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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Final Building Initiative for Low-Emissions (BUILD) Program Guidelines, Second Edition and Notice of Proposed Adoption by the California Energy Commission Docket 20-DECARB-01

Introduction

The proposed Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program Guidelines, Second Edition (Second Edition Guidelines) is now available for review and can be downloaded on the [BUILD Docket page](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01>.

The proposed Second Edition Guidelines will be considered for adoption at the California Energy Commission (CEC) Business Meeting on:

February 12, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
In-person and Remote Access

To view the business meeting agenda and for details on how to access the meeting and participate by Zoom, please go to the CEC's Business Meeting [webpage](#) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2025-02/energy-commission-business-meeting>.

Background

Senate Bill 1477 (Stern, Chapter 378, Statutes of 2018) authorized two building decarbonization programs to encourage the development and deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies: the BUILD Program and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative. BUILD is a residential building decarbonization program that provides technical assistance and incentives to support the adoption of advanced building design and near-zero-emission technologies in new all-electric, low-income residential buildings. The BUILD Program is overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and administered by the CEC.

Changes from the draft to the proposed Second Edition Guidelines are provided as bold underlined text below:

Project Completion Requirement (Chapter 5, Section A.4.a.iv and xi)

- Projects in non-virtual net energy metering (VNEM) territory Proof of a measure installation and a rental/lease agreement provision/addendum template for all units subject to BUILD Program affordability requirements. The provision/addendum would provide the Custom Path Tool's monthly modeled resident utility cost difference(s) as a utility rent/lease credit for no less than five (5) years, **effective upon approval of Step 3 Project Completion application**. This provision is only for projects requiring a Custom Path Tool tenant PV allocation and located in a utility service territory without a VNEM or equivalent program.
- **Evaluation Measurement & Verification (EM&V)**
Verification of the project completion survey **if** administered by the third-party evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V) team.

Public Comment. Oral comments will be accepted at the February 12, 2025, Business Meeting. Public comments may be limited to two minutes per speaker and one person per organization. The Agenda on the CEC business meeting event webpage linked above has instructions on how to participate in the meeting in person or via zoom, including commenting at the meeting. If you need assistance making a comment at the business meeting, please contact the CEC's Public Advisor at the email or phone number below.

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