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Drew Bohan Executive Director, California Energy Commission

RE: Public Comment Docket Number: 22-HERS-01 Project Title: 2022 HERS Provider Applications for the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards TN Number: 261766

Dear Mr. Bohan:

ARCXIS serves as the largest HERS rating company in the state and, to the best of our knowledge, the only one that does both new and existing home inspections, we have decades of experience and observations from the field that ground our comments.

We support the approval of Golden State Registry as a HERS Provider. Having several approved Providers helps the overall goals of the program. We raised concerns about the number of Providers as the Commission reviewed and revised elements of the HERS program. Since a previous Provider, CalCERTS, stopped operating, pricing has increased anywhere from **150%-700%**. These increases ultimately are passed along to consumers. We all agree that HERS program participation should increase but if we continually increase prices for customers we will never reach those goals.

We hope that in addition to supporting the approval of the Golden State Registry, the Commission is actively encouraging others to participate as Providers to help further drive down costs.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Risch csalonathan Risch Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Commissioner McAllister