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## **Notice of Public Comment Period CHEERS Home Energy Rating System Provider and Data Registry Applications Docket # 22-HERS-01**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is providing interested members of the public with the opportunity to comment on the California Home Energy Efficiency Rating Services (CHEERS) Home Energy Rating System (HERS) provider and residential data registry applications for the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code).

### **Background**

The Warren-Alquist Act directs the CEC to establish criteria for a statewide HERS program. Home energy rating services cannot be performed in California, unless those services are certified according to the program established by the CEC. The CEC's California HERS program regulations establish requirements for home energy rating systems, providers (including the providers' training and certification of raters), and CEC certification of providers. The regulations define a provider as an organization that administers a California HERS program.

Building projects that include energy efficiency measures requiring field verification and diagnostic testing (FV&DT) must register certificates of compliance, installation, and verification through a residential data registry.<sup>1,2</sup> These certificates may be used to demonstrate compliance to enforcement agencies during the building permit process.

CHEERS, an approved HERS provider, has applied pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 24, section 10-109(g)1, for modification of its 2022 Energy Code residential data registry to incorporate low-rise multifamily compliance documents listed in the Data Registry Requirements Manual.<sup>3</sup> A component of the application changes the provider's approved materials previously submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1674(a). This revision consequently requires that the applicant's previous certification be re-certified.

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<sup>1</sup> Qualifying measures are listed in the Nonresidential Appendix section NA1.1 and Residential Appendix section RA2.2.

<sup>2</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 24, part 1, section 10-103(a).

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2022/2022-data-registry-requirements-manual-2022-building-energy-efficiency-standards>

The nonconfidential parts of the application are available for review on the [2022 HERS Provider's Application docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-01) located at:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-01>.

At the time of this notice, the application submissions include:

<b>Submission Title</b>	<b>TN</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date</b>
CHEERS Application for Confidential Designation	253884	Public	01/16/24
CHEERS HERS Provider Application - LRMF Amendment	254633	Confidential	01/15/24
CHEERS Data Registry Application - LRMF Amendment	254634	Confidential	01/15/24
Registered Compliance Documents Examples	254761	Public	03/01/24
Registered Compliance Documents Examples	254962	Public	03/11/24

Staff has confirmed the residential data registry application is complete, pursuant to Title 20 section 1674(c)1 and Title 24 section 10-110(b). Staff will continue to evaluate the application against applicable regulatory requirements.

Staff plans to present a recommendation to approve the CHEERS data registry application and provider re-certification at the June 12, 2024, CEC business meeting. If approved by the CEC, CHEERS will be authorized to incorporate low-rise multifamily compliance documents into its residential data registry. CHEERS will also be authorized to train, certify, and oversee raters for the 2022 Energy Code for permitted low-rise single-family residential, multifamily, and nonresidential projects using the submitted updates to its training materials.

### **Public Comment**

Comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2024**. Written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-filing page for this notice](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-01) at  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-01>.

Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comments. Comments may be entered into the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in compliance with California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 22-HERS-01 and CHEERS Home Energy Rating System Provider and Data Registry Applications in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

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