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December 2, 2020

Ms. Danuta Drozdowicz
California Energy Commission
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 37
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: City of Sunnyvale Reach Code Adoption

Dear Danuta,

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our reliance on natural gas, the City of Sunnyvale has adopted, for your approval, a Reach Code ordinance aimed at addressing these concerns. As part of our implementation of the Reach Codes and our commitment to the State's regulations, the City will continue to enforce the 2019 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code and ensure the buildings will not consume more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6..

The ordinance (attached) was adopted on December 1, 2020 and, pending the State of California Energy Commission's approval, will be effective immediately after State approval. Findings are outlined in the ordinance as found on pages 1 to 3 and the following cost-effectiveness studies were used to support the justification for the increased restrictions of gas appliances.

1. 2019 Cost-effectiveness Study: Low-Rise Residential New Construction prepared by Frontier Energy, Inc. and Misti Bruceri & Associates, LLC.
https://localenergycodes.com/download/73/file_path/fieldList/2019%20Res%20NC%20Cost-eff%20Report
2. 2019 Nonresidential New Construction Reach Code Cost Effectiveness Study prepared by TRC and EnergySoft.
https://localenergycodes.com/download/74/file_path/fieldList/2019%20NR%20NC%20Cost%20Effectiveness%20Report
3. 2019 Mid-Rise New Construction Reach Code Cost-Effectiveness Study prepared by Frontier Energy, Inc., Misti Bruceri & Associates, LLC, and EnergySoft.



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https://localenergycodes.com/download/492/file_path/fieldList/2019%20Midrise%20NC%20Cost-Eff%20Report.pdf

The adoption of the Reach Codes ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15308 (Class 8) Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and Section 15305 (Class 5) Minor alterations in Land Use Limitations and Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines, that this ordinance is exempt because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the changes adopted will have a significant negative effect on the environment.

Thank you for consideration of our ordinance for approval by the Commission. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

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