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Hi Steve,

Thank you for your email explaining the plans to pilot the RESNET HERS Index with national production builders in California.

The Energy Commission supports RESNET's plans to use the CBECC-Res code compliance software in this pilot to calculate RESNET HERS Indices for new California homes. We understand that most of the building information needed for a RESNET HERS Index is the same as what is needed to verify Title-24 code compliance using the CBECC-Res software.

The Energy Commission understands that RESNET will be working with California's HERS Providers during this pilot project, along with California production builders. We support these partnerships and look forward to receiving the results of this pilot, which we agree should inform our future HERS II regulation update.

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Drew Bohan,

For the past four years the staff of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the Residential

Energy Services Network (RESNET) has been in discussion of the harmonization of HERS ratings between California and the rest of the nation. The effort is being driven by the desire of national production builders to use the RESNET HERS Index that they use to market the energy efficiency of their homes in the state of California.

The result of the discussions has led to an agreement that national energy rating systems should be recognized in California. The CEC staff concluded, however, that in order for this to take place the current CEC regulations need to be modified.

RESNET is seeking your recognition of a true market research project that would quantify how RESNET HERS Index ratings could be used by builders to market the energy efficiency of their homes while not disrupting the CEC programs. The results of the research project could guide CEC staff in updating the CEC HERS regulations. RESNET's research would not require any CEC funding.

RESNET formally requests that the CEC acknowledge this RESNET HERS research effort with HERS Providers and California new home builders. RESNET is not asking for any financial support for this research. Further, we have confirmed with the CBECC-R consultant team that the resources used to ready the software for this research project will not detract from or delay any CEC Title-24 CBECC-R software work they are contractually obligated to complete.

Attached is the formal letter on our request along with information on RESNET and the HERS Index.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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