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**NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS OF THE  
HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS) REGULATIONS**

**California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 23-HERS-01**

On February 9, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) published a Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) with proposed amendments to the HERS regulations in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations. The CEC made documents available for a 45-day comment period ending March 27, 2023, and held a public hearing on March 28, 2023.

Based on comments received during the written comment period and the public hearing, the CEC is proposing changes to the proposed amendments shared on February 9, 2023. **Any interested persons are invited to review and provide written comments to the CEC for consideration during the 15-day comment period from June 1, 2023, through June 16, 2023.** The CEC appreciates receiving written comments at the earliest possible date. Comments submitted after **June 16, 2023**, are considered untimely and the CEC may, but is not required to, respond to untimely comments, including those raising significant environmental issues.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency-0> which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document consistent with 20 California Code of Regulations, section 1208.1. The maximum files size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-HERS-01 in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

A paper copy may be sent to:

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The proposed 15-day language and related documents are available for review on the CEC website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency-0>.

The text of the proposed 15-day language will be provided with this notice. Amendments to the existing code that were made public with the 45-day notice on February 9, 2023, are shown in ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletions and underline to indicate additions. Additional amendments proposed with this 15-day notice are shown in ~~double strikethrough~~ for deletions and double underline for additions.

In the Final Statement of Reasons, staff will respond to all comments received on the record during the comment periods. The Administrative Procedure Act requires that staff respond to comments received regarding all noticed changes. Therefore, staff will only address comments received during this 15-day comment period that are responsive to this notice, documents added to the record, or the changes detailed in the proposed 15-day language at the above-referenced website.

To stay informed about this proceeding and receive documents and notices of upcoming workshops and hearings as they are filed, please subscribe to the proceeding email subscription at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency-0>. The email subscription sends out email notifications and direct links when documents and notices are filed in the proceeding docket. If you are unable to access the website and would like a copy of the rulemaking documents mailed or emailed to you, or if you have any questions, please contact Corrine Fishman at [corrine.fishman@energy.ca.gov](mailto:corrine.fishman@energy.ca.gov).

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### **Summary of Proposed Modifications**

The following summary does not include all modifications to correct typographical or grammatical errors, changes in numbering or formatting, nor does it include all the non-substantive revisions made to improve clarity.

1. Modifications to all sections

CEC amended the effective date language in all sections to specify the current regulations for the field verification and diagnostic testing program in Title 20 will remain in effect until new regulations for the field verification and diagnostic testing program are established and become effective in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. This change was made to alleviate public concerns that the field verification and diagnostic testing program could be eliminated if the Title 24 changes do not happen by January 1, 2026.