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**IN THE MATTER OF:***Amendments to the Whole-House
Home Energy Rating and Labeling
Regulations*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS STAFF
WORKSHOPRE: Home Energy Rating and Labeling
Program Pre-Rulemaking**Notice of Home Energy Rating and Labeling Workshop
April 30, 2024**

9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions Below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a pre-rulemaking workshop to discuss updates to the state's voluntary whole-house Home Energy Rating and Labeling Program. The CEC encourages participation and seeks information from the public in its proceeding to update the program.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

CEC's lead commissioner for energy efficiency, Commissioner J. Andrew McAllister, will provide opening remarks. The workshop will cover the statutory and regulatory background for California's whole-house Home Energy Rating and Labeling program and will cover the general scope to update the program. The workshop will also summarize public comments received from a related Request for Information, will discuss the tentative schedule for updating the program, and will discuss themes amongst the current landscape of home energy asset rating programs. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit feedback and questions from participants.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the workshop to CEC docket [23-HERS-02](#) found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-HERS-02>.

Background

Public Resources Code § 25942, titled Home Energy and Labeling Program directs the CEC to establish a consistent, accurate, and uniform home energy rating system based on a single statewide rating scale for new and existing residential dwellings. The program is voluntary and intended to assist homeowners, homebuyers, renters, and others in understanding the estimated energy performance of their homes. The program is directed to include reasonable estimates of

potential utility bill savings and reliable recommendations on cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

In response to this directive, the CEC created the California Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Program in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations; specifically, the regulations in section 1670-1675 pertaining to whole-house home energy rating services. The overall goal of the whole-house home energy rating and labeling program is to provide consumers with reliable information regarding the relative energy efficiency of a home. This information is supplemented by cost-effective energy efficiency recommendations which Californians can choose to implement to help them save energy and money on their energy bills. The CEC adopted the regulations pertaining to the whole-house home energy rating and labeling program in 2008, also referred to as "HERS Phase II", but the regulations have not been updated since then.

The CEC is taking steps to revitalize and modernize the program. Recently, the CEC instituted a rulemaking proceeding to consider amendments to the whole-house Home Energy Rating and Labeling Program to update and improve the program regulations to better support state energy efficiency, climate action, and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. During this pre-rulemaking stage, the CEC is seeking information from stakeholders and the public to inform updates to the program. This will be the first pre-rulemaking workshop and will be followed by additional workshops in 2024.

To note, the CEC is currently pursuing two separate rulemakings related to the HERS Program. This one for the Home Energy Rating and Labeling Program, and another for the Field Verification & Diagnostic Testing Program which is part of the California Energy Code rulemaking. The Field Verification & Diagnostic Testing Program will not be discussed during this workshop.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket 23-HERS-02 at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-HERS-02>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment.

Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on [May 17, 2024](#). Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-HERS-02 and "Whole-House Home Energy Rating and Labeling Pre-Rulemaking" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [23-HERS-02](#), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-HERS-02>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the "Home Energy Rating and Labeling". To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](#), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: April 8, 2024 at Sacramento, California.

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