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(Instructions below)

Background

On February 9, 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for hearth products, proposing an energy conservation standard for hearth products. However, DOE did not complete the rulemaking for hearth products. As a result, these products are not federally covered consumer products and California is not preempted from setting its own standards for them.

On January 19, 2018, the Energy Commission issued an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to formally begin the process of considering standards, test procedures, labeling requirements, and other efficiency measures for various appliances including hearth products. Any measures resulting from that OIR will be incorporated into California's Appliance Efficiency Standards in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations,

§§1601 – 1609. To view the OIR, interested parties can visit the 2017 Phase 2 Pre-Rulemaking docket web page at:
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-AAER-05>.

Although, the NOPR provides useful national information related to hearth products and a clear technical pathway for standards, the Energy Commission is seeking information related to California and proposals on these products before setting standard.

The Energy Commission is seeking information from interested parties as it considers establishing minimum operating efficiency standards, test procedures, marking and labeling requirements, and other efficiency measures for hearth products.

Interested parties may include, but are not limited to, product manufacturers, component manufacturers, industry associations, consumer rights organizations, retailers, bulk purchasers, utilities, and energy efficiency advocates.

The Energy Commission is seeking:

1. A complete set of market data. This market data should cover every model available in the California market and include: brand name, model number, product sub-type (or category), energy use performance metrics, non-energy use product characteristics, product lifetime, retail price, and number of California sales/shipments for years 2018-2021 (or other years). Energy metrics may include kWh/yr, kW draw-per-mode, Btu/hr, and so on. Non-energy use product characteristics may include venting method, capacity, control features, log set/flame pattern enclosure design, physical space constraints, and so on. This data will provide the Energy Commission with a snapshot of the market for each appliance type identified in this invitation.
2. Information on the following:
 - Product Definition and Scope
 - Existing Test Procedures and Test Procedures Under Development
 - Sources of Test Data
 - Existing Standards and Standards under Development
 - Product Lifetime
 - Operations, Functions and Modes
 - Energy-saving Technologies, Components and Features
 - Typical Per-Unit Energy Savings and Incremental Cost
 - Market Characteristics and Market Share
 - Installed Base Characteristics
 - Design & Sales Cycles
 - Product Development Trends
 - Market Competition for Efficient Products
 - Other

3. The Energy Commission seeks proposals for efficiency measures that meet the following criteria:
 - Efficiency improvements are technologically feasible and attainable.
 - Efficiency improvements will reduce energy consumption growth rates.
 - Appliances for which measures are proposed currently require a significant amount of energy on a statewide basis.
 - The proposals shall not result in any added total costs for consumers over the designed life of the appliances (i.e., the measures are cost-effective).
 - Proposals are supported by information or data in the Energy Commission's record for this proceeding or submitted as part of the proposal.

You may use the template, titled "Proposal For [Topic] Standards" for submitting proposals for the Energy Commission's consideration, although other formats and information will also be accepted. The proposal template is available online at the bottom of the webpage at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/rulemaking.html>

Public Comment

Written comments. Written comments and/or proposals should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2018**.

Please note that your written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=18-AAER-06>.

This will take you to the page for adding comments to this docket. Please enter your contact information, any organization name, and a comment title describing the subject of your comments. You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file in a downloadable, **searchable format** in Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by e-mailing them (include the docket number 18-AAER-06 and "Phase 2 Appliance Efficiency Regulations for Hearth Products" in the subject line) to the Docket Unit at:

docket@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Jessica Lopez at Jessica.Lopez@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5125.

Availability of Documents

Documents related to the Energy Commission's hearth products rulemaking will be available online at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=18-AAER-06>.

Documents related to DOE's hearth products energy conservation standard rulemaking are available online at:

https://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/standards.aspx?productid=58&action=viewlive.

The following DOE rulemaking dockets contain all notices, public comments, public meeting transcripts, and supporting documents pertaining to the DOE rulemaking:

Coverage Determination Docket EERE-2013-BT-DET-0057:
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2013-BT-DET-0057>.

Standards Rulemaking Docket EERE-2014-BT-STD-0036:
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2014-BT-STD-0036>.

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