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Statement By: Eric Jacoby

Regarding: Ownership and Conflict of Interest

Company: National Energy Testing Institute Inc.

DBA: Golden State Registry

Ownership: Private (100%)

Owners: Jonathan Johnson 50% & Eric Jacoby 50%

Statements

I, Eric Jacoby, make the following statements to confirm my financial interest and ownership of National Energy Testing Institute, DBA Golden State Registry.

As owner of 50% of the shares of National Energy Testing Institute Inc. I am a stakeholder in the application for Golden State Registry to become a HERS Provider and Registry. In that capacity, I make the following statements.

1. Golden State Registry is a DBA of National Energy Testing Institute Inc. (See application exhibit: Ex A1b)
National Energy Testing Institute Inc. is incorporated under the:
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Office of the Secretary of State
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Type: GENERAL STOCK CORPORATION
(See Ex A1a)
2. National Energy Testing Institute Inc. is owned by two shareholders (only) whose names appear on the stock certificates of ownership "National Energy Testing Institute Inc- Stock Certificates" supplied to the Commission for review.
3. I do not own stock, shares, or any private ownership stake in any company involved in HERS Ratings, inspections, or the installation of energy upgrades such as HVAC, plumbing, insulation, construction of homes or buildings, or any other field that is required to produce certified documents through a HERS Registry or be inspected or verified by a HERS Rater in the State of California.
4. I do not own stock, shares, or any private ownership stake in any company, partnership, or trust that is connected to individuals or family members who are employed by or retain ownership stakes in any company involved in HERS Ratings, inspections, or the installation of energy upgrades such as HVAC, plumbing, insulation, construction of homes or buildings, or any other field that is required to produce certified documents through a HERS Registry or be inspected or verified by a HERS Rater in the State of California.
5. I am not employed by, or taking payment for services from, any company involved in HERS Ratings, inspections, or the installation of energy upgrades such as HVAC, plumbing, insulation, construction of homes or buildings, or any other field that is required to produce

certified documents through a HERS Registry or be inspected or verified by a HERS Rater in the State of California. Any former services I have provided to such companies or entities have ceased upon the completion of Golden State Registry's application to become a HERS Provider and Registry under approval from the California Energy Commission.

6. Statement on former ownership and affiliations: I was the owner and founder of a company called iE Inc. until September of 2009. The ownership of iE Inc., DBA iPermit Eraters, was transferred to Ian Jacoby (Son) at that time. After this time I retained no ownership stake in the company. I worked in different capacities as an employee of iE Inc. until it was bought by Arcxis in March 2021 at which time iPermit became a subsidiary of Arcxis. See the following information regarding Arcxis:

Headquarters: 19450 State HWY 249, STE 300, Houston, TX 77070

Phone: (855) 500-3747

Website: www.arcxis.com

Ownership: Majority owned by Saw Mill Capital, LLC

Services: Offers over 100 types of residential inspections, including code, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and cosmetic inspections

Regional offices: Atlanta, GA; Minneapolis, MN; Phoenix, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; San Diego, CA; and Pleasant Hill, CA

California services: Offers energy inspections, engineering, energy modeling, utilities, and tax incentive rebate assistance

Subsidiary: iPermit, which offers energy inspections for existing homes

7. Statement on Family Members: This is my disclosure regarding family members who retain a financial interest in, or are employed by, any company or companies that receive revenue from, or are likely to engage in, HERS Inspections, the creation of documents through a HERS Registry, or any other activity involved with the Title 24 process in the State of California.

Ian Jacoby: Ian Jacoby is the former owner of iE Inc. (DBA iPermit Eraters, and iPermit.) iE Inc. was sold to Arcxis in March 2021, at which time Ian Jacoby became an employee of Arcxis.

Relationship to Eric Jacoby: Son

Current Position: President, iPermit

Responsibilities: Ian Jacoby is responsible for the management of iPermit operations (for Arcxis.) Ian does not conduct HERS Inspections or manage HERS Raters as a part of his daily responsibilities (iPermit has HERS Managers responsible for this.)

In Conclusion

As a 50% owner of National Energy Testing Institute (DBA Golden State Registry) I have performed my due diligence to make myself aware of all statutes and requirements for compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 20 (Chapter 4, Article 8, Sections 1670 – 1675, See Below.)

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 20

Chapter 4, Article 8, Sections 1670 – 1675

California Home Energy Rating System Program

§1671. Definitions.

NOTE: The definitions of "independent entity" and "financial interest," together with Section 1673(j), prohibit conflicts of interest between Providers and Raters, or between Providers/Raters and builders/subcontractors.

Financial Interest means an ownership interest, debt agreement, or employer/employee relationship. Financial interest does not include ownership of less than five percent of the outstanding equity securities of a publicly traded corporation.

Independent Entity means having no financial interest in, and not advocating or recommending the use of any product or service as a means of gaining increased business with, firms or persons specified in Section 1673(j).

§1673. Requirements for Providers.

(j) Conflict of Interest.

- (1) Providers shall be independent entities from Raters.
- (2) Providers and Raters shall be independent entities from the builder and from the subcontractor installer of energy efficiency improvements field verified or diagnostically tested.
- (3) Providers and Raters shall be independent entities from any firm or person that performs work on the home for a California Home Energy Audit or a California Whole-House Home Energy Rating.

In light of the requirements set forth herein, I make the following statement.

Statement from Eric Jacoby

In the interest of receiving approval for National Energy Testing Institute Inc. (DBA Golden State Registry) to be approved by the California Energy Commission as a HERS Registry and Provider, I make the following assurances and statements.

1. National Energy Testing Institute Inc. is an independent entity. No individual (including family members) with a financial interest in, or who are employed by National Energy Testing Institute Inc. shall be allowed to simultaneously perform, or be employed by any corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that conducts HERS Ratings, performs FV/DT inspections, or produces documents through the GSR Registry.
2. National Energy Testing Institute Inc. is an independent entity from all builders and subcontractors who install energy efficiency improvements that are required to be field verified or diagnostically tested. At no time shall any individual, partnership, or

corporation have any financial interest in National Energy Testing Institute Inc. while simultaneously conducting business as a builder or subcontractor whose installation of energy efficiency improvements are required to be field verified or diagnostically tested through Golden State Registry.

3. National Energy Testing Institute Inc. is, and will remain, an independent entity from any firm or person that performs work on the home for a California Home Energy Audit or a California Whole-House Home Energy Rating.
4. At no time shall any direct family member (children, siblings, or spouses), be allowed to become certified as a HERS Rater with GSR or utilize the GSR Registry to produce registered documents as a commercial service to the public.

Note: Direct family members are permitted to work as employees of National Energy Testing Institute Inc., but not while simultaneously utilizing the registry as a HERS Rater.

5. At no time shall any entity or individual (including direct family members) be permitted to have any direct or indirect financial interest in National Energy Testing Institute while simultaneously being employed by, or owning a financial interest (See section 1671 above) in any partnership, corporation, or other legal entity conducting business as a builder or subcontractor whose installation of energy efficiency improvements are required to be field verified or diagnostically tested through Golden State Registry, or that conducts HERS Ratings, performs FV/DT inspections, or produces documents through the GSR Registry.
6. I, Eric Jacoby, retain no financial interest, decision making power, or influence within Saw Mill Capital, LLC, Arcxis, iPermit, or any other entity that conducts HERS Ratings, performs FV/DT inspections, or produces documents through the GSR Registry. I also retain no financial interest, decision making power or influence within any company that conducts business as a builder or subcontractor whose installation of energy efficiency improvements are required to be field verified or diagnostically tested through Golden State Registry.
7. As an officer of National Energy Testing Institute Inc., I will ensure that all of the above requirements regarding conflicts of interest are followed and adhered to. As stated above, National Energy Testing Institute Inc., is an independent entity and will perform all requirements in compliance with the regulations and stipulations for approval as a California HERS Registry and Provider.

This statement is made by:

Eric Jacoby

Secretary, National Energy Testing Institute

Signed:



Date: 3/7/2025