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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission**

In the matter of,

California Energy Commission decision)	EXHIBIT A,
on the National Environmental)	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Balancing Bureau amendment to its)	RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE
existing acceptance test technician)	NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
certification provider application in)	BALANCING BUREAU AS A
accordance with the <i>2019 Building</i>)	NONRESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL
<i>Energy Efficiency Standards.</i>)	ACCEPTANCE TEST TECHNICIAN
_____)	CERTIFICATION PROVIDER

January 8, 2020

Executive Summary

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff has reviewed the National Environmental Balancing Bureau's (NEBB) 2019 update report pursuant to Section 10-103.2(e) of the *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code)* to add the 2019 Energy Code to its existing acceptance test technician certification provider (ATTCP) certification services originally approved on May 5, 2018. NEBB submitted its update report on March 12, 2019.

Staff determined that the NEBB 2019 update report meets the requirements of Section 10-103.2(c) of the 2019 Energy Code. Staff recommends that the CEC consider the approval of the NEBB update report to amend its training materials to be compliant with the 2019 Energy Code in its existing ATTCP application.

Background

Acceptance testing ensures that technicians install and make operational the equipment, controls, and systems in nonresidential buildings as required by the Energy Code. The CEC developed the ATTCP program to improve compliance with lighting controls and mechanical acceptance test requirements.

ATTCP Program

The ATTCP program provides training, certification, and oversight of technicians and their employers who perform acceptance tests required by the Energy Code. Providers are professional organizations approved to provide the training curricula, as well as certification procedures, complaint resolution services (including disciplinary procedures), quality assurance, and accountability measures to technicians and their employers.

2019 Energy Code

The CEC-adopted 2019 Energy Code included significant changes that affect the training requirements of the mechanical ATTCPs (M-ATTCPs). The most significant of these changes include the addition of a new acceptance test and substantial alterations to existing acceptance tests. These changes will substantively alter the requirements of the M-ATTCP application materials for the M-ATTCP, acceptance test technician (ATT), and

acceptance test employer (ATE). Therefore, the CEC must approve each M-ATTCP 2019 update report at a public business meeting.

Summary of the Staff Evaluation

CEC staff reviewed NEBB’s 2019 update report as amended pursuant to Section 10-103.2(f)1 of the 2019 Energy Code. Staff evaluated the proposed substantive and nonsubstantive amendments to the training curricula. Pursuant to Section 10-103.2(e), staff determined that the update report is complete and requires no additional information. Staff determined that the substantive and nonsubstantive amendments meet the requirements in Section 10-103.2(c) of the 2019 Energy Code.

Pursuant to Section 10-103-B(f) of the 2019 Energy Code, staff has published a staff evaluation of the NEBB 2019 update report and posted it to the CEC website with a notice of availability (sent via the CEC’s listservs) on January 10, 2020, to give interested parties a reasonable amount of time to review and provide comments.

Recommendation of the Executive Officer

Based upon staff’s review and verification of the NEBB 2019 update report, I recommend that the CEC confirm these findings and approve the NEBB 2019 update report.

This approval authorizes NEBB to administer the program described in its application as amended by the update report, to train, certify, and provide necessary oversight for ATTs and ATEs to perform the nonresidential mechanical acceptance tests, as required under the 2019 Energy Code.

<u>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY</u>	<u>January 8, 2020</u>
Drew Bohan	Date
Executive Director	
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