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PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPAS APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY RULEMAKING

REMOTE VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Reported by:
Martha Nelson
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Sadati
MS. LOPEZ: Good morning everyone. My name is Jessica Lopez. I’m an Engineer in the Appliances Office in the Commission’s Efficiency Division. I want to welcome everybody to the public hearing for Portable Electric Spas Proposed Amendments.

So here are just a few housekeeping rules. All lines will be muted until after the presentation. Following the presentation, we’ll take public comments. If you have any general clarifying questions, you can type those in the Q&A section.

For any kind of public comments related to the proposed regulations, please raise your hand to speak and the host will give you the ability to speak, and then you can un-mute yourself.

If you’re on a cell phone, you can raise your hand by dialing star nine. The host will give you the ability to speak. And then you can dial star six to mute or un-mute yourself.

And then before commenting, please, state
your name and affiliation for the record.

So this public hearing is being held pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code section 11346.8. It is being held online due to COVID-19 Public Health Order.

The purpose of the public hearing is to collect oral comments for review and consideration related to the Portable Electric Spas proposed amendments. We will be collecting comments but we will not be responding to comments today.

The public hearing is being recorded by a Court Reporter and all statements become part of the public record.

Here is just a brief overview of the history of this rulemaking.

On August 19, 2020, the Energy Commission adopted an order instituting rulemaking to initiate the rulemaking.

Then, on May 14, 2021, the Energy Commission released initial rulemaking documents, such as the Notice of Proposed Action, Initial Statement of Reasons, the Economic and Fiscal
Impact Statement, the proposed regulatory language, and a Staff paper.

On June 28th, 2021, which was yesterday, the 45-day comment period closed. Today, we are holding a public hearing to collect comments.

And on July 15, 2021, Staff will be seeking approval from the Energy Commission to adopt the proposed regulations. At this business meeting there will also be an opportunity to comment on this rulemaking.

Copies of the rulemaking documents are available online in Docket 20-AAER-04.

So next, I’ll provide an overview of the proposed amendments for portable electric spas.

Before, and just to give you some background, in 2018 the Energy Commission adopted changes to Title 20 amending the Appliance Efficiency Regulations for Portable Electric Spas. The amendments included expanding the scope, more stringent efficiency standards for standard, exercise and combination spas, a separate efficiency standard for inflatable spas, test procedure modifications to accommodate that expanded scope of products, and a labeling requirement which was modified to be California-
specific to standardize the label. These amendments were based on the 2014 version of the industry standard APSP-14 but were modified to exceed requirements specified or to add clarification.

In 2019 the revised standard was published, incorporating the regulations adopted in 2018 by the CEC.

The 2019 version of APSP-14 aligns with California Efficiency Standards for Portable Electric Spas in effect today. With that, we are proposing to amend existing regulations for portable electric spas to update the test procedure reference, which includes simplifying the certification process for test laboratories and the labeling design requirements to align with industry standards. Additional changes are being proposed to simplify the structure of existing regulations. There are some differences but none that effect the performance standard or the test method for determining the efficiency of spas.

So, specifically, we are proposing to update the test procedure reference from the 2014 version of APSP-14 with modifications to the 2019
version of APSP-14 with no modification. And then we’re also amending the label design from a California-specific label to a universal label.

That concludes my presentation. We will begin taking public comments. And just remember to state your name and organization for the record. And again, if you would like to make a comment, please raise your hand, or type in your comment in the Q&A.

(Pause)

MS. LOPEZ: I’m not seeing any raised hands yet. We will stay on the line, approximately until 10:30. If anyone wants to make a comment, you can.

I see one raised hand, Tony Sadati. Hopefully, I said that right.

Tony? You might be muted.

MR. SADATI: Can you hear me?

MS. LOPEZ: Yes, we can hear you.

MR. SADATI: Yes. My name is Tony Sadati. We’re a portable spa manufacturer. I represent four brands, Sundance Spa, Jacuzzi Hot Tubs, Dimension One, and Thermal Spas. And we fully support this requirement to change to the latest addition of the APSP-14. I just wanted to
say that.

Thank you.

MS. LOPEZ: Thank you.

(Pause)

MS. LOPEZ: So we just received one comment and I want to read it out loud for the Court Reporter. This is from Nathan Coelho from Master Spas. He says,

“Thanks for all of the work getting this to where it is today. We support the changes proposed here.”

(Pause)

MS. LOPEZ: So we just received another comment in the chat box and I want to read it out loud for the Court Reporter. It says,

“Hello. This is Marisa Lee from Energy Solutions on behalf of the California Owned Utilities,” in quotes, “‘PG&E, SCE and SDG&E.’” The California IOUs support the Energy Commission’s proposed updates to the Portable Electric Spas test procedures and labeling requirements and thank the Energy Commission for the opportunity to be involved in this process.”

Thank you, Marisa, for your comment.
(Pause)

MS. LOPEZ: Okay, so it’s 10:30. We’re going to end the public hearing now if there aren’t any more comments. Remember that there is an opportunity to comment again at the July 15 business meeting. And if you have any questions about this specific rulemaking or the process, please feel free to contact me or Corrine Fishman, our Regulations Manager.

Thank you everyone for attending.

MS. FISHMAN: Thank you, Jessica.

(Off the record at 10:30 a.m.)
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