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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUILDING INITIATIVE FOR LOW-EMISSIONS
DEVELOPMENT (20-DECARB-01) GUIDELINES, SECOND EDITION**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1477 (SB 1477, Statutes of 2018, Chapter 378), added, among other statutes, Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 921 et seq., which directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to develop and supervise the administration of the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) program to require gas corporations to provide incentives to eligible applicants for the deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies to significantly reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from those buildings below the minimum projected emissions reductions that would otherwise be expected to result from the implementation of the prescriptive standards described in Section 150.1 of Subchapter 8 of Part 6 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, PUC Section 921.1(a)(2) provides that the CPUC may determine whether each gas corporation or a third party, including the CEC, shall administer the BUILD program; and

WHEREAS, CPUC Decision (D.) 20-03-027, Ordering Paragraph 10 designates the CEC as the administrator of the BUILD program; and

WHEREAS, PUC section 921.1(d)(4)(A) provides that the CPUC shall develop BUILD program guidelines (Guidelines) that include, at a minimum, a list of eligible technologies, a process for evaluating new technologies, criteria for scoring and selecting projects, and a process and set of metrics by which to evaluate and track the program's results, and CPUC D.20-03-027, at page 10, notes the CPUC will coordinate with the CEC to develop BUILD Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, CPUC Resolution E-5116, at page 11, requires the CEC, as BUILD program administrator, to submit future editions of the BUILD Guidelines to the CPUC using the Tier 1 Business Letter procedure; and

WHEREAS, the BUILD Draft Guidelines, Second Edition, was published to the BUILD docket on November 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff conducted a public workshop on November 19, 2024, to solicit stakeholder feedback on the BUILD Draft Guidelines, Second Edition; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff published a final set of revisions of the Proposed Final BUILD Guidelines, Second Edition to the BUILD program docket on January 31, 2025, which incorporated additional changes based on stakeholder feedback; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the CEC's adoption of the Proposed Final BUILD Guidelines, Second Edition and opined that the CEC's adoption of these Guidelines is exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15307, 15308, and 15061(b)(3); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC hereby finds the adoption of the BUILD Guidelines, Second Edition to be exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15307 and 15308 (Class 7 and 8 exemptions) and Section 15061(b)(3) (common-sense exemption); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts the BUILD Guidelines, Second Edition and delegates the authority and directs the CEC staff to take, on behalf of the CEC, all actions reasonably necessary to implement the BUILD program as specified in the Guidelines, including, if necessary, making grammatical or other nonsubstantive, minor changes to the Guidelines as needed and submitting the Guidelines to the CPUC using the Tier 1 Business Letter procedure, as specified in CPUC Resolution E-5116 and CPUC General Order 96-B.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on February 12, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: February 13, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kristine Banaag
Secretariat