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### Staff Workshop Draft Portable Electric Spa Standards

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### **Presentation Agenda**

- Workshop Purpose
- Scope and Product Description
- Regulatory Approach
- Technical Feasibility
- Cost Effectiveness
- Statewide Energy Savings
- Environmental Benefits
- Discussion Topics
- Presentations
- Comments



# **Workshop Purpose**

- Staff Proposal:
  - Clarify the scope and definitions of portable electric spas
  - Adopt the ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2014) test method
  - Achieve energy savings by increasing the standby power consumption standard
  - Increase energy savings through a labeling requirement

#### • The draft staff report contains all the proposal details.

http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-AAER-02/TN210066 20160128T103017 Analysis of Efficiency Standards f or\_Pool\_Pumps\_and\_Motors\_and.pdf

• Staff seeks public comments on the proposal.



#### Scope



#### Standard Hard Shell



Flexible/Inflatable Shell



Swim/Exercise/Combination

 Factory-built and free standing electric spas or hot tub units, supplied with equipment capable of heating and circulating the water inside a rigid, flexible, or inflatable shell.

Sources: www.all-seasons-spa-stove.com, intexcorp.com, h2xswimspa.com



## Spa Cycle Modes

- Most energy intensive cycle modes:
  - Startup mode
  - Standby mode
- Only standby power mode is regulated



### **Insulation Benefits**

- Insulation minimizes heat loss during operating and idle periods, while a spa cover minimizes heat loss and water loss through evaporation during idle periods.
- Therefore, ensuring that a spa cover is being used and improving the cover and insulation reduces the work of the heater and the pump motor needed to maintain a set temperature during idle periods.



### **Spa Cover Importance**

• A worst-case-scenario result of not using a spa cover while heating the water from 60°F to 102°F during standby operation:

Portable	Evaporation	Energy	Water Lost to	Cost for
Electric Spa	Rate	Consumption	Evaporation	Heating Water
Size (gallons)	(gallons/hour)	(kWh/year)	(gallons/year)	(\$)
450	1	21,688	8,760	\$1,756
2,250	3	65,064	26,280	\$10,534

- A more realistic 3-month duty cycle still costs hundreds of dollars
- Spa covers conserve as much heat as possible to reduce heat losses during conduction, convection, radiation, and evaporation



### **Test Method**

- Current test method:
  - California Code of Regulations, section 1604(g)(2)
- Proposed test method:
  - ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2014) with the exception of the swim spa standby requirement in Section 6.3.1 of the test method
  - Section 6.3.1 sets a separate standby standard for exercise spas



## **Standby Power Standard**

• <u>Current maximum standard</u>: For all portable electric spas manufactured on or after January 1, 2006, and before **January 1, 2018**:

 $5 x (Volume^{2/3})$ 

- <u>Proposed maximum standard</u>: For all portable electric spas, including swim spas, manufactured on or after January 1, 2018:
  - Within ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2014)





### **Label Requirement**

- Model the label requirement after the label found in ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2014)
- The spa shall be marked by the manufacturer with the label per ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2014)





## Label Requirement (Cont.)

The manufacturer shall identify the spa cover model number during certification.

#### **Proposed Changes to Table X, section 1606**

G	Appliance	Required Information	Permissible
			Answers
	Portable	*Voltage	
	Electric Spas		
		Volume (gallons)	
		Rated Capacity (number of	
		people)	
		Normalized Standby Power (watts)	
		Spa Enclosure is Fully Insulated	Yes, No
		Tested Spa Cover Model	



### **Technical Feasibility**

**Certified Portable Electric Spas (Appliance Database)** 





## **Technical Feasibility**

- Increase spa standby performance by:
  - Using better shell insulation
  - Including a spa cover with an improved cover design and/or improved insulation materials
- Test method
  - Represents an updated industry standard
  - ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 (2011) effective in Florida on March 15, 2012



### **Cost Effectiveness**

#### **Incremental Costs from Non-compliance to Compliance**

	Incremental Cost to Improve Insulation and/or Cover (\$)	
Portable Electric Spas	\$100	\$0.38
Exercise Spas	\$100	\$0.38

2006 study by Nadel, deLaski, Eldridge, & Kleisch, and 2014 CASE Report

#### Weighted Unit Energy Savings and Lifecycle Benefits

	Design Life (years)	Electricity Savings (kWh/year)	Lifecycle Costs (\$/unit)	Lifecycle Benefit (\$/unit)	Lifecycle Benefit/Cost Ratio
Portable Electric Spas	10	317	\$ 100.38	\$ 512	5
Exercise Spas	10	1,451	\$ 100.38	\$ 2,349	23



#### **Significant Statewide Energy and Cost Savings**

Table A: Standby Power Standard Statewide Annual Stock Savings

	First-Yea	r Savings	Complete Turnover Saving		
	Energy Consumption (GWh/yr)	Savings (Million \$)	Energy Consumption (GWh/yr)	Savings (Million \$)	
Total	4.84	0.78	61	10	

#### Table B: Statewide Annual Stock Savings Adjusted for Label Impact

	First-Year Savi	ngs	Complete Turnover Savings		
	Energy Consumption (GWh/yr)	Savings (Million\$)	Energy Consumption (GWh/yr)	Savings (Million \$)	
Total	6.5	1.0	80	13	

5% impact on total consumption based on improvement to salesweighted average efficiency using the categorical European Union (UE) Labeling Scheme



### **Environmental Benefits**

	Annual Avoided Emissions (tons)					
	Oxides of nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>x</sub> )	Carbon monoxide (CO)	Particulate matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	Total Air Pollutants	Green house Gas (eCO <sub>2</sub> )
Portable Electric Spas	4.3	0.6	6.2	1.8	12.9	42,419
Exercise Spas	0.6	0.09	0.9	0.3	1.9	6,210
Total	4.9	0.69	7.1	2.1	14.8	48,629



# **Discussion Topics**

- Spa test covers and whether or not they are included during the sale of the unit
- Modified labeling requirements and how differing labels affect multi-state sales of units
- Are spa covers adequately labeled for the additional certification data field?
- How are inflatable and exercise spas treated under the proposed standard? Should there be an individual standard?



#### Comments

- Comments due by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2016
- Submit comments electronically:
  - Go to: http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-02/rulemaking/
  - Click on the "Submit eComment" link
- Or send a hard copy to:

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 Or send a digital copy to docket@energy.ca.gov, please include docket number 15-AAER-02 and indicate Pool Pump Motors and Portable Electric Spas in the subject line.



#### **Thank You!**

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