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May 24, 2021

Mr. Heriberto Rosales
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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 19-DECARB-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

(submitted electronically to Docket 19-DECARB-01)

Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period in Response to Building Decarbonization Assessment Draft Staff Report to July 2, 2021 [Docket Number 19-Decarb-01]

Dear Messrs. Rosales and Janusch:

The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) respectfully requests that the California Energy Commission (CEC) extend the public comment period in response to the Building Decarbonization Assessment Draft Staff Report thirty (30) days to July 2, 2021 instead of the June 4, 2021 deadline.

On Friday, May 21, CEC staff held a Building Decarbonization Assessment Draft Staff Report Workshop with comments due on June 4, 2021. CEC staff presented a highly technical report with significant implications for the over 332 air-conditioning, heating, and refrigeration equipment manufacturers AHRI represents. In the United States, the industry supports 1.3 million jobs and \$256 billion in economic activity annually – many in the state of California.

The Building Decarbonization Assessment Draft Staff Report will require the manufactures to meet and discuss the analysis and policy issues within the report. This report was released simultaneously with the Title 24-2022 Express Terms – another significantly impactful proceeding. To allow for proper stakeholder engagement in both the energy code and energy policy, AHRI requests that CEC extend the comment deadline by thirty (30) days to July 2, 2021.

Thank you for the review and consideration of AHRI's request for a thirty (30) day extension to the California Building Decarbonization Assessment Draft Staff Report

public comment period. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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