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The Residential Energy Services Network, Inc. (RESNET®) appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Request for Information on the Whole-House Home Energy Labeling Pre-rulemaking. The following are our comments for your consideration.

RESNET is a 501c3 public purpose California-incorporated non-profit membership organization. We are governed by a Board of Directors that is elected by its membership which includes representatives of the national home energy rating industry and building industry stakeholders including builder, appraiser, contractor and code official organizations.

Founded in 1995, RESNET's purpose is to develop a national market for home energy rating systems and mortgage recognition of the energy performance of homes. RESNET is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited national consensus standards-making body for building energy, water and carbon efficiency rating and certification systems in the US. It employs a consensus-based standard development and amendment process. RESNET standards are recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Energy, the secondary mortgage market and the International Energy Conservation Code.

Our legacy product is the HERS® Index which provides a rating of the home's energy performance. To date over 4 million homes in the US have been HERS rated and in 2023 over 290,000 homes were rated nationally.

RESNET has worked with the CEC since the early 2000s on the use of the term "HERS", and more recently on a pilot program to study the overlap of modeling software.

RESNET supports the CEC in this effort and is willing to contribute to this effort. Through our partners, RESNET will share the knowledge and information gained through the pilot program. RESNET can also share the data behind the market forces driving the demand for home scores, especially the scores that lead to quantifiable greenhouse gas reductions.

We are particularly interested in working with the CEC to come up with a labeling Whole-House Home Energy Labeling Program that could complement the HERS Index Score in the state, so that California builders can receive the CEC label and still qualify for national programs such as green mortgages and ESG reporting through the HERS Index Score.