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RE: Docket #17-BSTD-02

Since 2003, The Energy Guy has provided energy efficiency ratings and facilitated home upgrade programs. We are an expanding team of [25+] Raters working in all regions of California. We work directly with HVAC and retrofit contractors to provide high-quality HERS inspections and streamline the process for Title 24 and other energy assessment programs.

We fully support California's ambitious energy code. HERS Raters provide a necessary and critical role in achieving the code's anticipated energy savings. HERS Raters provide an independent verification of compliance. In that context, we believe the updated Standards should extend those verification requirements to solar photovoltaic systems and batteries.

Like prior Standard increases to envelope and HVAC systems, the proposed rules regarding solar and batteries will have a substantial impact on compliance. Without verification, there is increased chance lost savings due to improper installation.

The Energy Guy is grateful for the opportunity to work with CEC staff on this issue. Third party verification of installed solar systems is vital achieving the savings of the proposed Standards.

Respectfully,

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