdoor air intake. So there
19 it is, by climate zone, so the energy impact and cost
20 effectiveness were evaluated by climate zone. So, here
21 are the results for the first year impact. You have an
22 electricity savings high of .412 kilowatt hours per
23 square foot, per year. A peak reduction high of 8.52
24 times 10 to the negative 4 kilowatt hours per square
25 foot. And a TDV savings high of 15.11.

1 And like most other ventilation measures,
2 Climate Zone 15 is the high performing situation due to
3 the high heat.

4 The 15-year cost savings per square foot.
5 Again, see an electricity savings high of \$1.03 for
6 Climate Zone 15. We have some natural gas savings in
7 Climate Zone 1, which is the high performer there. With
8 the TDV saving high of \$1.34.

9 So again, since this measure reduces first cost
10 it has an infinite benefit to cost ratio since there's
11 no incremental cost.

12 The statewide savings, you know, this is
13 projected based on the forecast. It looks like we have
14 a gigawatt hour savings of .403, and a megawatt
15 reduction of .854 megawatts.

16 So, for the proposed language, this would add a
17 new section to 140.4, creating Section O. And it would
18 state that the exhaust system transfer air, conditioned
19 supply air delivered to any space with mechanical
20 exhaust shall not exceed the greater of the supply flow
21 required to meet the space heating and cooling load, the
22 ventilation rate required by the AHJ, or the mechanical
23 exhaust flow minus the available transfer air for
24 conditioned spaces.

25 It also adds this, for the finding of available

1 transfer air, it's the portion of outdoor air
2 ventilation that is not required to satisfy other
3 exhaust needs, is not required to maintain
4 pressurization of other spaces, and is transferrable
5 according to applicable codes and standards to the class
6 of air recirculation limitations of the Mechanical Code.

7 So, in the Mechanical Code it lists the type of
8 air, but depending on where it's coming from and, you
9 know, only air, I think, deemed Class 1 or 2 can be
10 transferred.

11 So, there's a list of exceptions here for the
12 different spaces that this measure would not be
13 applicable to.

14 Also, the CASE Team is recommending that we
15 apply this to all other covered processes, that they use
16 transfer air where available.

17 Note that this would not be a requirement for
18 additions and alterations. We're still -- we have not
19 made code changes, where in the process of doing that,
20 but the intent is to not require additions/alterations
21 to have to comply with this requirement.

22 And with that, I'm up for questions. First off,
23 is Jeff Stein on the line?

24 MR. STEIN: Yeah, Mark, I'm here.

25 MR. ALATORRE: Thanks Jeff. So, we are all

1 available for questions, now.

2 MR. WICHERT: We've got one question, the Q/A on
3 the PM 2.5. "Will Title 24 the PM 2.5 related zip
4 codes, so stakeholders fully understand where PM 2.5-
5 specific measures will be implemented?"

6 MR. ALATORRE: I think that's in relation to a
7 different topic, the ventilation topic. Our
8 recommendation was that we were not going to specify
9 that. We were going to require MERV 13 across the State
10 and not get that granular as far as having, you know,
11 the State broken out by zip code or what have you.

12 But that's not accompanying this proposal.

13 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: The caller that asked
14 about the indoor air quality that PM 2.5 (inaudible) --
15 would like to have the transcript for June 6th. I think
16 your questions will be answered there.

17 MR. WICHERT: So, if there's no more questions
18 online, I think we can move on.

19 MR. ALATORRE: Okay, moving along to the next
20 topic, Demand Control Ventilation for Classrooms.
21 Acknowledging the CASE Authors, the same as the previous
22 measure, Jeff Stein, Stefan Gracik, and Matt Dahlhausen.

23 The background on this measure, carbon dioxide-
24 based DCV has been used in the industry for over 30
25 years. It's been a mandatory measure used for

1 classrooms in 90.1, since '99. And since its induction
2 into ASHRAE, they've continually reduced the space
3 density trigger for when DCV's been required.
4 Currently, now, it's down to 25 people per 1,000 square
5 feet.

6 In relation to California's Title 24, it's been
7 an option or recognized as a design criteria since '92,
8 and mandated for high-density spaces in 2001. And at
9 that time it included classrooms.

10 During the 2005 update to the standards
11 classrooms were taken out of the mandatory requirement,
12 they were given an exemption.

13 From what I know, the reasoning for excluding it
14 was there were concerns about sensor reliability and
15 they felt classrooms was not -- they wanted to safeguard
16 against classrooms.

17 However, given that CO2 based DCV have been
18 around and is highly used in California and nationally,
19 improvements have come with sensor reliability, as well
20 as reduction in costs.

21 So also, the CASE Team contended, in the Case
22 Report, that spaces that implement CO2 based DCV
23 actually achieve better indoor air quality. And the
24 reasoning being that the communication controls can
25 sense when you're not getting adequate outside air,

1 which isn't the case without DCV.

2 Again, because of the healthy industry of CO2
3 and DCV, there are many manufacturers of stand-alone
4 sensors. And many building automation systems, they
5 offer CO2 sensors imbedded into their thermostats.
6 However, not all CO2 sensors are created equal, there's
7 different types. And there should be care by the
8 designer on which one's specified. Some are not
9 practical for 24-hour facilities, while others are.
10 Some of that is outlined in the CASE Report. I'm not
11 going to get into that detail here.

12 The proposed code change is to amend Section
13 120.1(c)3 to apply to more spaces, including classrooms.
14 And also add the following, modulating outside air
15 control and design outdoor airflow rate greater than
16 3000 CFM as triggers for demand control ventilation.
17 And making these changes would align with current 90.1

18 So, for the energy analysis the CASE Team chose
19 to prototypes. Since this measure is primarily focusing
20 on schools, they chose a small school and large school
21 prototype.

22 No changes to the model, other than adding
23 demand control ventilation. And that yielded the
24 following, this is the first year impact for the small
25 school. It looks like the high of .73 kilowatt hours

1 per year, a gas saving high of .06 therms per year. A
2 peak reduction high of 2.9 times 10 to the negative 4
3 kilowatts. And a high TDV savings of 36.30. Again,
4 Climate Zone 15 being the outlier there.

5 For the large school, the same thing, Climate
6 Zone 15 had the electricity savings high. But on a TDV
7 basis it looks like Climate Zone 11 outperformed them.

8 The 15 year costs per square foot, we had an
9 electricity savings high of \$3.05 per square foot, a
10 natural gas savings high of \$.99. The total energy cost
11 savings of \$3.23 per square foot. This is for the small
12 school.

13 Similarly, for the large school, a savings high
14 of \$1.35 for electricity, \$.97 for gas, and \$1.74 TDV.

15 For the incremental costs, this was done using
16 manufacturer data and RS Means, and also included a
17 contractor cost for adding the demand control
18 ventilation. The contractors indicated an average of
19 \$216 per room in incremental cost for adding the CO2
20 sensors.

21 So, there's the same for the large school. If
22 you see, it yielded benefit cost ratios across all
23 climate zones, making this -- they were all great in
24 making this measure cost effective.

25 So, on a yearly basis we got an electricity

1 savings 2.525 gigawatt hours. I think at the end, I sum
2 them up at the end.

3 So, anyway, this is the small school savings,
4 the large school savings, totaling 3.34 gigawatt hours
5 saved and totaling a 2.169 megawatt hour reduction.

6 So, for the proposed code change, here's the
7 language. It would delete what's currently in Section
8 120.1(c)3 and it would change the language to these
9 triggers, rather than the previous one.

10 So, it's the same, 25 people per 1,000 square
11 feet, but the triggers would be an air economizer,
12 modulating outside air control, or design control
13 airflow rate greater than 3,000 CFM.

14 If you look at the exception, it removes
15 classrooms and other spaces from being exempt, but it
16 adds exemptions that, basically, these exemptions come
17 out of 90.1

18 So with that, I'm available for questions.

19 MR. WICHERT: Is there anyone online who would
20 like to make a comment or has a question? If not, I
21 think we'll be moving on to the next presentation.

22 MR. ALATORRE: Okay, the last topic for today,
23 Occupant Sensor Ventilation. Acknowledging the same
24 CASE Authors, Jeff, Stefan and Matt.

25 Background on this measure, occupant sensor

1 ventilation control was introduced under the 2013
2 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards update.
3 It was in response to ASHRAE's 62.1 Standards Committee
4 coming up with an addendum that would allow certain
5 spaces to go to zero ventilation when unoccupied. That
6 addendum was not finished in time for the 2013 update,
7 therefore, we did not pursue it completely. But there
8 was some occupant sensor ventilation control
9 requirements added in 2013.

10 So, those being that the following spaces need
11 to comply with occupant sensor ventilation control.
12 They did allow for the system to go to a reduce rate.
13 However, it wasn't completely turned off. They needed
14 to provide an average of 25 percent of the ventilation
15 rate over 2 hours. And it was only applicable to multi-
16 purpose rooms less than 1,000 square feet, classrooms
17 over 750 square feet, and conference auditoriums and
18 meeting center rooms greater than 750 square feet.

19 In the meantime, the 62.1 Committee did get it
20 passed and they defined occupied standby mode, which is
21 when a building space conditioning zone is scheduled to
22 be occupied, but the sensor indicates that no one's in
23 the zone.

24 And currently, ASHRAE 90.1 has approved a
25 proposal that will require that demand control

1 ventilation using occupied standby mode, but it's
2 currently out for public review.

3 So, occupied standby controls require an
4 occupant sensor to communicate with the thermostat or
5 building automation system. Because occupant sensors
6 have been required for lighting controls, there's a
7 wealth of options out there and available in the market.
8 And the proposal is only affecting spaces that currently
9 require an occupant sensor from the occupant
10 requirements. So, this wouldn't add the cost of a new
11 sensor, it would just -- the sensor's already required
12 because of the lighting control requirements.

13 So, the proposed change proposal, it is required
14 to completely shut off the ventilation rather than
15 maintain 25 percent over 2 hours. And it also modifies
16 the space types where it's applicable to.

17 The key change that I would like to highlight is
18 it would not be applicable to K through 12 classrooms.
19 So, that would be an exempt space. And that's to
20 reflect the requirements of ASHRAE 62.1 that does not
21 allow elementary schools or K through 12 classrooms to
22 be one of the occupied standby mode zones.

23 MR. GRACIK: Hi Mark, this is Stefan, one of the
24 CASE Authors. I'm sorry to interrupt. I just wanted to
25 mention that as far as K through 12 classrooms, we're

1 considering trying to include them and moving away from
2 62.1., but I don't believe -- we're still working out
3 the details as to how to do that and how to still -- as
4 there are other proposals that involved 62.1 into Title
5 24. So, we're figuring how to resolve that.

6 MR. ALATORRE: Okay. Additionally, aside from
7 mandating specific zones to be part of the occupied
8 standby zone, they're recommending that the following be
9 included as compliance options. That would include
10 what's listed on the slide. These are zones that are
11 allowed under 62.1 to be in occupied standby mode.

12 For the energy analysis they chose the small
13 office and they made tweaks to the interior zones. A
14 small office typically has a core zone, with four
15 perimeter, and they added a conference and closed
16 offices.

17 To go back to the prototype, so the baseline
18 prototype for this measure would -- the way they
19 simulated the occupant sensor requirement, they would
20 turn the HVAC system off for 15 minutes every hour to
21 maintain the 25 percent ventilation rate.

22 And the proposed design, the HVAC was turned off
23 for the whole hour.

24 Another thing that was key was the assumption
25 for occupancy, schedule occupancy. And the occupancy

1 recommendations, or the ones that were assumed are
2 highlighted in the CASE Report and also in the appendix
3 of the report, with much more detail than I'm going to
4 get into in this presentation. I recommend that people
5 who are on the call pick up the CASE Report and look
6 through that, so they can get an understanding of the
7 assumptions made there.

8 The first year impact showed that there was an
9 electricity savings high of .27 kilowatt hours per year.
10 A natural gas saving high of 9.10 times 10 to the
11 negative 3 therms per year.

12 Peak demand reduction, 2.05 times 10 to the
13 negative 4 kilowatts. And energy cost savings or TDV
14 savings, it looks like the high was 9.31.

15 So, 15 year impact. An electricity high savings
16 of .77, a natural gas saving high of .16. Total energy
17 cost savings of .83.

18 So, for cost effectiveness, the incremental
19 cost, this was done by contractor quotes. That they
20 interviewed. Let's see, how many -- let's see, based on
21 the interview they said that it was \$100 average per
22 room. So, for seven rooms, on a 5,500 square foot
23 building, it came out to \$.13 incremental cost per
24 square foot.

25 They also assumed that there was another \$.13

1 over the 15-year life of a replacement sensor and
2 controls. Actually, it was \$.13, it was 12 and a half
3 cents. So, combining the two, you get a \$.25
4 incremental cost.

5 Comparing that to the energy savings, you've got
6 benefit cost ratios as shown, showing cost effectiveness
7 in all climate zones.

8 The statewide energy and cost impacts over the
9 life -- or, not over the life, but the impact. It looks
10 like we've got a gigawatt hour savings of 2.536 and a
11 demand reduction .598.

12 So, going into the proposed language, this would
13 amend Section 20.1(c)5. And it would eliminate the
14 requirement in C, D and E. Those would be the reduction
15 of the airflow rate and maintaining 25 percent over the
16 2 hours.

17 The main requirement would be put into 120.(e)3,
18 replacing (e)3 with the following. So, zones serving
19 only rooms that are required to have an occupant-sensing
20 light control per the lighting control requirements and
21 where Table 120.1.A, which we are recommending a
22 different proposal to adopt ASHRAE tables, ventilation
23 tables. Occupancy category permits the ventilation air
24 to be reduced to zero when the space is in occupied
25 standby mode.

1 They had some recommended deletions of certain
2 exemptions and that's because they were no longer
3 applicable.

4 They also wanted to add the definition for
5 occupied standby mode in Section 100.1.

6 MR. GRACIK: Hey Mark, this is Stefan, one of
7 the CASE Authors.

8 MR. ALATORRE: Stefan.

9 MR. GRACIK: I just want to point out that
10 there's a --

11 MR. WICHERT: You have to get very close to the
12 mic, like very close.

13 MR. GRACIK: This is Stefan, the CASE Author.
14 And I just wanted to point out that there's a few pieces
15 that are in flux in this code measure language. So,
16 what it ultimately is proposed is the draft may be
17 slightly different than what's shown here, but for the
18 most part it's the same.

19 MR. ALATORRE: Okay, thank you.

20 So, with that, I as well as the CASE Authors,
21 we're available for questions.

22 MR. WICHERT: There is one thing. There are
23 some questions -- I don't think the audience was able to
24 hear your first comment. And I don't know if you could
25 repeat that for clarity, there's some question.

1 MR. GRACIK: Hi, this is Stefan, the CASE
2 Author, or one of the CASE Authors for this measure.
3 And there was a question about what I said earlier and
4 it was just that the exception of K through 12 schools
5 that was written for the previous measure, the demand
6 cooled ventilation. We're considering removing that
7 from the exception -- we're considering removing that as
8 an exception and adding K through 12 schools, along with
9 the rest of the classrooms as a space that requires
10 demand controlled ventilation. I just wanted to mention
11 that we're thinking about that.

12 There are some issues since ASHRAE 62.1 does not
13 allow that, so we are working to resolve how we would
14 sort of put that piece into it, while still considering
15 adopting 62.1 in a separate measure.

16 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: This is Payam, real
17 quick. The report's already posted on the website, so
18 more details on that, please review that report -- It's
19 actually on the top24stakeholders.com website.

20 Well, if there are no more questions, then this
21 --

22 MR. ALATORRE: Do we want to do that Q/A, RJ, to
23 see if anybody had questions about previous
24 presentations?

25 MR. WICHERT: There is one Q/A from a previous

1 presentation that I can read off, if you're ready for
2 it.

3 This is from Ben Doldich regarding, "For data
4 center applications what consideration has CEC made for
5 new ASHRAE 90.4 energy standard for data centers and use
6 of NLC calculation instead of water economizer. If
7 none, why not and when?

8 MR. ALATORRE: I think that question was posed
9 during the previous presentations and the answer was we
10 don't -- we're not actively maintaining or keeping an
11 eye on 90.4, we're not required to. We are required to
12 consider 90.1, however, and so that's why.

13 When? Again, I don't think we're going to be
14 pursuing changes to 90.4 at this time. It's just not
15 something in our scope.

16 MR. PAYAM BOZORGCHAMI: So, if there's no more
17 questions in the Q/A session, this ends our
18 PreRulemaking Workshop for today.

19 We'll be here again on Thursday, June 22nd, here
20 at the Energy Commission for the Nonresidential Lighting
21 Measures.

22 For all the measures that you heard today,
23 comments are due to the Commission website, as you see
24 on Mark's presentation right there, by June the 7th --
25 excuse me, July 7th, I'm sorry. Making sure that

1 everyone's awake. And I'm not.

2 And the presentations that you heard today are
3 going to be posted by tomorrow, on our website.

4 Thank you.

5 (Thereupon, the Workshop was adjourned at
6 1:04 p.m.)

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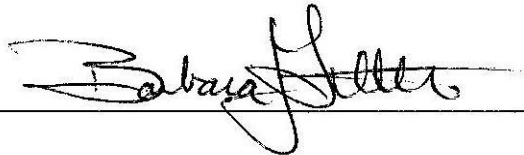
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