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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 13-ATTCP-01
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Consideration of the Industry Certification)	Conditions for Requiring
Threshold for the Mechanical Acceptance)	Certification for Acceptance Test
Test Technician Certification Provider)	Technicians
Program)	RE: Discussion of the conditions
)	that will allow the Energy
)	Commission to require that
)	acceptance test technicians for
)	mechanical systems be certified.

Notice of Staff Workshop Conditions for Requiring Certification for Acceptance Test Technicians

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to hear industry concerns and gather relevant information regarding the geographic coverage of mechanical acceptance test technicians across California on:

Monday, February 29, 2016

1:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

Wheelchair Accessible

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Background

Staff will conduct a public workshop to hear industry concerns and gather relevant information regarding the geographic coverage of acceptance test technicians (ATTs) across California.

Staff will use input from the public to form their preliminary recommendations for the conditions under which the Energy Commission may make certification for ATTs mandatory to perform acceptance testing in California (Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-103-B(b) of the California Code of Regulations).

Acceptance tests for mechanical systems have been a requirement of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Standards) since the 2005 Energy Standards effective date January 1, 2006. Due to a lack of enforcement and installation technicians' lack of experience with the procedures and forms, the Energy Commission approved the Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider (ATTCP) program in the 2013 Energy Standards.

Under Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-103-B(b) there are two mandatory minimum requirements that must be met. First, there must be no less than 300 certified technicians capable of performing all 17 of the mechanical acceptance tests required in the 2013 Energy Standards, Section 120.5 (a total of 17 different acceptance tests). Second, the following industry groups must have reasonable access to become certified: professional engineers, HVAC installers, mechanical contractors, TAB certified technicians, control installation and startup contractors, and certified commissioning professionals.

In addition to these requirements, the Energy Commission will consider geographic distribution of certified Acceptance Test Technicians (ATTs) by county across California to address concerns of industry disruption. The primary question that the Energy Commission will address is the minimum number of ATTs necessary for each county. Factors that may influence the county by county determination include, but are not limited to:

- Demand for the various mechanical acceptance tests.
- The level of nonresidential construction activity.
- The current number of licensed C20 (HVAC) contractors.

Energy Commission staff will open discussions to all issues relating to the Industry Threshold requirements (Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-103-B(b)) and the minimum geographic distribution across California of certified ATTs during the workshop.

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2016. If you wish to submit comments, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the Commission's Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider Program webpage <http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/attcp/>. Click on the "Submit e-Comment" link in the "More Information" box located on the right hand side of the screen. A full name, email address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Commission Dockets Unit.

You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system, described above, to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the appropriate docket number (13-ATTCP-01), may be sent to:

Docket Unit
California Energy Commission
Docket No. 13-ATTCP-01
1516 9th Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or email them to: DOCKET@energy.ca.gov

Please note that your oral comments, e-Comments, e-mail, written letters, any attachments and associated contact information (for example, address, phone, and e-mail) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

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Availability of Documents

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