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PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
FOR PORTBLE ELECTRIC SPAS  
APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY RULEMAKING

REMOTE VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Reported by:

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Corrine Fishman, Regulations Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Sadati

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P R O C E E D I N G S

10:01 A.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

MS. LOPEZ: Good morning everyone. My name is Jessica Lopez. I'm an Engineer in the Appliances Office in the Commission's Efficiency Division. I want to welcome everybody to the public hearing for Portable Electric Spas Proposed Amendments.

So here are just a few housekeeping rules. All lines will be muted until after the presentation. Following the presentation, we'll take public comments. If you have any general clarifying questions, you can type those in the Q&A section.

For any kind of public comments related to the proposed regulations, please raise your hand to speak and the host will give you the ability to speak, and then you can un-mute yourself.

If you're on a cell phone, you can raise your hand by dialing star nine. The host will give you the ability to speak. And then you can dial star six to mute or un-mute yourself.

And then before commenting, please, state

1 your name and affiliation for the record.

2           So this public hearing is being held  
3 pursuant to the California Administrative  
4 Procedure Act, Government Code section 11346.8.  
5 It is being held online due to COVID-19 Public  
6 Health Order.

7           The purpose of the public hearing is to  
8 collect oral comments for review and  
9 consideration related to the Portable Electric  
10 Spas proposed amendments. We will be collecting  
11 comments but we will not be responding to  
12 comments today.

13           The public hearing is being recorded by a  
14 Court Reporter and all statements become part of  
15 the public record.

16           Hear is just a brief overview of the  
17 history of this rulemaking.

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19           On August 19, 2020, the Energy Commission  
20 adopted an order instituting rulemaking to  
21 initiate the rulemaking.

22           Then, on May 14, 2021, the Energy  
23 Commission released initial rulemaking documents,  
24 such as the Notice of Proposed Action, Initial  
25 Statement of Reasons, the Economic and Fiscal

1 Impact Statement, the proposed regulatory  
2 language, and a Staff paper.

3           On June 28th, 2021, which was yesterday,  
4 the 45-day comment period closed. Today, we are  
5 holding a public hearing to collect comments.

6           And on July 15, 2021, Staff will be  
7 seeking approval from the Energy Commission to  
8 adopt the proposed regulations. At this business  
9 meeting there will also be an opportunity to  
10 comment on this rulemaking.

11           Copies of the rulemaking documents are  
12 available online in Docket 20-AAER-04.

13           So next, I'll provide an overview of the  
14 proposed amendments for portable electric spas.

15           Before, and just to give you some  
16 background, in 2018 the Energy Commission adopted  
17 changes to Title 20 amending the Appliance  
18 Efficiency Regulations for Portable Electric  
19 Spas. The amendments included expanding the  
20 scope, more stringent efficiency standards for  
21 standard, exercise and combination spas, a  
22 separate efficiency standard for inflatable spas,  
23 test procedure modifications to accommodate that  
24 expanded scope of products, and a labeling  
25 requirement which was modified to be California-

1 specific to standardize the label. These  
2 amendments were based on the 2014 version of the  
3 industry standard APSP-14 but were modified to  
4 exceed requirements specified or to add  
5 clarification.

6 In 2019 the revised standard was  
7 published, incorporating the regulations adopted  
8 in 2018 by the CEC.

9 The 2019 version of APSP-14 aligns with  
10 California Efficiency Standards for Portable  
11 Electric Spas in effect today. With that, we are  
12 proposing to amend existing regulations for  
13 portable electric spas to update the test  
14 procedure reference, which includes simplifying  
15 the certification process for test laboratories  
16 and the labeling design requirements to align  
17 with industry standards. Additional changes are  
18 being proposed to simplify the structure of  
19 existing regulations. There are some differences  
20 but none that effect the performance standard or  
21 the test method for determining the efficiency of  
22 spas.

23 So, specifically, we are proposing to  
24 update the test procedure reference from the 2014  
25 version of APSP-14 with modifications to the 2019

1 version of APSP-14 with no modification. And  
2 then we're also amending the label design from a  
3 California-specific label to a universal label.

4 That concludes my presentation. We will  
5 begin taking public comments. And just remember  
6 to state your name and organization for the  
7 record. And again, if you would like to make a  
8 comment, please raise your hand, or type in your  
9 comment in the Q&A.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. LOPEZ: I'm not seeing any raised  
12 hands yet. We will stay on the line,  
13 approximately until 10:30. If anyone wants to  
14 make a comment, you can.

15 I see one raised hand, Tony Sadati.  
16 Hopefully, I said that right.

17 Tony? You might be muted.

18 MR. SADATI: Can you hear me?

19 MS. LOPEZ: Yes, we can hear you.

20 MR. SADATI: Yes. My name is Tony  
21 Sadati. We're a portable spa manufacturer. I  
22 represent four brands, Sundance Spa, Jacuzzi Hot  
23 Tubs, Dimension One, and Thermal Spas. And we  
24 fully support this requirement to change to the  
25 latest addition of the APSP-14. I just wanted to



1 say that.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. LOPEZ: Thank you.

4 (Pause)

5 MS. LOPEZ: So we just received one  
6 comment and I want to read it out loud for the  
7 Court Reporter. This is from Nathan Coelho from  
8 Master Spas. He says,

9 "Thanks for all of the work getting this to  
10 where it is today. We support the changes  
11 proposed here."

12 (Pause)

13 MS. LOPEZ: So we just received another  
14 comment in the chat box and I want to read it out  
15 loud for the Court Reporter. It says,

16 "Hello. This is Marisa Lee from Energy  
17 Solutions on behalf of the California Owned  
18 Utilities," in quotes, "'PG&E, SCE and  
19 SDG&E.' The California IOUs support the  
20 Energy Commission's proposed updates to the  
21 Portable Electric Spas test procedures and  
22 labeling requirements and thank the Energy  
23 Commission for the opportunity to be involved  
24 in this process."

25 Thank you, Marisa, for your comment.

1 (Pause)

2 MS. LOPEZ: Okay, so it's 10:30. We're  
3 going to end the public hearing now if there  
4 aren't any more comments. Remember that there is  
5 an opportunity to comment again at the July 15  
6 business meeting. And if you have any questions  
7 about this specific rulemaking or the process,  
8 please feel free to contact me or Corrine  
9 Fishman, our Regulations Manager.

10 Thank you everyone for attending.

11 MS. FISHMAN: Thank you, Jessica.

12 (Off the record at 10:30 a.m.)

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