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To Whom it May Concern:

Please find the comment below regarding Docket # 20-RENEW-01, specifically pertaining to SRVEVR Program Draft Guidelines. I am submitting this comment via email per notification that the online comment system is currently being repaired.

As proposed, SRVEVR Program Draft Guidelines define a Certified TAB Technician as: A technician certified to perform testing, adjusting, and balancing of HVAC systems by the Associated Air Balance Council (AABC), the National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB), or the Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB). This definition neglects to include National Comfort Institute (NCI) and National Balancing Council (NBC) certifications.

(NCI) is a company based in the Cleveland, Ohio area that trains and certifies Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) professionals in performance-based contracting disciplines including Testing, Adjusting, and Balancing (TAB). NCI was founded in 1993, and over the ensuing 27 years has issued over 27,000 certifications in various disciplines.

NBC is a special division of NCI established in 2006 to train and certify commercial and industrial TAB providers in air and hydronic balancing for larger, more complex systems.

NCI/NBC has issued over 15,000 certifications in TAB disciplines, and currently has over 1,600 individuals with active certifications. The number of individuals NCI has certified in TAB disciplines makes us one of the largest TAB certifying bodies in the world. NCI/NBC also delivers TAB and other HVAC training through utility workforce education and training programs throughout the state of California, certifying hundreds of individuals annually. We have enclosed a letter of support [1] for inclusion of NCI/NBC standards in relevant codes and standards from Southern California Edison, our largest utility client.

Respectfully, we request that the definition of a Certified TAB Technician be expanded to include National Comfort Institute Commercial Air Balancing and National Balancing Council Air and Hydronic Balancing certifications.

Sincerely,

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