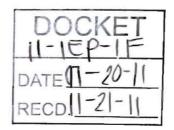
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- 2 JULY 20, 2011 9:00 A.M.
- 3 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning everybody, thank you
- 4 for joining us. This is the Achieving Energy Savings in
- 5 California Building Staff Workshop on our draft staff
- 6 paper.
- 7 And to get started with a little bit of
- 8 housekeeping here, those of you who are not familiar with
- 9 the building, the closest restrooms are located out to
- 10 the left and to the right. And you can ask the security
- 11 guard if you get lost, it's pretty easy. There's a snack
- 12 bar on the second floor.
- 13 And in the event of an emergency, and we do have
- 14 fire drills on occasion, please follow the employees out
- 15 the appropriate exit, there are two exits to the
- 16 building, and we will gather at the park caddy-corner
- 17 across the street. Please proceed calmly and make sure
- 18 you stay with the employees.
- 19 Today we are here to discuss the staff draft
- 20 paper here, so we are very interested in your comments
- 21 and your input on this paper as we move towards
- 22 finalizing it at the end of August.
- 23 The comment due date is at the end of next week,
- 24 about ten days from now.
- I am the Project Manager for the Efficiency

- 1 Division of this work paper and so if you have any
- 2 questions about logistics or how to get your comments in,
- 3 please feel free to call me. My contact information is
- 4 on the workshop notice.
- 5 And now I'd like to introduce our Deputy Director
- 6 of the Efficiency and Renewable Division, Mr. Panama
- 7 Bartholomy.
- 8 MR. BARTHOLOMY: Good morning everybody, thanks
- 9 for coming to the Energy Commission today. Not too many
- 10 new faces to energy efficiency around the room, so it's
- 11 good to be at this homecoming with all of you.
- We've got a great set of panel members and panels
- 13 for you this afternoon and I really appreciate you folks
- 14 coming up to Sacramento or coming across town to attend.
- 15 And we would really, as Gabe said, like to have your
- 16 input into this process today, as well as into the final
- 17 staff paper.
- Today's work really builds upon a good 30 years
- 19 of work around energy efficiency policy here in the State
- 20 of California. And what we're trying to do today is
- 21 taking it really to the next level of discussion,
- 22 building upon such great work as the California Public
- 23 Utilities Commission sort of long-term strategic plan for
- 24 energy efficiency.
- We are taking some of the key goals out of the

- 1 Governor's Green Jobs Action Plan, zero net energy
- 2 buildings, deep reduction in energy consumption from
- 3 existing buildings, and strong appliance standards to
- 4 achieve significant reduction to energy consumption, and
- 5 focusing in on those in this year's Integrated Energy
- 6 Policy Report or IEPR.
- 7 The staff paper covers, in some detail, those
- 8 distinct goals as well as the interaction between those
- 9 goals. In today's panels you'll see, also, deep
- 10 conversation as well as the interaction between each of
- 11 those policy goals.
- 12 The first panel's going to be moderated by our
- 13 very own Martha Brook and be covering zero net energy in
- 14 newly constructed buildings, with a focus on some of the
- 15 policy goals, a discussion on definition. And you'll
- 16 notice in the staff draft paper the Energy Commission is
- 17 attempting a definition of ZNE in the staff draft, that
- 18 we would like to publish in the fall.
- 19 And then a discussion of some of the pilots that
- 20 we're already seeing in California and how the role of
- 21 ZNE will be carried out within the 2013 building
- 22 standards updates, as well as future updates.
- We are then going to move on to a discussion,
- 24 right after lunch, on achieving energy efficiency in
- 25 existing buildings. This will include a discussion of

- 1 current programs already underway in the State of
- 2 California and then moving towards the next generation of
- 3 policies around existing buildings. In particular, the
- 4 partnership between the Public Utilities Commission and
- 5 the Energy Commission around AB 758 and the reduction of
- 6 energy consumption in existing buildings, and a
- 7 discussion about some of the activities over the next
- 8 nine months or so under AB 758 for both commercial -- for
- 9 both non-residential and residential buildings.
- 10 We will then take a short break and we'll come
- 11 back, and we'll have a discussion about standards, goals
- 12 and policies around plug loads and appliances, some of
- 13 the excellent work going on in some of our universities,
- 14 some of the hopes and dreams of our investor-owned
- 15 utilities and their support of our activities over here
- 16 in California, and then moving forward into some of the
- 17 plans for the future around appliances standards.
- 18 I just want to thank you all very much for
- 19 showing up today. It's going to be -- we've brought
- 20 together a great set of panels.
- I very much want to thank the staff of the
- 22 California Energy Commission. And it's incredibly tough
- 23 right now to be a State worker. So, if folks would
- 24 indulge me and give a quick round of applause to all the
- 25 staff that worked to bring this group together today, I'd

- 1 really appreciate it.
- 2 [Applause]
- 3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARTHOLOMY: Thank you. Thank
- 4 you to the staff, thank you very much for the wonderful
- 5 speakers we have.
- 6 And with that I'm going to throw it over to
- 7 Martha to start the conversation on zero net energy.
- 8 Thank you very much.
- 9 MS. BROOK: Thanks Panama. Okay, I'm going to
- 10 have to negotiate a little bit here. I need to find my
- 11 presentation. Are they up here in this little folder?
- 12 Okay, and then do I need to reshare the desktop?
- Okay thank you very much. So, I'm just going to
- 14 kind of queue up our panel discussion. I want to spend
- 15 most of this morning talking with you.
- So, first, let me just talk about how we're going
- 17 to organize the panel. Each of the speakers that we've
- 18 invited is going to give about a 15-minute talk and then
- 19 I'm going to pose to the panel just a small set of
- 20 questions that I've pre-thunk, and that will sort of
- 21 start the discussion flavor of the session.
- 22 And then we'll open it up to all of you to come
- 23 and join us, and ask questions, and provide stimulating
- 24 comments. And that's how we'll spend the next 90
- 25 minutes.

- 1 But the first thing I wanted to do was sort of
- 2 just talk about why zero net energy in California. And
- 3 Panama sort of keyed up a number of policy goals that
- 4 zero net energy buildings fit into.
- 5 One of the ways that it's really easy to justify
- 6 zero net energy is with the California Global Warming
- 7 Solutions Act that was passed in 2006. And the Energy
- 8 Commission, the Public Utility Commission and, of course,
- 9 the Air Resources Board, along with numerous
- 10 stakeholders, I'm sure some of you also participated in
- 11 that activity around the scoping plan for AB 32.
- 12 And the ultimate goal that was established in
- 13 that planning document was to reduce the greenhouse gas
- 14 emissions in the State to 1990 levels by 2020; a very,
- 15 very aggressive goal.
- 16 Then there's also, if that's not aggressive
- 17 enough, sort of an aspirational goal also published in
- 18 that plan that says that we should reduce greenhouse gas
- 19 emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. So,
- 20 you know, that's a deep, deep dive.
- 21 And that sort of allows us to think about things
- 22 in a new way. So, just to kind of put the buildings,
- 23 residential and commercial buildings, in the context of
- 24 the State's greenhouse gas emissions, you know, we -- we
- 25 think that buildings is about a quarter of the pie. If

- 1 you look at all of the emissions in the State
- 2 transportation is the biggest chunk, buildings in the
- 3 industrial sector are the second biggest chunk, and then
- 4 the agricultural and miscellaneous that sort of rounds
- 5 out the pie.
- 6 One of the things that's important about the
- 7 second chart down here is this is sort of how the AB 32
- 8 scoping plan maps out the reduction in greenhouse gases
- 9 shared out by sectors.
- 10 So, you can see the electricity and natural gas
- 11 sector, which is where residential and commercial
- 12 building emissions fall out is almost 30 percent of the
- 13 pie. And 70 percent of this lavender pie section is
- 14 residential and commercial buildings.
- 15 So, a significant amount of the greenhouse
- 16 reduction share and especially the early action plans in
- 17 the scoping plans are focused on renewable energy and
- 18 energy efficiency because right now those look like the
- 19 most cost-effective way to achieve the greenhouse gas
- 20 emission reductions.
- 21 This next slide I've used for several years and
- 22 it's just illustrative, so you don't really need to look
- 23 at the numbers. And I'm just going to -- it just allows
- 24 me to sort of talk about why we need to have a paradigm
- 25 shift when we think about building energy consumption and

- 1 building energy efficiency.
- 2 So what I did here is that up until about
- 3 whenever I built this slide, about 2007, the jagged line,
- 4 that's historical energy usage in the State transferred
- 5 into greenhouse gas emission metrics.
- 6 And then the trend line going forward into the
- 7 future is just a simple trend line based on that
- 8 historical usage in the State.
- 9 And the yellow horizontal and vertical lines sort
- 10 of says what -- how the building sector would meet the AB
- 11 32 1990 levels by 2020 goals, just within the building
- 12 sector.
- So, if we draw the 1990 level over to 2020 that's
- 14 the wedge, that 40, approximately 40 million metric tons
- 15 of greenhouse gas emissions is that wedge that we would
- 16 have to reduce to meet that level.
- 17 And this is sort of a conservative estimate for
- 18 the building sector because, as I said, the building
- 19 sector is expected to achieve more than its share of
- 20 greenhouse gas emission reductions because of the fact
- 21 that efficiency is one of the most cost-effective way to
- 22 reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State.
- 23 So, just assuming that we have to meet that it's
- 24 very challenging because one of the things about that
- 25 trend line is that it already assumes that we're going to

- 1 be doing all of the things we have been doing
- 2 historically for energy efficiency in the State.
- 3 So, all of the billions of dollars that we've
- 4 spent on public efficiency programs is already accounted
- 5 for in that trend line, that's the top of that big green
- 6 wedge. So, we actually have to do more and change,
- 7 basically shift, completely, to a different paradigm in
- 8 order to achieve that wedge reduction. So I think that's
- 9 really important.
- 10 And just to put it in the context of greenhouse
- 11 gas emissions, that wedge is approximately 80 percent of
- 12 all the passenger cars in California today. So it's a
- 13 challenge and one of the reasons that we've adopted the
- 14 zero net energy goals is because we think we can
- 15 partially meet that challenge.
- 16 Now, of course, with the zero net energy goals
- 17 that we're going to talk about this morning are really
- 18 focused on newly constructed buildings. That will be a
- 19 small part of this wedge because there's so many existing
- 20 buildings in the State, and we'll spend the afternoon
- 21 talking about existing buildings and what we want to
- 22 achieve to make up the rest of this wedge reduction that
- 23 we need to accomplish.
- 24 So, that sort of sets the stage for what we want
- 25 to talk about this morning. And so the way that we sort

- 1 of shaped this panel is that we have Jordana Camarata
- 2 from the Public Utility Commission. She's going to talk
- 3 about the California's zero net energy policy vision.
- 4 And then Jon McHugh, who's been part of an
- 5 informal working group to discuss the zero net energy
- 6 definition is going to present a summary of what this
- 7 working group's been discussing.
- 8 And then we're going to talk about some of the
- 9 pilot activity that our investor-owned utilities have
- 10 been planning and implementing for zero net energy
- 11 pilots.
- 12 And then, finally, we're going to talk about what
- 13 we're doing in our energy efficiency standards to get on
- 14 the path to zero net energy.
- 15 So first up we have Jordana and I'm going to run
- 16 her slide deck. Jordana's going to -- she's on the phone
- 17 and we need to unmute her line, and then I'll bring up
- 18 her presentation. One moment.
- MS. CAMARATA: Okay, can you hear me?
- MS. BROOK: We can.
- MS. CAMARATA: Okay, excellent.
- MS. BROOK: Hold on one minute, I want to
- 23 introduce you and then we'll --
- MS. CAMARATA: Sure thing.
- MS. BROOK: Thank you. Well done. Okay, Jordana

- 1 Camarata is the Senior Regulatory Analyst in the Demand
- 2 Side Program Branch at the California Public Utility
- 3 Commission.
- 4 She's involved in the oversight of the investor-
- 5 owned utilities' commercial energy efficiency programs
- 6 for existing buildings and new construction.
- 7 She also engaged with the implementation of the
- 8 California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan and launched
- 9 the Zero Net Energy Action Plan for the commercial
- 10 sector.
- 11 And now we have Jordana.
- MS. CAMARATA: Great. Is the volume okay on your
- 13 end; can you hear me?
- MS. BROOK: We probably want you a little louder,
- 15 but I think we're going to try to do that on our end.
- MS. CAMARATA: Okay, how's this?
- MS. BROOK: In the back we're good? Yeah, we're
- 18 good.
- 19 MS. CAMARATA: Okay, great, I'll talk up. Great.
- 20 All right, well, thank you everyone. Again, my name's
- 21 Jordana, Jordana Camarata, I work in the Energy Division
- 22 at the California Public Utility Commission.
- 23 And today I'm going to be talking about the zero
- 24 net energy vision that we have here at the CPUC and
- 25 specifically talking a little bit about the Commercial

- 1 Building Action Plan that we have.
- 2 Next slide. So, a quick overview of the
- 3 presentation, I'm going to talk a little bit about the
- 4 strategic plan and zero net energy. Some of the programs
- 5 that kind of follow suit from the strategic plan, that
- 6 carry over that same vision.
- 7 And then I'm going to talk about the Zero Net
- 8 Energy Action Plan, specifically the portion of it that
- 9 talks about new construction.
- 10 The next slide. I have this slide up here to
- 11 kind of give everyone a sense of where there activities
- 12 fall within the CPUC. So, as Martha mentioned, I work in
- 13 the Demand Side Programs Branch and there's three
- 14 sections within that branch, residential programs, non-
- 15 residential programs, and then distributed generation in
- 16 California's Solar Initiative.
- 17 And I work -- and the Zero Net Energy Action
- 18 Plan, these activities for non-res, they occur within the
- 19 non-residential programs branch. As you can see
- 20 highlighted, one of the things I do is the strategic plan
- 21 activities for non-residential and then I also oversee
- 22 energy efficiency non-residential programs and portfolio.
- 23 The next slide. So, I'm going to talk a little
- 24 bit about the strategic plan, you can skip through that
- 25 kind of Title V.

- 1 So, the strategic plan, you know, Panama
- 2 mentioned it and Martha, as well, it really sets forth
- 3 zero net energy vision for California. It was adopted
- 4 via a decision in 2008 and it gives us a road map of how
- 5 to think of energy efficiency through 2020 and beyond.
- 6 It has major elements of market transformation.
- 7 And one way that we've been building off of this is we've
- 8 been creating action plans for the different chapters and
- 9 market sectors, and trying to gain momentum and market
- 10 demand for that.
- 11 And it's also -- it's also helped drive the 2010
- 12 to 2012 IOU programs.
- 13 The strategic plan has a bunch of different
- 14 sectors. I think everyone's pretty familiar but it
- 15 goes -- you know, it has chapters on residential,
- 16 commercial, and then it has lots of cross-cutting
- 17 sectors, sections such as HVAC, lighting, codes and
- 18 standards, emerging technologies, and such.
- 19 Next slide. So, in the strategic plan, this is a
- 20 basic cut and paste, this is what we -- this is the
- 21 definition that we have adopted via decision, and this is
- 22 what's in the strategic plan, currently.
- 23 Basically, the definition we have on zero net
- 24 energy is that the amount of energy provided on site by
- 25 renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy

- 1 used by a building annualized over a year.
- 2 And so I'm not going to get into detail on the
- 3 definition, and I know Jon McHugh will be talking about
- 4 that after me. But this is basically the definition we
- 5 have and there's been lots of kind of talk and wanting to
- 6 dig deeper into this definition, and make it a little bit
- 7 more clear so people can get their head around it and
- 8 actually move forward. So, you know, we'll look forward
- 9 to that presentation next. But this is what we currently
- 10 go by and what we have in the plan.
- 11 The next slide. The strategic plan has four big,
- 12 bold goals. I'm not going to read them, you can see them
- 13 up on the slide. But today I'm going to be focusing on
- 14 the second one, on the bottom left corner, that says "all
- 15 new commercial construction in California will be zero
- 16 net energy by 2030."
- 17 These goals were chosen because of their
- 18 potential impact on the market on deep energy savings,
- 19 and their easy comprehension and ability to galvanize
- 20 market players.
- 21 The next slide. This matrix kind of is a
- 22 snapshot from the strategic plan and this is the new
- 23 construction goal that we have for D&E commercial
- 24 buildings. And, basically, it helps us -- it lays out
- 25 how we get to our action plan later on in this

- 1 presentation. But we've got strategies on the left-hand
- 2 side that talk about these are what we need to be doing,
- 3 these are the focus of how we're supposed to get to zero
- 4 net energy that were in the -- that's in the strategic
- 5 plan.
- 6 Then we've got our near-term milestones, mid-
- 7 term, long-term and further out. And we really focused
- 8 on these near-term milestones for purposes of the action
- 9 plan, what we need to achieve to kind of get to zero in
- 10 the short term, what are some of the preliminary
- 11 activities that we need to be focused on.
- 12 The next slide and then, again, the next slide.
- 13 So, now I'm going to give just a quick snapshot of
- 14 strategic plan program implementation.
- 15 We've got our savings by design, the investor-
- 16 owned facilities, this is their new construction program
- 17 for commercial buildings. This is a quick, brief
- 18 overview of the money that's going towards this program
- 19 and the savings.
- 20 And then we also have a lot of innovative D&E
- 21 pilots.
- 22 So, the strategic plan sets forth these D&E goals
- 23 and, like I said earlier in the presentation, that
- 24 vision, that road map, the utilities use that road map to
- 25 kind of align and come up with some innovative programs

- 1 for this upcoming -- for this current, actually, program
- 2 cycle, 2010 through 2012. I know Peter will be talking
- 3 about the PG&E pilot.
- 4 The next slide, please. This is a quick
- 5 breakdown of some of the, then, investor-owned utility
- 6 zero net energy programs. So, you've got the PG&E ZNE
- 7 pilot that's doing technical assistance and design
- 8 assistance, best practices, demonstration projects.
- 9 SCE, at some of the facilities, they have the
- 10 sustainable communities new construction program, there's
- 11 about \$10 million there, and they're doing some master
- 12 planned communities.
- 13 And then SCE has the ZNE technology centers that
- 14 they're trying to integrate different demand response,
- 15 plug meter, building envelope and plug load technologies
- 16 to see how they interact, so that's also going on.
- 17 The next slide and then, again, next slide. So,
- 18 now I'm going to be talking about the Zero Net Energy
- 19 Action Plan that we put together. And, basically, it's
- 20 taking the strategic plan that was updated in January
- 21 2011 and it's kind of building that out. It's taking a
- 22 policy-focused document that sets forth leadership and
- 23 vision and kind of operationalizing that into a -- into
- 24 an action plan that's going to take those goals and try
- 25 to build them out a little bit further.

- 1 So, over the years -- over 2009 and 2010 we had a
- 2 bunch of workshops at the Commission and we built this
- 3 out. We got lots of stakeholders together to talk about
- 4 some of the key strategies and figure out what kind of
- 5 activities we needed, which ones were most important to
- 6 focus on, first, and what time frame we should have
- 7 those -- what time frame we can associate with those.
- 8 The next slide, please. So, for the commercial
- 9 chapter there's two main goals. We've got a hundred
- 10 percent new commercial buildings are ZNE by 2030 and then
- 11 we have a second goal, which I'm not going to talk about
- 12 today, which is 50 percent of existing buildings reach
- 13 zero net energy by 2030.
- So again, today we're just going to be talking
- 15 about goal one, which is pretty challenging in and of
- 16 itself.
- 17 The next slide, please. So, the goal, the
- 18 strategy, the thin gold one, I'm not going to read them,
- 19 but we're going to be talking -- I'm going to be talking
- 20 in depth about the first three. The first three are we
- 21 built out in great detail in the action plan and then the
- 22 last three are ones that we recently launched at a ZNE
- 23 meeting on June 15th, at the PPUC, and we are trying to
- 24 build them out and kind of find champions, and I'll
- 25 describe this later, and find out what kind of activities

- 1 we need to do to achieve those strategies. So, right now
- 2 I'm just going to be talking about the first three.
- 3 The next slide. So, this slide just kind of
- 4 again gives you a visualization of what I showed earlier,
- 5 that matrix, that strategic plan and what we did, we just
- 6 took that strategy. And then in the next couple of
- 7 slides you're going to see the different milestones, and
- 8 champions, and actions.
- 9 So this is what we did, we took those strategies
- 10 that I showed you earlier and then we just broke them
- 11 down and we found people that are -- we found champions
- 12 which are people who are actively working on these areas,
- 13 these issues in their everyday kind of working life, and
- 14 helping contribute, and give us input and insight on how
- 15 we should be achieving these, and then we came up with
- 16 actions and, again, timelines.
- 17 The next slide, please. All right, so this is
- 18 one of our strategies. Strategy 1.1, establish a
- 19 progressive path to energy codes. Energy codes, as
- 20 everyone knows there, they're a key policy strategy to
- 21 reach ZNE building.
- I can't stress this enough, the market
- 23 penetration that can be achieved by codes is significant.
- 24 and so this strategy and milestone kind of talks a lot
- 25 about REACH codes, it talks about Cal Green, it talks --

- 1 you know, it's basically we have this as a strategy
- 2 because it's critical to address this early and future
- 3 codes -- think about future codes now, given the time-
- 4 sensitive process of the updates for codes and standards,
- 5 and having energy codes be such a significant driver,
- 6 this is something that we want to stress in the action
- 7 plan.
- 8 And as you can see, these are the champions that
- 9 we have associated with the different milestones up on
- 10 the slide and some of the actions that we have. And a
- 11 lot of this stuff with codes is definitely ongoing, and
- 12 so we kind of portray that within the action slide.
- 13 The next slide is just a progress indicator. We
- 14 have this throughout the action plan. This kind of shows
- 15 how we're doing on progress and this, again, is for the
- 16 2010-2012 period and so we kind of take the number of
- 17 actions that we have for each strategy and then we divide
- 18 it by the number of actions that have been completed, and
- 19 that's how we come up with these arrows.
- 20 And it's a simple calculation just to quickly
- 21 help us update and check up on progress.
- The next slide, please. So, the next strategy
- 23 I'm going to talk about is expanding Title 20 and 24 to
- 24 address all significant energy end uses.
- 25 This one is also extremely important to help us

- 1 get to zero. There's a lot of non-regulated energy loads
- 2 in buildings and those definitely pose a threat to zero
- 3 net energy goals.
- 4 Plug loads kind of account for about 25 percent
- 5 of overall energy building use and even more depending on
- 6 the type of buildings that we're looking at.
- 7 So, expanding the scope of certain codes can have
- 8 a great impact. You know, some things to date, the CPUC
- 9 has done a fantastic job with energy efficiency,
- 10 television standards, PIER and emerging technology
- 11 studies and, also, battery charger standards.
- 12 So, these are -- these are definitely critical
- 13 strategies for helping us get to zero net energy.
- 14 There's another one that I couldn't fit on this
- 15 slide, it's 1-2-3, which talks about lighting.
- 16 Next slide, please, which is just basically
- 17 showing that this is an ongoing process and so
- 18 everything's kind of assigned a certain amount of ongoing
- 19 percentage. And so since these are all just ongoing,
- 20 basically, these arrows slowly move as the code updates,
- 21 slowly progress, and the workshop process occurs and the
- 22 update process happens.
- So, these are just slowly kind of chugging along
- 24 until the codes are actually updated and then this will
- 25 probably start all over again with the new code cycle.

- 1 The next slide, please. Again, this is showing,
- 2 again, how plug loads are extremely important to
- 3 incorporate and the action plan is definitely focusing on
- 4 that. That was something that we heard at a lot of our
- 5 workshops was plug loads, all right, we need to be
- 6 focused on plug loads, and this slide kind of illustrates
- 7 that.
- 8 And the next slide, again, talks about zero net
- 9 energy and plug loads, and how it's extremely important
- 10 for the commercial sector to be focused on this.
- 11 And we have another strategy with the building
- 12 goal that focuses on plug loads, as well.
- The next slide. And, lastly, I'm going to talk
- 14 about the select strategy, which is establish the path to
- 15 zero campaign to create demand for high-efficiency
- 16 building.
- So, with this strategy we've got -- we've got
- 18 some actual people that are building zero net energy
- 19 communities. We've got beta communities as a champion,
- 20 and they're kind of focused on identifying ZNE key
- 21 audiences, they're putting together outreach and
- 22 education material, really trying to get a fact sheet
- 23 together and education what, exactly, is zero net energy.
- 24 A lot of people aren't -- don't know what this is.
- 25 And so this strategy's focused on kind of

- 1 building demand and education and awareness.
- 2 And then the second strategy milestone within the
- 3 strategy really focuses on organizing forums and we have
- 4 the utilities that are actively working on this,
- 5 education, zero net energy and so forth.
- The next slide, please, which is again how we're
- 7 doing on the strategy.
- 8 And then the next slide, again, which is overall
- 9 action plan progress. So, to date we're definitely
- 10 falling a little bit behind, but this is only kind of
- 11 taking into consideration the active strategies that we
- 12 were working on. There was a whole bunch of strategies
- 13 that we just didn't even get to in the year 2010, and so
- 14 incorporating more strategies and actually trying to, you
- 15 know, build on our learning curve here of implementing
- 16 the action plan, and I do expect to see more progress in
- 17 the next year.
- 18 But there is definitely a lot of moving parts and
- 19 we're definitely in the early stages of trying to get to
- 20 ZNE. It's still kind of in the mason stage which we're
- 21 trying to build demand for at this moment.
- Next slide. These are some of the people that
- 23 are involved with the action plan and, hopefully, in the
- 24 next year we'll have even more people involved with this
- 25 action plan as we build on it.

- 1 The next slide and last slide. So, just to kind
- 2 of close, these are some of the key drivers that I see
- 3 for zero net energy for new construction. We have -- we
- 4 know we need to have aggressive codes, such as Cal Green
- 5 and REACH codes. Smart meter and demand response
- 6 devices, trying to incorporate these into the codes and
- 7 they could have a great influence on energy end use.
- 8 Demonstration projects and design contests, you know, are
- 9 definitely going to help build demand and show people
- 10 what these zero net energy buildings look like.
- 11 And, of course, innovative financing tools and
- 12 integrated design development is extremely important for
- 13 new construction.
- 14 And the last slide, that's it. And the next
- 15 slide is just Q&A, which I don't know if we'll be doing
- 16 that at the very end, and then my contact information on
- 17 the slide following.
- 18 So, thank you very much.
- 19 MS. BROOK: Great. Thank you so much, Jordana.
- 20 So, we will hold questions until all of our presenters
- 21 have gone through their talks and we appreciate you
- 22 staying online and being part of our day today.
- MS. CAMARATA: Absolutely.
- 24 MS. BROOK: So, next up we have -- first, I'm
- 25 going to get to Jon's slides and then I'll introduce him.

- 1 All right, so next up we have -- oh, and Jon just
- 2 you can either come up here and talk, or there is a
- 3 wireless mouse if you want to sit. Last time I saw it,
- 4 it was by Steve. It's completely up to you.
- 5 MR. MC HUGH: Maybe, I'll just --
- 6 MS. BROOK: All right. So, let me introduce Jon
- 7 McHugh to you. He's a registered mechanical engineer and
- 8 he's the principal of McHugh Energy Consultants.
- 9 He started in the energy field 30 years ago in
- 10 selling solar water heating systems. To pay his way
- 11 through graduate school, Jon conducted over 100
- 12 industrial energy assessments and ultimately was he
- 13 Assistant Director of the Department of Energy sponsored
- 14 Colorado State University Industrial Assessment Center.
- Jon has helped developed or upgrade energy codes
- 16 for Colorado, Canada, ASHRAE 90.1 and California's Title
- 17 24.
- 18 Jon's recent projects include strategic planning
- 19 for the California Statewide Codes and Standards Program
- 20 and for the Energy Foundation, the Strategic Plan for Net
- 21 Zero Homes by 2020.
- Thanks Jon.
- MR. MC HUGH: Good morning. So, I thought that
- 24 I'd start off with sort of the rationale behind ZNE
- 25 homes. And I'm sure many of you have seen pictures

- 1 similar to this where, you know, we've definitely changed
- 2 the global environment, whether it's the amount of light
- 3 at night, the amount of carbon in the air, and also the
- 4 amount of atmospheric ozone and the amount of ultraviolet
- 5 radiation we see at, you know, at the terrestrial level.
- 6 The thing that's interesting about this is that,
- 7 you know, if you look at all of these things you see
- 8 that, you know, the next shoe's going to drop, you know,
- 9 the series of bad news, et cetera.
- 10 However, you know, we have in the past responded
- 11 to challenges and, actually, if you look at the results
- 12 of the Montreal protocol, we've actually sort of already
- 13 hit bottom in terms of depletion of ozone and the
- 14 replacement of various, primarily, refrigerants and a
- 15 number of other activities that we've done. We've
- 16 actually started to sort of bend the curve, so to speak,
- 17 in terms of ozone.
- 18 And, you know, we're looking at trying to do some
- 19 of the same sort of things with carbon and some other
- 20 issues in the State.
- 21 But carbon is not the only issue and there's
- 22 some, you know, no-regrets responses to try to reduce
- 23 energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- 24 You know, we might think of California as a green
- 25 state, but our air certainly isn't. And, you know, we

- 1 have essentially the worst air quality in the United
- 2 States.
- 3 So, there's additional health, financial benefits
- 4 associated with these kinds of efforts in terms of energy
- 5 efficiency.
- Now, you know, we're all here to talk about zero
- 7 net -- or at least I'm here to talk about zero net
- 8 energy. And part of that is, you know, what a powerful
- 9 concept it is. It's very simple to understand. You
- 10 know, what's hard to understand about zero?
- 11 And it has reset sort of people's expectations
- 12 about what we can do in terms of energy consumption and,
- 13 also, in terms of net energy consumption in buildings.
- 14 And pretty much, you know, every country throughout the
- 15 world has got some kind of conference on zero net energy.
- 16 ASHRAE, which is the primary organization that I
- 17 participate in quite a bit, the American Society of
- 18 Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.
- 19 There's been a number of different publications,
- 20 conferences and there's all sorts of work occurring on a
- 21 variety of different levels.
- 22 And all of them has sort of reset sort of -- you
- 23 know, I mean just 10 or 15 years ago we were talking
- 24 about incrementally, you know, impacting energy
- 25 efficiency by 10 or 15 percent.

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- 2 know, ASHRAE 90.1 had a 30 percent goal that they're
- 3 close to achieving. The standard design, sort of high-
- 4 performance building standards are focusing, looking at
- 5 20 percent reductions from, basically, the turn of the
- 6 century, you know, 2000. So, in a fairly short amount of
- 7 time we're looking at really turning on its head what
- 8 our, I'd say, prior sort of psychological barriers to
- 9 going deeper than we have in the past.
- 10 And, of course, this has an impact on the global
- 11 environment, but it also just -- you know, just like the
- 12 comment about all politics is local, well, the sort of
- 13 effect that we're talking about is something that's on an
- 14 individual basis. It gives people a sense of empowerment
- 15 in terms of their energy consumption and that they're
- 16 contributing.
- 17 And, you know, today I'm going to talk about
- 18 primarily what is this definition of zero. So, you'll
- 19 ultimately, I envision at least for homes, that we're
- 20 looking at something that helps us define what is zero on
- 21 our own energy rating system.
- 22 And, you know, so there's -- we want to have a
- 23 message that is simple to understand for the general
- 24 public in terms of, you know, what does zero mean and at
- 25 the same time have all the policy decisions because

- 1 there's lots of -- you know, it's not just carbon,
- 2 there's other things. There's air emissions, there's
- 3 water, there's a bunch of other things that impact the
- 4 State and we can't just think about a single metric when
- 5 we're talking about underneath the hood, of this
- 6 particular rating system that ultimately defines what is
- 7 zero net energy.
- 8 Now, the question is, as you've probably heard
- 9 that there's a number of people that are, you know,
- 10 concerned about global warming, and zero net energy and
- 11 these various things are seen as sort of, you know, the
- 12 opportunity for the State to shake down the general
- 13 public.
- 14 And I think the issue here is that there's a
- 15 number of different things that we can do on a statewide
- 16 basis that actually increases the wealth of all of our
- 17 inhabitants.
- 18 And I don't know if -- I'm sure most of the
- 19 people in the room have probably seen these supply curves
- 20 for carbon abatement, but just for those folks that may
- 21 have never seen it before, unlikely, I know, on the Y
- 22 axis here is the cost of abating the particular amount --
- 23 per ton of carbon, how much does it cost to abate the
- 24 amount of carbon emissions?
- 25 And this scale is actually positive and negative.

- 1 So, we would normally think, oh, it's going to cost
- 2 something to save something. Well, in fact if you look
- 3 at the lifecycle cost which is saying, okay, I'm reducing
- 4 my energy consumption. It costs me a certain amount of
- 5 money but if I, essentially, look at the present value of
- 6 borrowing the money to make the change and looking at the
- 7 cost savings, there's a number of different things that
- 8 are over on the left side of this curve here where it's
- 9 all negative. And these are primarily things associated
- 10 with energy efficiency.
- 11 And, you know, you think, hey, this is sort of
- 12 the no-brainer thing. This is the no-regrets activity.
- But the fact of the matter is, is we are actually
- 14 in a situation where we have not captured that area
- 15 that's shown in green on the plot. In fact we're in a
- 16 situation where there's a lot of reasons why the State
- 17 has not fully embraced the issues of fully optimizing or
- 18 all the wealth generation that's associated with reducing
- 19 energy consumption on a number of levels.
- 20 And then, of course, if we actually are looking
- 21 at the -- fully, you know, hitting some of these targets,
- 22 there's probably going to be some net expense to society.
- 23 And the question is these are net expenses that are net
- 24 of extranalities that don't include things like health
- 25 effects and, you know, the overall effects of

- 1 environmental degradation.
- 2 So, this is just looking at a financial basis.
- 3 And so, you know, the first steps as we look at -- and
- 4 this is all, you know, very consistent with the CPUC
- 5 loading order and the Energy Commission loading order,
- 6 first looking at all those things that are cost effective
- 7 and let's try to reduce, basically, the money that's
- 8 essentially flushed down the toilet every day where we're
- 9 not optimizing our efficiency of our buildings or the
- 10 rest of our environment.
- 11 So, I'm going to talk a little bit about, now,
- 12 the discussion that we had with our working group on the
- 13 ZNE definition. And California Public Utilities
- 14 Commission, when they first defined this a couple of
- 15 years ago, they started off with a vision, which is
- 16 great. But now, as you try to develop an implementation
- 17 plan you actually have to say, okay, now the rubber hits
- 18 the road, what do you really mean?
- 19 And so the language here, that I have posted, is
- 20 the language extracted from the Big, Bold Energy
- 21 Efficiency Strategy. You know, the primary one's about
- 22 all new residential construction being zero net energy by
- 23 2020, commercial by 2030.
- 24 And then the definition that says the amount of
- 25 energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is

- 1 equal to the amount of energy used by the building. And
- 2 it also indicates that ZNE may also include embodied
- 3 energy.
- 4 So, the results of this, we've spent the last six
- 5 months -- you might think, six months to describe ZNE?
- 6 Well, you know, you get a bunch of people in the room and
- 7 this has, you know, a huge impact on policy of the State
- 8 so, not surprisingly, there's a lot of very intelligent
- 9 people, with a lot of different perspectives, and we're
- 10 trying to develop a consensus.
- 11 And from that work we developed a memo. And I
- 12 just have to note that we all didn't agree. So, there
- 13 was a memo and then we're looking at adding onto that,
- 14 basically, you know, the loyal opposition's various
- 15 statements about, you know, other people's definitions of
- 16 ZNE.
- So, these are some of the questions that we've
- 18 tried to address. Probably many of you have thought
- 19 about these in the past. You know, what -- how do we
- 20 define energy? Do we define it in terms of site energy,
- 21 which is the amount of energy, you know, that passes
- 22 through the meter?
- Do we use source energy, which accounts for the
- 24 amount of energy used back at the power plant?
- 25 Do we use other definitions that might include

- 1 societal costs of energy?
- 2 And then, when we look at zero net energy, what
- 3 is the energy that we're talking about? Is it just the
- 4 energy required to operate the building?
- 5 Is it the energy that we normally regulate in
- 6 Title 24?
- 7 Does it include the energy that's in our
- 8 materials, the energy that's required to get back and
- 9 forth to the building?
- 10 And then we talk about on-site renewable energy;
- 11 what does that include? Does it include photovoltaics?
- 12 If I -- can I use biomass, can I receive --
- 13 basically, can I have a pellet stove and have pellets
- 14 sent to me just as long as they're sustainably harvested
- 15 I can start heating my building with wood. So, those are
- 16 some of the questions.
- 17 And then, finally, you know, what is on site?
- 18 So, is that just the building, itself, is it the
- 19 development?
- What if I'm a large landowner and I own 20
- 21 properties and I stick all of my renewables over on one
- 22 property, can I now then not put any renewables on the
- 23 other 19?
- 24 So, those are some of the kinds of questions that
- 25 we wanted to address.

- 1 One of the things we did was that we wanted to
- 2 have a simple definition, but also have the richness of
- 3 all the policy decisions that are underneath that fairly
- 4 simple and straight forward definition.
- 5 And I want to acknowledge, you know, Rick Diamond
- 6 because I think he fairly much kind of came up with this
- 7 idea.
- 8 So, we have this simple definition and then we
- 9 have sort of the footnotes and the italicized words, et
- 10 cetera, that then, you know, the terms, themselves, are
- 11 defined. So, anyway, that's what we want to do there.
- 12 So, the first thing that we recognized was that
- 13 everyone can think about a reason why you can't have a
- 14 zero net energy building in some place.
- So, I've got the house that's in the -- I want to
- 16 build this house and it's in a 300-year-old redwood
- 17 grove. Am I going to cut down all the trees so I can be
- 18 zero net energy? No, probably not going to do that.
- 19 We're not going to have that as a State
- 20 requirement, you know, leave no tree, what, standing or
- 21 something like that.
- So, yeah, exactly. So, what this does is it
- 23 recasts those goals and says that all new construction is
- 24 ZNE or equivalent to zero net energy by 2020.
- 25 And the reason to do that is to uncouple those --

- 1 those buildings that would be touted as a genuine ZNE
- 2 building, that it actually is producing its total amount
- 3 of operational energy on site. So that if you started
- 4 trying to water down what the definition of ZNE was to
- 5 hit the policy goal, then you don't actually have a term
- 6 that's useful for marketing ZNE buildings, you know, that
- 7 we certainly want to encourage.
- 8 Because those buildings are essentially, just
- 9 like we use race cars to develop new technologies for
- 10 passenger vehicles, I see the same thing occurring with
- 11 zero net energy buildings, that these buildings -- not
- 12 every building in the future is necessarily going to be
- 13 zero net energy, but the technologies that are in those,
- 14 you know, purely zero net energy buildings are then going
- 15 to diffuse into the rest of the building stock.
- So, this was, I think, a pretty big deal to
- 17 actually revise that goal. And, of course, this is up to
- 18 the Public Utilities Commission to think about whether or
- 19 not they want to, you know, take this recommendation.
- 20 But then it frees up then, isolating, you know,
- 21 what is now zero net energy versus some policy questions
- 22 that would be embodied in codes, and programs, and other
- 23 things in terms of zero net energy equivalent.
- 24 And it should be noted that equivalency was sort
- 25 of in the original goal and that for the existing

- 1 buildings it says that 50 percent of the buildings will
- 2 be equivalent to zero net energy.
- 3 So we think that, perhaps, that was the intent,
- 4 initially, anyway.
- 5 And then in terms of the definition of zero net
- 6 energy, what we're proposing is -- or at least this
- 7 memo's proposing is that the societal value is the
- 8 definition of energy. The societal value of energy
- 9 consumed by the building is less or equal to, then, the
- 10 societal value of the on-site renewable energy generated.
- 11 And the reason for using societal value of
- 12 energy, and I'm going to go into more detail, but the
- 13 issue is that this captures a number of prior decisions
- 14 around energy policy in the State, and I'm going to go
- 15 into more detail about that.
- So, the societal value of -- so, I guess I won't
- 17 read these, but we'll get into definitions of societal
- 18 value which, historically, we've also known as TDV, or
- 19 time dependent valuation of energy.
- In terms of the site, that the site is the
- 21 property receiving development entitlements and building
- 22 code permits, because we expect that over the long term
- 23 that this would ultimately be enforced through the
- 24 Building Code, so you need some kind of mechanism of
- 25 defining what that property is.

- 1 And also that, you know, again, the purpose of
- 2 zero net energy is this paragon or example of,
- 3 essentially, a building that can "live within its means,"
- 4 that it's able to generate as much energy as it needs and
- 5 that that -- actually, I think it's pretty eye-opening
- 6 that it's actually possible to live within your means,
- 7 that we're not just, you know, developing new building
- 8 stock that ultimately is extractive and requires constant
- 9 input.
- 10 And then, also, what is renewable resources, we
- 11 talked a little bit about that earlier.
- 12 So then, you know, some of the other questions
- 13 was what sort of -- what is the basis of ZNE? Does it
- 14 include embodied energy? Does it include transportation
- 15 energy? Does it include water energy and all these kinds
- 16 of things?
- 17 At this point of time we're just talking about
- 18 the basis being on the energy usage of the building. And
- 19 the reason for this is that we feel it's an attainable
- 20 goal, it's easily understandable.
- I think when people normally say a zero net
- 22 energy building, they're not thinking of, oh, I've got a
- 23 building that's actually providing more energy than I
- 24 need to meet my ongoing needs, it actually, also, sort of
- 25 paying into the energy bank for the amount of energy that

- 1 was used in the concrete, and the foundation, or
- 2 something like that.
- 3 So, it's readily understandable to, I think,
- 4 someone's basic understanding of what ZNE means.
- 5 Also that the building usage includes plug loads.
- 6 So when we think of a zero net energy building, or at
- 7 least when I think of a zero net energy building that the
- 8 amount of renewable generation's not just serving the
- 9 heating, ventilating, and air conditioning, but that it's
- 10 also serving all of the uses that are in that building,
- 11 and so that would include plug loads.
- 12 And that has a huge policy impact because over
- 13 half of the electricity loads in homes are not -- are not
- 14 your Title 24 regulated end uses, they're -- they're
- 15 essentially plug loads, and it highlights the importance
- 16 of appliance standards and other things that we do in
- 17 terms of improving plug load efficiency.
- 18 So, this also has an implication in terms of our
- 19 rating tools. So for instance the HERS-2, which is the
- 20 Home Energy Rating System, accounts for plug loads in
- 21 that rating, and as we move forward into commercial
- 22 buildings, we'll probably want to make sure that we're
- 23 fully accounting for all of the plug loads in those
- 24 buildings.
- 25 And in some cases you have to make some

- 1 assumptions about what is a typical plug load when you
- 2 don't have that information.
- 3 And I've listed COMNET here, which is a national
- 4 group that's working on these kinds of issues.
- 5 So then what is ZNE equivalent and because,
- 6 potentially, that's sort of half of this new policy
- 7 statement which is all buildings are either ZNE or ZNE
- 8 equivalent.
- 9 So, you know, what is proposed is that it's a
- 10 property that achieves, it's a societal value of energy
- 11 equivalent for those ZNE buildings. And then that opens
- 12 the door for all of the policy decisions that have to,
- 13 you know, go through a public process and decide what
- 14 sort of tradeoffs do we allow between other factors and
- 15 energy and that potentially has -- you know, does have
- 16 those other issues associated with energy, whether it's
- 17 embedded energy, transportation energy, embedded energy
- 18 in water and those sorts of things.
- 19 And so this actually builds on the precedence
- 20 that's actually already in Title 24, where we have a
- 21 series of prescriptive standards, essentially a cookbook.
- 22 And in our case, for ZNE, the cookbook is that
- 23 the building doesn't use more societal cost of energy
- 24 than the amount of energy that it's producing.
- 25 And in the Title 24 Energy Code we have these

- 1 prescriptive buildings that, you know, say you've got
- 2 this kind of glass and this kind of insulation in the
- 3 building, but the builder has all the flexibility of
- 4 trading off as long as they run it through the
- 5 performance approach and it ends up with the same
- 6 energy -- or, actually, the same societal cost of energy
- 7 because Title 24 uses what we call PDV energy, so use the
- 8 same societal cost of energy as that base building.
- 9 So, again, it builds on sort of the existing
- 10 structures that are already in place.
- 11 So, I'm going to talk a little bit about, now,
- 12 some of the discussions that we had within our group. It
- 13 looks like I've got about five more minutes. And so some
- 14 of these issues that I've talked about earlier, and we've
- 15 seen the Big, Bold Strategies, and it's worth noting that
- 16 two of these refer to ZNE.
- 17 Again, this was the definition that was talked
- 18 about earlier.
- 19 And then, you know, what is net zero? Again,
- 20 we've talked about that basically the amount of
- 21 renewables out as the same societal cost as the total sum
- 22 of the other energy sources in.
- 23 And so there are various metrics, we've talked
- 24 about the site and source, et cetera, and societal cost.
- 25 Here's some other ones, grid neutral, carbon neutral.

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- 3 of a pro and a cons of the various definitions. And one
- 4 of the definitions, you know, that there was some support
- 5 for had to do with site energy. And the pros associated
- 6 with site energy is, well, there is a definition of just
- 7 exactly how much, you know, energy is metered when we
- 8 sell it to the consumer and, you know, so it's metered,
- 9 it has a value, et cetera, you can make conversions.
- 10 It's a more stringent view of zero net energy
- 11 because essentially the value, when you look at source
- 12 energy and some of these other definitions, the value of
- 13 electricity is a lot higher and so that exported
- 14 renewable electricity would have a lower value under this
- 15 definition. And, also, the value of gas would be
- 16 considered, essentially, relatively higher as a result.
- 17 And also that the CPUC, you know, has goals that
- 18 are associated with kilowatts, kilowatt hours and therms.
- 19 Actually, that goal is for kilowatts, which really aren't
- 20 covered in this definition, but in terms of kilowatt
- 21 hours and therms, those are captured.
- In terms of the cons, you know, the United States
- 23 is one of the few countries, you know, that uses English
- 24 units. The English don't use English units. And so we
- 25 actually don't use the same units for electricity and gas

- 1 and so it's not actually -- it's not really that simple
- 2 for the consumer. You know, okay, I've got to divide by
- 3 3413, multiply by a hundred thousand, they convert it
- 4 into therms or kilowatt hours, et cetera.
- 5 So, the simplicity of site energy when you start
- 6 doing tradeoffs isn't quite as simple in America as it
- 7 might be in Europe or something.
- 8 It's harder and more costly to achieve the goal,
- 9 it would cost 60 percent more -- and I'll show some --
- 10 I've got some backup slides, but it would -- you'd be
- 11 paying 60 percent more for your renewable system and so
- 12 it basically sets the bar, it makes it more stringent,
- 13 and so it would add substantially to the statewide cost
- 14 and for individuals to achieve this.
- 15 It treats all fuels identically so even though
- 16 propane, on average, costs about twice as much as natural
- 17 gas this would treat that those two fuels are treated
- 18 identically. So, not a great, you know, in terms of what
- 19 does the consumer care about? Do they really care about
- 20 therms and kilowatt hours or are they actually more
- 21 interested in dollars. And so site energy doesn't
- 22 necessarily create that tradeoff.
- It ignores the concept of thermodynamic quality,
- 24 which is that it took a lot more energy to make each one
- 25 of those kilowatt hours than it does for -- to make 3,000

- 1 BTUs of natural gas. You know, the reality is that since
- 2 it does have a higher quality if you treat it -- if you
- 3 treat those different energy sources identically, it
- 4 creates some distortions, including things like, you
- 5 know, potentially using electric resistance for water
- 6 heating, which I don't think the State -- you know, we've
- 7 done some things where the State doesn't really want to
- 8 follow that policy choice.
- 9 And also it doesn't address peak demand. And, of
- 10 course, we've got lots of load management policy goals
- 11 that we're trying to achieve. And so -- so, anyway,
- 12 those are some of the cons associated with site energy.
- So, source energy, that's looking at essentially
- 14 how much energy back at the power plant is consumed in
- 15 terms of looking at tradeoffs and valuing, you know, to
- 16 make those tradeoffs between renewable energy, the
- 17 various sources that are used on site.
- 18 And the pros are that there's other definitions
- 19 of ZNE that the European Union uses, source energy, the
- 20 DOE uses source energy. It values energy based on
- 21 primary energy. You know, there's some kind of weird
- 22 things when you think about it in terms of hydro.
- I've got one minute, okay.
- 24 And encourages fuel -- so, anyway, there's pros
- 25 associated with it.

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- 2 actually not consistent, so it's not really that
- 3 appropriate or consistent across the world. It can be
- 4 complex or it can be simplified. Again, it treats
- 5 propane and natural gas the same even though they have
- 6 different costs. It doesn't address peak demand.
- 7 And the -- for societal cost, the pros of using
- 8 societal cost is that it has sort of the benefits of
- 9 source energy, plus it's compatible with what we already
- 10 are using for Title 24. And one of the reasons we're
- 11 using it for Title 24 is that it addresses peak demand.
- 12 It's compatible with the other rating systems that we
- 13 already have in place, the HERS rating, it accounts for
- 14 the value of different energy sources. It comes closer
- 15 to the cost of what the consumer actually pays for their
- 16 energy consumption. And it also is expandable and allows
- 17 for other policy decisions to be included. And it's
- 18 actually very similar to how the CPUC evaluates their
- 19 programs.
- 20 Actually have a -- for people that are interested
- 21 later on, I have a slide that describes how, essentially,
- 22 TDV, if you take off the retail rate add or in the
- 23 emissions value that's essentially -- the rest of that
- 24 evaluation is the same as what's used for the avoided
- 25 cost of energy that's used for evaluations of efficiency

- 1 programs.
- Now, the cons are that historically we've been
- 3 using the term "time dependent valuation" and then that
- 4 leads into sort of grabs how time -- you know, how costs
- 5 vary by hour, et cetera.
- But, you know, that's really the mechanics of the
- 7 details of the thing. It's really easier to explain this
- 8 as a societal cost because that's really what we're
- 9 getting after with TDV. It is complex to calculate
- 10 because it is on an hourly basis.
- 11 You know, as I've showed kind of on my second
- 12 slide, I showed sort of the HERS rating and zero, all
- 13 these details are kind of under the hood of the
- 14 calculation engine but, you know, it does make it harder
- 15 to calculate. And for billing analyses, you know, you
- 16 need some kind of -- it also makes it more complex.
- 17 And another issue that was brought up is, well,
- 18 it's not purely energy because demand costs are really
- 19 talking about the capital costs of equipment, you know,
- 20 the power lines and all these various other things, all
- 21 the infrastructure that's required to meet those loads.
- 22 And I know that I've run out of time so I guess
- 23 I'll stop here but, hopefully, this will lead for some
- 24 interesting discussions this afternoon. Thank you.
- MS. BROOK: Okay. That was very, I think,

- 1 comprehensive and lots of things to chew on later.
- Let's get to our next speaker. Okay, so now
- 3 we're going to have two different speakers talk about the
- 4 pilot programs that are happening in the State for zero
- 5 net energy and our first speaker is Jeff Gleeson.
- 6 So, let me introduce Jeff. Jeff is currently the
- 7 manager of PG&E's Core Buildings Products Team in the
- 8 Customer Energy Solutions Organization of Pacific Gas &
- 9 Electricity.
- The Buildings Team focuses on the Zero Net Energy
- 11 Pilot Program, Energy Upgrade California, which we'll
- 12 hear about later this afternoon, and fenestration
- 13 products.
- 14 Prior to joining PG&E, Jeff received his MBA from
- 15 UC Davis, where he was an emerging venture analyst for
- 16 the Energy Efficiency Center on campus. Jeff's research
- 17 at Davis focused on thermal storage and lifecycle cost
- 18 modeling.
- 19 Jeff has a bachelor of science in civil
- 20 engineering from Cal Poly and he worked as a design
- 21 engineer prior to attending UC Davis.
- Thanks Jeff.
- MR. GLEESON: Great. So, thank you for having me
- 24 today. It's good to be here not only because this is my
- 25 home town but, also, because as Martha mentioned -- thank

- 1 you. Hopefully, everybody can hear me all right.
- 2 As Martha mentioned, my group covers ZNE, which
- 3 is a non-resource program, meaning for the utility it
- 4 doesn't have direct energy savings right now, but I'll
- 5 get into why it's going to have plenty of savings later.
- 6 But, also, the Energy Upgrade California Program,
- 7 which is otherwise known as "Whole House" in some
- 8 circles, depending on where you run in the energy
- 9 efficiency space.
- 10 So, I'm actually going to have to run after this
- 11 presentation to go talk to some folks about Energy
- 12 Upgrade California.
- So it's good to be here today to talk about sort
- 14 of the steps that we're going to take towards those 2020,
- 15 2030 goals.
- 16 So, talked this morning about the end goal and
- 17 then I'll talk with some folks about more of the near-
- 18 term retrofit activities and, obviously, we'll cover that
- 19 this afternoon.
- 20 So, I will be stepping out for a little bit, but
- 21 I will be back this afternoon and hope to connect with
- 22 folks then as there are, I'm sure, questions and some
- 23 things we can discuss.
- 24 So really quickly, just some why, what, and
- 25 specifics of what I'm here to talk about this morning,

- 1 which is PG&E's Zero Net Energy Pilot Program.
- 2 And I think it's particularly exciting, even
- 3 though it doesn't have customer-facing rebates, or
- 4 incentives, or anything that we typically would talk
- 5 about in the utility program, a lot of great studies and
- 6 some different pieces that we're looking at that I think
- 7 everybody will be interested in.
- 8 I'll leave the policy discussion, we've certainly
- 9 heard more about that than I can add right now, so I
- 10 think I'll move forward.
- 11 So, what is the objective of our pilot program?
- 12 It's really the definition up there, but it's three
- 13 buckets, three buckets of things that we're trying to do.
- We're trying to get through some project
- 15 complications for folks who are trying to move their
- 16 projects out at residential buildings, commercial
- 17 buildings, or even community-scale designs, which would
- 18 include educational facilities, things like that. It's
- 19 trying to take that sort of design or your new projects
- 20 to ZNE, but don't quite have the resources to get there,
- 21 we're going to help folks do that.
- We're also looking at large and small technology
- 23 assessments. That's a particularly exciting one. Small
- 24 technology assessments aren't really that small, we just
- 25 call them that because the larger ones are a bit loftier

- 1 in scope.
- 2 But looking at things like a heat pump water
- 3 heater; what does it take to get e-pump water heater
- 4 technology to help us on the goal to ZNE or the path to
- 5 ZNE, and then really comparing it to other technology.
- 6 So as we look forward down the 2020 or 2030 road and
- 7 you're thinking about putting something in what are your
- 8 tradeoffs, what are the technologies that you're going to
- 9 consider and the pros and cons of each.
- 10 And the those larger technology assessments that
- 11 I find even more exciting are asking bigger questions.
- 12 Examples might include DC wiring in buildings, or
- 13 district heating in the larger community. Or even one
- 14 that I find particularly intriguing, that I'd like to
- 15 talk to folks about later is what does it look like when
- 16 all of these things work? So, what does it look like
- 17 when those technologies proliferate and those -- we
- 18 actually accomplish these goals, because Energy Upgrade
- 19 California is certainly going to take us part of the way
- 20 there and so we will.
- 21 So, what does that look like, how do we really
- 22 keep the ZNE in sort of a sustainable and fair future?
- 23 It's a very interesting, it's a larger picture question.
- 24 And then the third bucket is education. So,
- 25 hopefully, a few of you were able to attend our ZNE forum

- 1 a few weeks ago in Berkeley. We're going to have another
- 2 one next year. If you weren't able to attend, then let
- 3 me know and we'll get you my contact information.
- 4 Also, courses at the Pacific Energy Center and
- 5 the Stockton Training Center; those are free, so really
- 6 encourage you to take those, if you haven't already.
- 7 We've got some really, really great instructors for our
- 8 ZNE series, some great architects, some great minds in
- 9 the space.
- 10 So, again, the complications, the tech
- 11 assessments, and then the education piece.
- 12 So those are -- the education piece we call "Tell
- 13 The World."
- 14 So, a little bit more detail on what we're trying
- 15 to do. We're going to try to look at five communities
- 16 between now and the end of our program cycle, which is
- 17 for the end of 2012. And when we say five communities
- 18 what we mean is look at five community-scale projects
- 19 that could potentially get to ZNE and look at how we can
- 20 help them get there. That might be a large residential
- 21 development, or maybe an office complex or, as I
- 22 mentioned, maybe a high school or a community college.
- 23 Demonstration showcases then would be the
- 24 buildings that are on smaller scale, so an individual
- 25 commercial building, or an individual residential

- 1 building.
- 2 If you're looking at putting something new up and
- 3 you need to -- want to get it to ZNE, don't have the
- 4 resources, that's where we'll hopefully be able to step
- 5 in. It's a competitive process, I can give you more
- 6 details if you want, but I won't get into the -- won't
- 7 get into the details now.
- 8 And then the breakdown of the technology
- 9 assessments, we're only going to do five of those large
- 10 ones, so we really need to pick our discussions wisely.
- 11 And then design integration, the last thing I
- 12 didn't mention earlier about the education piece is the
- 13 design competition. Really, excited to move forward on
- 14 some of those, we're going to have a design competition
- 15 this year that you'll be hearing about later, and then a
- 16 design competition next year for students and
- 17 professional architects.
- 18 So, taking a theoretical building, I'm sure some
- 19 of you have been involved in these in the past, I know I
- 20 was as a civil engineer and undergrad; taking a look at a
- 21 site, thinking about what could be put on it -- no
- 22 real -- not necessarily going to build anything or put up
- 23 the winning bid, but taking a look at what we could use
- 24 from a mixed-use perspective, or maybe a larger
- 25 community-scale, transportation perspective on a site

- 1 that maybe could use some help. So, we'll have two
- 2 design competitions and those should be really great
- 3 events and, hopefully, we're going to see some really
- 4 great entries in those.
- 5 So again, no incentives, no flashy marketing
- 6 materials for this program, but I think asking and then
- 7 exploring and then, hopefully, beginning to answer some
- 8 more fun questions of what we've got here that we're
- 9 talking about today.
- 10 So again I mentioned, there are some smaller
- 11 details about some of these things, be happy to follow up
- 12 with any of you offline, if you've got questions.
- 13 But competitive process for projects that are
- 14 looking for design assistance, which is kind of the
- 15 nature of what we need to do and then we are going to be
- 16 selecting consultants and then actually move through that
- 17 public process, as well, to selecting what we'll pair
- 18 with these projects and hopefully get some assistance for
- 19 folks that they otherwise wouldn't be able to bring on to
- 20 their design teams.
- 21 And then really take a comprehensive look at
- 22 project scopes and where community or building level
- 23 projects can hit.
- 24 So, that's a really quick overview and I know
- 25 we're a little behind, so I'll stop there. And I'm going

- 1 to talk about some data for the Residential Program, but
- 2 I'll be back later this afternoon, happy to talk more.
- 3 It's a small pilot, but it's an exciting pilot. So,
- 4 looking forward to talking with you folks later, thank
- 5 you.
- 6 MS. BROOK: So, all the hard questions we'll save
- 7 for this afternoon when Jeff gets back. So, great, thank
- 8 you Jeff.
- 9 Our next speaker is Steve Galanter from Southern
- 10 California Edison, and let me bring up his slides and
- 11 introduce him real quickly. I know you're in here
- 12 somewhere. Here you are. Okay.
- Okay, Steve Galanter manages Southern California
- 14 Edison's Customer Energy Efficiency and Solar Division's
- 15 Strategic Planning and Technical Services Group. His
- 16 responsibilities include the management of long-term
- 17 energy efficiency strategic planning, development and
- 18 management of engineering savings estimates for energy
- 19 efficiency program operations, tracking systems
- 20 coordination, and he's also responsible for quality
- 21 assurance for the division.
- During Steve's 30 years at Edison he's held the
- 23 positions of Manager of Regulatory Planning, Manager of
- 24 Technical Support, Manager of Technology Assessment and
- 25 Application, and Supervisor of Load Management Programs.

- 1 Steve.
- 2 MR. GALANTER: That's a great resume, I wish it
- 3 was mine. Just kidding.
- 4 So, I have really two slides that I want to go
- 5 over and the first slide is just seven projects, seven
- 6 emerging technology and customer energy efficiency, and
- 7 solar-related ZNE projects that I want to talk about.
- 8 And then comment a little bit on what John was
- 9 going over in terms of definitions of ZNE. And those are
- 10 my two slides.
- 11 So, the first one, the biggest project that we
- 12 probably have going on, which is not solely a ZNE
- 13 project, but it's an integrated project associated with
- 14 looking at our -- looking at our energy grid and asking
- 15 the question what is some of this new technology going to
- 16 do to our energy grid? What kind of affect is it going
- 17 to have? And included in that is zero net energy homes.
- 18 So there's four blocks of homes that will be
- 19 installed as part of what is called the "Irvine Smart
- 20 Grid Demonstration."
- 21 Each block of homes is about 10 to 12 homes and
- 22 they're all going to have a different focus to them. One
- 23 block of homes will have battery storage or electrical
- 24 energy storage, because some people don't like the word
- 25 "battery" for some reason. But those homes will have

- 1 site-positioned batteries in them.
- 2 Then roughly about the same number of homes will
- 3 have a community battery and it will be associated with
- 4 the transformer for those homes.
- 5 And then another group of homes will be zero net
- 6 energy homes. Those are what we're talking about today.
- 7 And then the last group of homes will be the base
- 8 case or the comparison group of homes.
- 9 It's a very big project, it's a lot of money,
- 10 it's almost \$80 million, half of which is funded by the
- 11 Department of Energy and the other half the Southern
- 12 California Edison and some other folks.
- But as you can guess by the nature of this
- 14 project, I think I could say safely that the utility
- 15 industry is concerned about what the future holds in
- 16 terms of new technology, new developments, photovoltaics,
- 17 electric vehicles, those kinds of things and what they're
- 18 going to do to our grid.
- 19 Our grid has not been that dynamic in the past.
- 20 It's been a one-way grid. Electrons have flowed out
- 21 towards businesses and homes, and it's not been a two-way
- 22 transfer of electricity.
- 23 That is already changing and it will be changing
- 24 a lot in the next ten years, and that's the time frame
- 25 for zero net energy that we're talking about; high

- 1 concentrations of photovoltaics, inverters, that sort of
- 2 thing, electric vehicles.
- 3 So this is a great project, we're leveraging
- 4 other parts of the company in terms of doing this,
- 5 because the roughly \$40 million on our side of the
- 6 funding for this is -- most of it is coming from our grid
- 7 operations team, it's not coming from energy efficiency
- 8 but, yet, we're able to leverage that.
- 9 And so this is a great project and it's just
- 10 getting underway so, hopefully, we'll get a lot of good
- 11 information out of it.
- 12 Now, the next one on the list of seven is this
- 13 power modeling study. It is a study, it's not actual
- 14 hardware in the field, but it's an analysis of inverters,
- 15 inverter technology to go primarily in homes.
- And just as CFLs, not all CFLs are alike in terms
- 17 of color quality, in terms of just longevity, and the
- 18 quality of the bulb, that's true of inverters as well.
- 19 And some inverters are what we call dirty and what are
- 20 they going to do, again, to our grid.
- 21 The anticipation is there will be lots more
- 22 inverters in place because there will be photovoltaics,
- 23 and battery storage, and that sort of thing.
- 24 And then the third project that I've listed here
- 25 is this is a single-family model home ZNE project. What

- 1 we're trying to do is solicit three developers to
- 2 participate in this project, where they would commit to
- 3 have one of their model homes being a zero net energy
- 4 home. So, this would be a home, amongst a number of
- 5 models, and you would hope that they would have
- 6 progressively better performance in those models, and
- 7 then the trophy model would be the zero net.
- 8 So we're, you know, as you can well imagine, with
- 9 the housing market as it is today, we're struggling a
- 10 little bit on this. But that is our intent and we are
- 11 pushing forward on this project.
- 12 It will focus primarily on climate zones eight,
- 13 nine and ten. If you're not familiar with Southern
- 14 California climate zones, but that goes from coastal --
- 15 well, not coastal, but near coastal to a very hot region.
- Then the next project and this was good putting
- 17 it all on one slide, I don't have to go through the -- is
- 18 what we call the ABC Home Project.
- 19 And forgive me, but I don't know what ABC stands
- 20 for, but I do know it's for trade schools, it's for folks
- 21 who build homes, and training people to build homes.
- 22 This is actually Southern California Edison
- 23 funding the education and training of folks to build
- 24 these homes. And once built, they would actually build a
- 25 full-scale home, moving that home to the community, maybe

- 1 having Habitat of Humanity or somebody take it and
- 2 actually place it and have a family move into it, and
- 3 then build another home.
- 4 So, this has just started, but we're pretty
- 5 excited about this because, as you can guess, this
- 6 incorporates a number of elements of awareness,
- 7 knowledge, technology and community involvement. So, we
- 8 really like this project.
- 9 The next one is actually a retrofit program.
- 10 It's big-box retail. And we saw one of the Big, Bold
- 11 strategies was essentially retrofit, existing homes,
- 12 existing businesses.
- 13 And although some big-box retailers have made
- 14 attempts, at least in new construction, to do zero net,
- 15 this is to go to the hard one, the real difficult one,
- 16 and we think we're close to having a commitment for this
- 17 occurring. And I can't even name who that would be, but
- 18 it's a big name. And I hope this works out because
- 19 otherwise I'm pumping you up for no reason. But, anyhow,
- 20 so that's what that is.
- 21 And then the next one is a zero net energy lab.
- 22 This is something that was funded due to our funding
- 23 request, Southern California Edison's emerging technology
- 24 funding request. It's in our program implementation
- 25 plans. It's to build an energy technology center, really

- 1 focusing in on zero net energy, that's what it is.
- We have a refrigeration technology center, we
- 3 have a lighting technology center, and this would be a
- 4 center for that, and it would be a center for integrating
- 5 a number of technologies into the concept of ZNE. How do
- 6 they work together, how can we optimize that, that's what
- 7 this activity is.
- 8 And then the last, which I know Greg is very
- 9 proud of this because I -- having worked at the Edison
- 10 Company for so many years, one of our biggest
- 11 bureaucracies is our IT department and it is really
- 12 difficult to do this, is to put a blog together from a
- 13 large company like us, and we did it in short order. And
- 14 from what Greg tells me, there's lots of interest in
- 15 this. We're posting articles. The idea, again, is to
- 16 communicate about ZNE and have a forum to do that and
- 17 this is our blog.
- 18 So, now let me just -- let me just comment very
- 19 briefly and then I'll conclude my remarks, about this
- 20 definitional discussion that we had. Jon talked about
- 21 it. And thank you, Jon, for at least recognizing that
- 22 there isn't consensus on that. Everybody has a different
- 23 opinion on how you define this ZNE.
- I think where we're coming from is simple is
- 25 good, and straight forward. We kind of like the CPUC's

- 1 approach. It's conceptually very easy to understand.
- 2 Because we're recognizing that to be market
- 3 sustainable and to really be successful over the long
- 4 haul the market has to embrace this, and customers have
- 5 to understand it.
- 6 So our approach in general is simple is good.
- 7 So, as a result site energy is what we like. We
- 8 understand transportation, water, embodied energy and all
- 9 that but, again, taking the simple track, we would prefer
- 10 not to embrace that.
- 11 And then also recognition of ZNE or I should say
- 12 near ZNE. Not everybody's going to make it and it's
- 13 okay, but if it's a fractional ZNE, maybe that's okay,
- 14 too, again, leading to market -- a potential market
- 15 transformation.
- 16 And then also recognition that not all power is
- 17 equal. Power is made up of a combination of different
- 18 generation resources from hydro, to nuclear, to coal, and
- 19 a lot of renewables. California's done a long way in the
- 20 area of renewables. That shouldn't be ignored in terms
- 21 of assessing ZNE.
- 22 Then the last thing I'd like to say is sort of a
- 23 look back to the seven projects that I outlined. As you
- 24 can imagine or as you heard, what the future's going to
- 25 hold in terms of our grid is a big deal for us. And I'll

- 1 leave you with just this thought, if you think about zero
- 2 net energy, or just an average home, ultimately zero net
- 3 energy, but an average home in our service territory
- 4 consumes between 6,000 and 6,500 kilowatt hours.
- 5 An electric vehicle that is driven about 15,000
- 6 miles a year consumes about 6,000 kilowatt hours.
- 7 A transformer, for a typical distribution, will
- 8 serve about seven hours.
- 9 So, if you put that all together and start to
- 10 think about what's going to happen in the future in terms
- 11 of our energy grid, along with all the photovoltaics,
- 12 which is increment and generation, there's a lot, a lot
- 13 of interest in what's going to be happening in the next
- 14 10 to 20 years.
- 15 And that's kind of what's kind of painted my
- 16 comments and I'll just sort of leave you with that
- 17 thought. But there's no doubt that the future will be
- 18 very different than today and it will include ZNE, and
- 19 photovoltaics, and electric vehicles, and we want to make
- 20 it work for our company and that's what we're doing,
- 21 that's what we're working on.
- MS. BROOK: Thank you.
- Okay, our final speaker for this morning is Cathy
- 24 Chappell and she's going to talk about ZNE standards.
- 25 Cathy is a registered mechanical engineer and

- 1 Director of Codes and Standards at the Heschong Mahone
- 2 Group. She's currently leading the development of the
- 3 California Investor-owned Utility sponsored Code
- 4 Revisions for the 2013 California Building Energy
- 5 Standards, which we call Title 24.
- 6 The project develops specific Title 24 standards
- 7 language in supporting compliance manual and compliance
- 8 forms.
- 9 Ms. Chappell has also assisted the California
- 10 investor-owned utilities with new construction program
- 11 development, implementation and evaluation, emphasizing
- 12 the role of utility programs and priming the market for
- 13 code updates.
- 14 Cathy.
- 15 MS. CHAPPELL: Thanks Martha. Can everybody hear
- 16 me okay, am I close enough? A little bit up, okay.
- 17 So, as the last speaker of the session, I also
- 18 have the duty of kind of giving us some time to speak,
- 19 have questions from the audience. I, also,
- 20 optimistically, scheduled another call, as did Jeff,
- 21 another meeting, so I may need to step out and take a
- 22 call, but will be around until 11:30.
- 23 So without further ado, as Martha said, what I'm
- 24 going to be talking about is the 2013 standards, Title
- 25 24, primarily the building energy efficiency both --

- 1 well, I'll get into this shortly, what we're talking
- 2 about there.
- 3 And as Jordana covered earlier today, the role,
- 4 the perspective that I have, as Martha mentioned with the
- 5 introduction, is what the investor-owned utilities are
- 6 doing in connection with the Energy Commission on working
- 7 towards Title 24.
- 8 And that is part of the long-term strategic plan.
- 9 One of the critical cross-cutting elements is codes and
- 10 standards, both for buildings and for appliances. And
- 11 the CPUC and, therefore, the IOUs are working towards
- 12 this same ZNE goal that we've been talking about.
- 13 And I like to present this, I'm not the only one
- 14 who's done this, as a continuum, when we look at energy
- 15 efficiency, the role that codes and standards plays in
- 16 the whole cycle of energy efficiency.
- 17 And we typically will start or I like to think
- 18 about starting at the R&D section. What we're looking at
- 19 is PIER, as a good example, to dive some of the research,
- 20 looking at some of the emerging technology programs and
- 21 projects. I think that the ZNE pilot program is a really
- 22 good example of that.
- 23 Moving it into the incentive programs, as Jordana
- 24 mentioned earlier Savings By Design is the utilities'
- 25 commercial new construction program. There's also the

- 1 Solar Homes Initiative that the utilities are working on.
- 2 And all of that feeds into priming the market for
- 3 codes and standards, and looking at cost-effective and
- 4 stakeholder-supported code changes that are cost
- 5 effective.
- 6 And then, of course, another key piece is the
- 7 education and training element, particularly as it
- 8 applies to the Title 24 standards. And that's not a
- 9 focus of what I'm going to be presenting today, but I
- 10 just want to emphasize that that is critical to make this
- 11 all work in the real world.
- 12 So what we're talking about when we're talking
- 13 about Title 24 and what we are specifically looking at,
- 14 we the next round of the Title 24 update, is both the
- 15 California investor-owned utilities mentioned here, and I
- 16 will also mention that the municipal utilities, SMUD and
- 17 LADWP, in particular, have been participating in this
- 18 activity working closely with the CPUC Title 24 Standards
- 19 staff to look at base code of Title 24, which is part 6,
- 20 as well as the REACH standard, which is part 11.
- 21 And so what we're looking at is trying to achieve
- 22 significant energy savings for the Title 13, Title 24
- 23 building energy update that's reasonable, responsible,
- 24 and cost effective. And this is looking at the TDV value
- 25 of energy for -- specifically for residential for a 30-

- 1 year building time frame.
- 2 And the goals that we're looking at is for -- for
- 3 Title 24, relative to ZNE, is that Title 24 is really the
- 4 logical step for ZNE.
- 5 And as Jordana mentioned, having these
- 6 requirements in code is -- you know, I think she made
- 7 some comment about readying the market, but the other way
- 8 to look at it is it basically forces the market to
- 9 implement these requirements that we've been
- 10 investigating and that we think are appropriate.
- And again, we look at the updates, which is what
- 12 I'm presenting, we look at implementation, which is the
- 13 development of the manuals and the supporting
- 14 documentation of how this works, and the enforcement both
- 15 at the building department level, as well as with the
- 16 design community and making these -- the savings actually
- 17 occur.
- 18 So, what we're looking at with the Title 24
- 19 updates is to progressively raise the bar so that towards
- 20 ZNE what we're looking at or what the Energy Commission
- 21 has specifically said, for energy efficiency improvements
- 22 getting about 50 to 70 percent there.
- 23 And the idea is that there's 20 to 30 percent
- 24 energy savings for each update cycle as we head towards
- 25 2020.

- 1 And this is just a real simplified graphic of
- 2 what that is. We're referencing it to 2008 so we're at,
- 3 you know, a hundred percent of the energy consumption.
- 4 We're looking at here's a step of about 25 percent
- 5 towards the 2013 or 2014, which is when it's going to be
- 6 implemented, code. And then stepping down progressively
- 7 so that by the time we get to 2020 we're below 40 percent
- 8 and the remainder of that is met with renewables.
- 9 And so what we're looking at basically here is,
- 10 again, this is focusing on the residential portion of
- 11 Title 24, which is the 2020 goal. The non-residential is
- 12 looking at a 2030 goal.
- 13 And we have this, what we're referring to as a
- 14 loading order, where we're basically looking at the
- 15 building envelope, first, and we're trying to minimize
- 16 the energy consumption of the building envelope, then
- 17 start looking at the system efficiencies, the HVAC, the
- 18 ducts, the water heating.
- 19 And a key part of that has been verification of
- 20 the proper installation of the components and the system.
- 21 And one piece is QII, the quality insulation installation
- 22 and then the other, and then there's additional HERS
- 23 inspections for some of the HVAC requirements, and the
- 24 infiltration and testing that's required.
- 25 And I'll go into a little bit more detail here.

- 1 Then we're also look at equipment and plug loads. And
- 2 Title 24 has addressed lighting in both commercial and
- 3 residential buildings in the form of mandatory
- 4 requirements, specifically for residential. There's also
- 5 the interest in looking at additional loads.
- And as I think Martha's previously showed, and
- 7 Jon mentioned that, you know, there's a lot of energy use
- 8 in plug use that currently isn't regulated in Title 24,
- 9 and so the CEC staff and the IOUs are looking at how to
- 10 incorporate some of that with some lighting, and HVAC,
- 11 and other plug load requirements.
- 12 Then the other thing that the energy -- that the
- 13 standards are looking at, the Title 24 standards, for the
- 14 first time is looking at renewables. So, I shouldn't say
- 15 for the first time, there have been some solar, thermal,
- 16 water-heating requirements for solar-assisted water
- 17 heating. We are starting to look at solar PV and solar-
- 18 oriented developments.
- 19 And then there's also, this is all part of the
- 20 goal of what the Title 24 base code is looking at, and
- 21 then there are additional REACH codes that will go into
- 22 the CAL Green requirement and provide a consistent goal
- 23 and set of requirements that can be adopted by REACH
- 24 communities, if they so choose.
- So, I'm not going to go into the details of this,

- 1 both in the interest of time and because this isn't
- 2 really the focus of this session, but I wanted to just
- 3 provide some illustration of what we, and again
- 4 collectively the Energy Commission, the IOUs, and all the
- 5 stakeholders, and in the workshop process that the Energy
- 6 Commission has been holding, where we have found some of
- 7 the potential energy savings.
- 8 And the middle column here is looking at analysis
- 9 that has shown that there is some efficiency levels that
- 10 can be 44 percent more efficient than the 2008 code, the
- 11 current code, and then also comparing where the Energy
- 12 Commission is currently looking at 33 percent, which gets
- 13 to that first step.
- 14 There's glazing requirements, there's insulation
- 15 requirements that include both walls, cavity insulation,
- 16 as well as rigid insulation, swilling requirements.
- 17 I'll go through real quickly some of these
- 18 acronyms. RHT, raised hill tresses, so the idea that the
- 19 insulation at the corners don't get crunched up and then,
- 20 therefore, lose some of their capacity.
- 21 Looking at roof reflection values, looking at
- 22 additional roof deck insulation, looking at radiant
- 23 barriers and the requirements for roof ventilation,
- 24 looking at duct insulation requirements, and duck ceiling
- 25 and duct pressure testing requirements.

- 1 Also looking at ventilation, WHF is whole-house
- 2 fans. And the difference between in the footnotes there
- 3 on the graph is that for the CEC staff requirements there
- 4 are some exceptions for some of these requirements and
- 5 variations based on climate zones.
- And so, obviously, where it's less cost-effective
- 7 to do so, it's not required.
- 8 There's infiltration and testing requirements.
- 9 This is changing to be consistent with the air change
- 10 testing and values that are more consistent with IECC
- 11 2012 requirements.
- 12 The three or four air changes per hour is roughly
- 13 about, you know, somewhere between 30 and 50 percent
- 14 better than what the current requirement is, which is the
- 15 7.6 of the CEC staff proposal, although, we have seen
- 16 that in a lot of existing construction, relatively new
- 17 existing construction, that buildings are actually
- 18 tighter than that 7.6.
- 19 Then we're also looking at QII, again, quality
- 20 insulation installation. It's standing currently, it
- 21 just applies to the cavity insulation, the bats that are
- 22 going in the wall, extending that to rigid insulation,
- 23 exterior, as well as roof deck insulation.
- 24 The DHW compact design is basically the idea that
- 25 the water-heating system is thought out ahead of time,

- 1 that the heating loads, the draws, the kitchens and the
- 2 bathrooms are not necessarily centrally located, but
- 3 located in the same area so that your runs are smaller
- 4 than they would otherwise need to be, and that they're
- 5 close to the water heater so that there's less of pipe
- 6 losses.
- 7 And again, the first presentation -- or this
- 8 information that's on this graph in the table is the
- 9 package requirement which, as I think everybody knows,
- 10 sets the basis for the performance approach.
- 11 So, we're not saying that this needs to be done,
- 12 but we're saying that this is going to be the model
- 13 that's used to set the budget for the performance
- 14 approach and potential tradeoffs.
- 15 The other thing that we're looking at in terms of
- 16 tradeoffs are higher efficiency of air conditioning,
- 17 furnace and water-heating measures. There are
- 18 considerable issues with Federal preemption on air
- 19 conditioning efficiencies and the Energy Commission is
- 20 looking at ways around that, as having alternative
- 21 options that can encourage higher efficiencies, and
- 22 looking at other tradeoffs with HVAC equipment, looking
- 23 at evaporative technologies that could be used.
- 24 Again, with equipment the current emphasis that
- 25 we're looking on are upgradable thermostats that address

- 1 demand response.
- We're looking at lighting requirements, both
- 3 increasing the efficacy to high-efficacy requirements in
- 4 kitchens and bathrooms, and then providing credit for
- 5 even higher-efficacy lighting, including outdoor lighting
- 6 controls.
- We're also looking at several HVAC compliance
- 8 options, including the night ventilation system that will
- 9 allow some credits for night ventilation, looking at
- 10 thermal control requirements and where they make sense
- 11 and where they don't.
- 12 Again with the renewables we're looking at the
- 13 solar water heating, solar thermal for single-family and
- 14 multi-family buildings.
- We're looking at solar-ready PV homes, which is
- 16 basically to say that the wiring needs to be typically to
- 17 the roof. There needs to be an area on the roof that is
- 18 accessible for PV. And the solar-oriented development is
- 19 an idea that, if I'm recalling correctly, it's more of a
- 20 REACH code option, which is looking at master-planned
- 21 communities that align streets and so forth to make
- 22 better access for roofs, for proper solar orientation.
- We also have been talking in various areas about
- 24 the house energy budget. The Energy Commission is
- 25 looking at having larger homes that would use more energy

- 1 or would want higher allotment of, let's say, growing
- 2 areas and so forth to trade off against PV and other
- 3 renewables.
- 4 The IOUs are also considering looking at a
- 5 maximum budget that basically says your budget is set,
- 6 it's not so much a per-square-foot value, but it's
- 7 actually looking at a maximum cap on the budget and,
- 8 therefore, larger homes would have to do more to reduce
- 9 the energy.
- 10 And I know we haven't discussed this in detail,
- 11 but that's kind of the idea of where we would go towards
- 12 the ZNE.
- 13 Then some of the REACH code options that we're
- 14 looking at are the unvented attic options, compressorless
- 15 comfort homes, which is actually a fairly broad topic,
- 16 which is looking at, again, designing the building
- 17 envelope so that -- hopefully, I can back up and not hurt
- 18 Niemeyer's (phonetic) ears. Sorry.
- 19 Looking at reducing the envelope, maximizing, you
- 20 know, how efficient we make the envelope. Looking,
- 21 again, sort of kind of going back to, you know, passive
- 22 design type of construction.
- 23 The emphasis here is that we're looking at the
- 24 ASHRAE standard 55 comfort conditions, and so it would be
- 25 verifying that the home is within comfort, the required

- 1 comfort conditions. And the idea that especially in
- 2 coastal homes that homes do not need to be built with air
- 3 conditioners, and the code could somehow address that and
- 4 allow for the energy savings and associated cost savings
- 5 of not installing an air conditioning -- an air
- 6 conditioner.
- And, again, the focus is making sure that it is a
- 8 comfortable house and not just a house without air
- 9 conditioning.
- 10 We're also -- some of the future topics that the
- 11 IOUs have been looking at is for residences, is improving
- 12 the ventilation and economizing requirements, really
- 13 looking at some of the air distribution requirements, and
- 14 what the fan energy is for fans, and looking at some duct
- 15 improvements, especially for ducts in unconditioned
- 16 space, looking at duct materials.
- 17 One of the things that we're looking at is
- 18 revisiting flex duct and how well flex duct works, and
- 19 how easy it is to manipulate it. That isn't necessarily
- 20 the best for the air flow of the system and can increase
- 21 the energy significantly.
- 22 And I think with that, that's my last slide, so I
- 23 will stop and hand it back over to Martha.
- MS. BROOK: Great.
- MS. CHAPPELL: Thank you.

- 1 MS. BROOK: Great, thank you.
- 2 All right. So, now what I'd like to do is just
- 3 before -- oh, you're going to leave right now?
- 4 MS. CHAPPELL: I've got to head out.
- 5 MS. BROOK: Oh, great.
- 6 MS. CHAPPELL: You can answer those questions.
- 7 MS. BROOK: Okay, I'll answer the code questions.
- 8 I'll ask myself a question and then answer it.
- 9 So what I'm going to do, because I think we'd
- 10 like your involvement for the last 45 minutes of this
- 11 session, I'm going to just ask a couple of questions and
- 12 then if you guys are quiet and shy, then I'll ask the
- 13 rest of my questions at the end.
- So one thing I wanted to pose, Jon, and Steve,
- 15 and I guess me is do you -- do you think that we have the
- 16 right goals, so our 2020 and 2030 goals for zero net
- 17 energy buildings. Are those the right ones? Should we
- 18 reconsider those goals or change them in any way that you
- 19 think is really important?
- 20 MR. GALANTER: I guess as an aspirational goal, I
- 21 mean clearly I think it's fine. But, you know, I think
- 22 that more than myself, you know, folks have asked the
- 23 question as how practical is it going to be to achieve
- 24 that goal in particular markets.
- MS. BROOK: Okay.

- 1 MR. GALANTER: In some areas it's easier and more
- 2 cost effective, obviously, and others it's not. Does
- 3 that say that we back away from still striving for that,
- 4 I'm not so sure.
- 5 MS. BROOK: Jon, do you want to comment?
- 6 MR. MC HUGH: So, I think the goal, you know, the
- 7 top-down approach where you set a goal, whether it's zero
- 8 net energy or if you look at, you know, hitting a
- 9 particular efficiency target, the effect of those goals
- 10 are really profound.
- 11 And I'll just give the example of -- I've been
- 12 participating in the ASHRAE 90.1 process, and if you look
- 13 for a number of years, and if you look at the difference
- 14 between ASHRAE 90.1 2004 and the 2007 version, if I
- 15 remember, the changes were something on the order of
- 16 three or four percent.
- and if you look at the -- for the 2010 version of
- 18 ASHRAE 90.1, essentially, the Executive Board of ASHRAE,
- 19 along with a little prodding from DOE, they set a goal
- 20 for 30 percent reduction in energy consumption.
- 21 And that resulted in something on the order of a
- 22 25 -- they didn't actually quite hit the goal. I mean
- 23 there's probably different ways you can slice it or dice
- 24 it, but it was somewhere on the order of 25 percent
- 25 reduction in energy consumption.

- 1 So I actually don't know how a state can make a
- 2 policy without actually having some goals because,
- 3 certainly, you know, I've participated in the codes
- 4 process and unless there is a vision and a goal the path
- 5 of least resistance is essentially to do fairly small
- 6 incremental changes.
- 7 MS. BROOK: Okay, great, thanks. And I guess you
- 8 guys already heard my pitch at the very beginning as far
- 9 as the need for a paradigm shift and so I'm going to
- 10 stick with that. I think the aspirational goals are
- 11 essential and we have to make a big shift.
- I mean we've been doing a lot of great things in
- 13 the State and it's not enough, so we need to push
- 14 ourselves really, really hard.
- 15 MR. MC HUGH: I just have one more comment which
- 16 is if we declare these goals to be aspirational, to me
- 17 that's kind of a recipe for failure because in general,
- 18 if it's an aspirational goal, then that sets up the stage
- 19 for, essentially, well, it's aspirational, I really don't
- 20 have to hit this.
- 21 And there's some hard choices ahead and so --
- MS. BROOK: Right. No, that's a good point,
- 23 yeah.
- 24 MR. MC HUGH: And so what you'd want to look at
- 25 is sort of intermediate progress indicators towards

- 1 whatever that goal is. I mean you may end up having to
- 2 change it but if you start off with the assumption that,
- 3 no, we're not going to hit it, so you say, okay, we're
- 4 trying to hit this particular goal by 2020, what does
- 5 that mean what we're going to do by 2015.
- 6 MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- 7 MR. MC HUGH: You can always reevaluate, but if
- 8 you don't actually have a hard goal for 2015, you know,
- 9 you're in a hard place.
- MS. BROOK: Right.
- MR. MC HUGH: And I kind of look at the -- you
- 12 know, when we take goals that are out to 2050, and these
- 13 kinds of things, you know, it sets the stage for
- 14 essentially not --
- MS. BROOK: Procrastination.
- MR. MC HUGH: Yeah, not doing much, yeah.
- MS. BROOK: All right, good. Actually, so what
- 18 I'm --
- 19 MR. GALANTER: Can I make one other comment on
- 20 that?
- MS. BROOK: Yeah.
- MR. GALANTER: Is I think what you're alluding to
- 23 is how do you execute on that goal and how do you do that
- 24 over time, where do you focus? Maybe that's particular
- 25 markets which can succeed and show the way.

- 1 MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- 2 MR. GALANTER: Maybe it's marginal achievements
- 3 across the board but, regardless, that's -- you know,
- 4 what the execution strategy is, or the action plan as it
- 5 were, which I think is PUC's desire through their action
- 6 plans, is how does that unfold, how do you do that.
- 7 MS. BROOK: Okay, great. And, actually, we
- 8 should open up the lines to Jordana, too, so that if she
- 9 wants to respond to any of these, she can.
- The other thing is I decided to change my mind.
- 11 What I'd like to do, because I saw Dana's hand go up, so
- 12 I'd actually think I'd like you guys to just come up to
- 13 the center podium after each of the questions, so we can
- 14 all just do this together.
- 15 MS. WATERS: Dana Waters (phonetic), with the Air
- 16 Resources Board. I just wanted to follow up on that
- 17 question and take it maybe one step further given the
- 18 proposed ZNE definition and the target dates will we be
- 19 able to achieve the goals by the target dates or do we
- 20 think we might even be able to achieve it sooner?
- MS. BROOK: Good, thanks.
- 22 Does anybody else want to come up and talk about
- 23 whether they like or dislike our policy goal? Come on
- 24 up. Just queue up there.
- 25 MR. GABLE: Mike Gable, Gable Associates. I

- 1 think the discussion between an aspirational goal and
- 2 sort of what I call an aspirational goal, I think there
- 3 needs to be kind of fine tuning. I don't think you have
- 4 to back off, as Jon suggested, necessarily is the
- 5 inevitable outcome of an aspirational goal, but I think,
- 6 for example, I would refer to something called -- I would
- 7 call it continuum of realistic opportunity, to Steve's
- 8 point, where you really have to calibrate those
- 9 opportunities what are realistic, where you can move
- 10 towards ZNE and be acknowledging the ones where there's
- 11 still difficulties.
- 12 If you don't get into carbon trading, if you
- 13 don't get into certain other areas without that sort of
- 14 super structure, what's realistic within certain
- 15 occupancy type of building climate zones --
- MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- 17 MR. GABLE: -- site opportunity, zoning
- 18 requirements, and so on. So I think just to move from
- 19 aspirational to operational a lot more research has to be
- 20 done to sort of define better where the opportunities are
- 21 and clarify them. Not so much give up on the
- 22 possibilities, but to clarify them further.
- MS. BROOK: Okay, great. Mike?
- 24 MR. KEESEY: Mike Keesey, I'm with the Sacramento
- 25 Municipal Utility District, I'm the Project Manager in

- 1 our R&D group. I've been working on zero energy building
- 2 since the year 2000.
- 3 I'm going to take the opportunity to talk about a
- 4 few things because that way I don't feel like a pogo
- 5 stick, coming up and down here.
- 6 But the first thing I think we would address
- 7 would be the definition. We like to keep the definition
- 8 simple, too. We use the simple, "the building uses as
- 9 much energy as it produces on a source energy basis."
- 10 This is one also used by the Department of Energy and the
- 11 National Renewable Energy Lab, if I'm not mistaken.
- 12 Other things that I would urge us all to look at
- 13 as we go through this is that in terms of Steve's comment
- 14 about it depends on the goal, I think you can build zero
- 15 energy buildings right now and you could do it cost
- 16 effectively, particularly if you look at it by building
- 17 segment.
- 18 Research done for us by NREL indicates that
- 19 schools can be done, at least in our climate zone, right
- 20 now. And so it sort of begs the question of how come the
- 21 State Architect, which has sort of led an effort in that
- 22 regard, has sort of not mandated it since it seems to
- work.
- 24 Getting back to the definition issue, we would
- 25 also have problems as a utility, I think, with TDV as the

- 1 definition, or ZNE, because we don't -- it's not clear to
- 2 us that TDV matches our peak or our load profiles, and
- 3 that's very important to SMUD. In fact, we also tack on
- 4 a definition that says zero peak for our zero energy
- 5 homes, or zero energy building effort.
- 6 Other things that I think you need to look at is
- 7 partnering with the groups out there that are already
- 8 working on this. In particular, the Department of
- 9 Energy, with NREL, has a zero energy commercial buildings
- 10 initiative, if I'm not mistaken.
- 11 Somehow you need to work with them going forward
- 12 on this because they're working with the large national
- 13 accounts and, you know, we've got to work with national
- 14 accounts, right? No ifs, ands, or buts about it, they
- 15 build most of the stuff around here.
- 16 And there's others, also, that are working like
- 17 that, the New Building Institute up in Oregon, and the
- 18 Oregon Energy Trust, which also has a very robust zero
- 19 energy building.
- 20 Things I see that are desperately needed right
- 21 now on the research end, I'm desperate for some right now
- 22 on a project, are construction details. Architects and
- 23 designers claim they know what to do and then when you go
- 24 out and give them a performance spec they come back at
- 25 you and say, oh, I don't know how to do that, it can't be

- 1 done.
- 2 A real good example is the use of continuous
- 3 ridge in insulation, particularly on mid-rise and high-
- 4 rise buildings. They're just scared to death of putting
- 5 anything more than an inch on. And if you're going to
- 6 get to these numbers, you've got to put on more than two
- 7 inches, and that's just one example.
- 8 So, help us, SCE, we need construction details
- 9 that can be used over and over.
- I also think it's desperately needed that we need
- 11 to sponsor a whole lot of projects throughout the climate
- 12 zone. We need model homes in each climate zone, we need
- 13 targeted buildings that are done in each climate zone so
- 14 that the designers and the builders actually see that
- 15 they can -- these are show-me people and this how they
- 16 get shown.
- MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- MR. KEESEY: And that's where I've been urging
- 19 this with the PUC.
- 20 Along those lines, also, the new construction
- 21 programs need to be -- they need to be changed. Our
- 22 residential new construction program I think is the only
- 23 utility program in the country that actual mandates PV as
- 24 part of the deal. I mean you don't get a construction
- 25 incentive for high efficiency without PV. And our

- 1 current program is at 20 percent above Title 24 and
- 2 requires PV and we're looking at Gen 2, which is going up
- 3 to 40 percent above Title 24.
- 4 MS. BROOK: What percent of the load do you
- 5 require being outside PV?
- 6 MR. KEESEY: We don't.
- 7 MS. BROOK: Okay, so it could be a little sample?
- 8 MR. KEESEY: Well, on each building.
- 9 MS. BROOK: Okay.
- 10 MR. KEESEY: It doesn't make economic sense much
- 11 below one kw.
- MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- MR. KEESEY: Where was I going with this? Again,
- 14 it's part of our program. I don't know how we can fold
- 15 that into Savings By Design, but it probably needs to be
- 16 considered. And at least in our Solar Smart Program,
- 17 where we're approaching a 30 percent market share in new
- 18 construction and adding to that as we speak, and I think
- 19 if you see with what's going on, at least with production
- 20 builders, they're moving in that direction in general.
- I would also urge you to engage with the USGBC on
- 22 the non-res side because LEAD has -- LEAD's got traction.
- 23 Unfortunately, LEAD's not an energy performance program
- 24 and it's woefully lacking in that area. And for some
- 25 reason it's got the designer's attention. I won't go

- 1 into my rant about that.
- 2 Did I miss anything, Dan? I think for the time
- 3 being that's what I --
- 4 MS. BROOK: Okay. Well, I want you to pogo back
- 5 up here if you think of anything else, Mike.
- 6 MR. KEESEY: Thanks.
- 7 MS. BROOK: All right, so let's -- if somebody
- 8 else wants to comment on the goals, then please come up,
- 9 otherwise I'm going to pose another question.
- 10 MR. NESBITT: George Nesbitt, Environmental
- 11 Design/Build House of California and Cal HERS, California
- 12 Association of HERS raters.
- I think the goal of net zero energy homes is a
- 14 good goal. I think what it comes down to is ultimately
- 15 is that right, or what are the consequences going to be.
- 16 If we do achieve it, what's the impact on the grid is a
- 17 very important one.
- 18 I think we're going to have to really ask whether
- 19 or not net zero energy will have to be on site or whether
- 20 it can be off site, as well as considering that we
- 21 already have renewables on the grid and are increasing
- 22 that percentage.
- 23 You also can't get to net zero with solar hot
- 24 water. You can't get there, it's physically impossible.
- MS. BROOK: Are you saying that the definition is

- 1 electricity only?
- MR. NESBITT: No, because you can't generate
- 3 energy with solar hot water. You can only generate
- 4 electricity with solar electric.
- 5 MS. BROOK: Right.
- 6 MR. NESBITT: You can generate electricity with
- 7 solar thermal conversion to electric.
- 8 MS. BROOK: Right, right.
- 9 MR. NESBITT: You can put in wind, you can
- 10 have -- you could have hydro.
- 11 MS. BROOK: Sure.
- MR. NESBITT: But basically, the way it is right
- 13 now, I mean you just -- you literally, you cannot
- 14 generate energy with --
- MS. BROOK: Well, you get hot water.
- MR. NESBITT: Yeah, but that's only part of your
- 17 budget.
- MS. BROOK: Right.
- 19 MR. NESBITT: So you can't produce more than you
- 20 consume.
- MS. BROOK: Okay.
- MR. NESBITT: So unless we figure out to do
- 23 community scale, and large heat storage, and other
- 24 complicated things that may not actually be worth it.
- MS. BROOK: Okay.

- 1 MR. NESBITT: And I think the better part of the
- 2 goal is reducing the energy use of the buildings. That
- 3 absolutely has to be first.
- 4 And I'd say, just want to reiterate, this is a --
- 5 this is actually -- this is not a technical problem, it's
- 6 more a political, economic, getting over, oh, we can't do
- 7 that, or that's not how we do it, because some of us are
- 8 doing it in the marketplace today.
- 9 MS. BROOK: Okay.
- 10 MR. NESBITT: And some of those are passive house
- 11 projects, some are not. And I would say you max out
- 12 currently at about 75 percent above code. I'd say it may
- 13 actually be impossible to get beyond that. So, I'll say
- 14 more later.
- MS. BROOK: Okay, great.
- 16 All right, anybody else? Dave, did you want to
- 17 say something?
- 18 MR. WARE: Yes, Dave Ware, Commission staff. I
- 19 first want to recognize that it's nice to see George back
- 20 with his hat on.
- Okay. For some of us who know George and enjoy
- 22 and respect his comments in our public meetings regarding
- 23 the building standards, that was a compliment, George.
- I have a question both for Jon and for Steve.
- 25 One of the things that has been heard a lot is that the

- 1 building industry as a whole is over-burdened with the
- 2 market transformation that is needed to meet ZNE. The
- 3 collapse of the lending market has led to much slower
- 4 home building activity than has been seen in a very long
- 5 time.
- 6 The home building industry and its ancillary
- 7 impacts, when it is in a traditionally growth segment or
- 8 cycle has a tremendous impact on businesses and
- 9 development that cross-cuts the market structure of our
- 10 State.
- 11 So, burdening that industry with the objectives
- 12 that ZNE is trying to achieve, we are being told is
- 13 inappropriate at this time.
- 14 What can both of you share from each of your
- 15 respective sides on that particular question?
- MR. MC HUGH: Okay. I'm sure Steve will have
- 17 some interesting things to say as well.
- So, you know, this is a good question, Dave, and
- 19 we actually hear about this very issue every single code
- 20 cycle, so it's appropriate to bring it up. And I've been
- 21 doing some thinking about it, as well, based on some
- 22 comments recently.
- 23 And I think, you know, one of the things to think
- 24 about is what is -- you know, you saw earlier that graph,
- 25 or the McKinsey curve that shows the wealth generation

- 1 versus additional first cost and that sort of thing. And
- 2 what that indicates is that there are a number of
- 3 features on buildings that reduce the net cost to the
- 4 consumer of their -- the combination of their mortgage
- 5 payment and their utility bill.
- 6 And our last workshop about the residential
- 7 standards brought up just that issue. I mean there is
- 8 this balance that the Energy Commission is trying to
- 9 strike in terms of the burden on industry and yet, also,
- 10 their obligation to faithfully fulfill the Warren-Alquist
- 11 Act.
- 12 You know, the Warren-Alquist Act asked, you know,
- 13 to maximize energy, feasible, cost-effective efficiency
- 14 measures and we're kind of falling short of that. We're
- 15 actually not maximizing those features.
- 16 And the argument, you know, understandably is,
- 17 you know, is how much burden is reasonable to put on
- 18 builders of new homes?
- 19 And I actually think this actually relates back
- 20 to a larger issue. So, the builder of a new home is
- 21 competing against all the existing buildings and I'm
- 22 talking -- I'm talking right now about homes. But, you
- 23 know, half of the homes in the State were built prior to
- 24 the efficiency standards, the building standards. So,
- 25 we've got a bunch of old buildings without -- you know,

- 1 that are actually quite inefficient. And yet, when the
- 2 buyer is comparing a house versus a new house, they don't
- 3 necessarily have any information about the consumption of
- 4 that old house versus the new house.
- 5 And so I think that's what's really, I think,
- 6 points to something really quite important that I think
- 7 would have a huge market impact, which is essentially the
- 8 rating of all houses so that the builders actually are on
- 9 a level playing field.
- 10 Because right now, with the lack of
- 11 information -- you know, that's one of the things, you
- 12 know, Adam Smith and all these folks, you know, the
- 13 markets will find the most optimal mix of resources, et
- 14 cetera. The key to that free market assumption is that
- 15 everyone has perfect amount of information. And we're
- 16 actually in the opposite situation where all you really
- 17 know is maybe the school district, and the neighborhood
- 18 and that kind of thing, and what it looks like on the
- 19 outside. But all of this stuff is kind of invisible.
- 20 So, I think -- I think there's two issues. One
- 21 is that, you know, that the burden is appropriate, but
- 22 that the builders actually have to have a way of
- 23 differentiating their product. And, you know, Mike can
- 24 probably talk to what he's found in terms of what the
- 25 first cost increment is but, you know, the bigger picture

- 1 is that even if I say it's zero energy consumption, well,
- 2 what does that mean compared to the building down the
- 3 street, it looks relatively new?
- 4 And so I think rating is a big part of that.
- 5 MR. GALANTER: I like your comment about
- 6 essentially a rising tide lifts all boats kind of a
- 7 thing, and we're not in that mode right now, the tide is
- 8 actually in the other direction. So, that's when it
- 9 becomes particularly difficult to do anything in any
- 10 of -- whether it's an innovative, zero net energy, or
- 11 more of a vanilla home.
- 12 I think from the utilities' perspective is -- you
- 13 know, what we're all about is -- you know, one half of
- 14 the utility it's focused on emerging technologies, and
- 15 developments, and trying to facilitate and urge
- 16 technology development and adoption.
- 17 On the other side of the house, which is the
- 18 program side, is how can we defer that burden or, maybe
- 19 that's the wrong word, but how do we make it easier to
- 20 actually facilitate that to either monetary compensation,
- 21 maybe education, those kinds of creative things.
- 22 So perhaps an absence of those activities, an
- 23 absence of the effort to try to relieve that burden,
- 24 maybe I could go along with that.
- 25 But I think that the idea is to have a

- 1 comprehensive program to do both. And how successful we
- 2 will be to -- you know, depends on, I guess, how much
- 3 groaning occurs.
- But, you know, I think the intention is there,
- 5 the intention is to move things along in a very positive
- 6 way by working with the industry, working with the
- 7 Commission, working with the utilities participating, and
- 8 everybody to make it doable.
- 9 The question is, you know, the pace of that I
- 10 guess is what causes this discussion of burden.
- 11 MS. BROOK: Okay. All right, thank you.
- 12 Yes, come on up.
- MR. HAMILTON: Daniel Hamilton, Sacramento
- 14 Municipal Utility District.
- To follow up, and I think this has been in part
- 16 inspired by Mike's comments, but it feeds right into
- 17 this. I think with our goals of zero net energy we can't
- 18 forget that this whole thing was started because, as
- 19 Martha mentioned, this is building on AB 32, from 2006,
- 20 which is a carbon reduction goal.
- 21 And as Mike said, from a utility perspective we
- 22 care much more about peak energy use than umbrella energy
- 23 use because the dramatic carbon effects that we get are
- 24 from reducing at the peak, when those peaker plants,
- 25 which are the most inefficient things for every one of

- 1 our utilities are in effect.
- 2 And I think until we start measuring that along
- 3 with the overall energy use, we're not going to be true
- 4 in terms of achieving the maximum efficiency in terms of
- 5 carbon reduction that we can get from these measures.
- 6 So, I think framing it as zero net energy is
- 7 probably much more easily understood by the general
- 8 public and it's going to get much more support because
- 9 the concept is understandable.
- But I think that within the papers and research
- 11 that we're doing, we need to be cataloguing the peak
- 12 energy use as well because a huge portion of the energy
- 13 savings that we're getting from the buildings is
- 14 reflecting in the utilities' operations, themselves, not
- 15 just in there.
- MS. BROOK: Uh-hum.
- MR. HAMILTON: And similar to your point that how
- 18 do we get the building industry to buy into these
- 19 additional costs when everything is going in the exact
- 20 opposite direction? I think the selling point to
- 21 homeowners and homebuyers comes in the energy costs,
- 22 themselves. And we're talking about what we're going to
- 23 be in the next code cycle, and the next code cycle. In
- 24 2020, every home in this State is going to be on time-of-
- 25 use rates. And as they are, those peak use rates are

- 1 going to be what's the most important to them, and what
- 2 the builders are going to be able to use as selling
- 3 points to homeowners, and it's going to be a way we can
- 4 universalize how much benefit they get out of this and
- 5 what the price premium should be on those.
- 6 So I think -- I think we can't forget about the
- 7 peak energy discussion here and I don't think we can
- 8 underestimate its importance in terms of the goal,
- 9 whether it's a publicly stated goal or whether it's one
- 10 that we just keep in the back of our minds as we're going
- 11 through this. I think that we need to be giving it its
- 12 due attention because it's critical to accomplishing
- 13 those AB 32 goals that this whole process is about.
- MS. BROOK: Great, thanks.
- MR. STONE: Nehemiah Stone, Benningfield Group, a
- 16 recovering builder. I'm telling you that so it will give
- 17 you some context for one of the two comments.
- 18 I have two comments, one specifically to Dave's
- 19 question and one more broadly to the goal, and both are
- 20 going to take us a couple steps back in history.
- I worked with Dave on the '92 standards here at
- 22 the Commission and, you know, as Jon said every single
- 23 iteration of the standards the building industry says,
- 24 wait a minute, you're making homes too expensive, people
- 25 aren't going to be able to afford them.

- 1 So one of the things that we did at that time
- 2 was -- you know, the two largest inputs to home
- 3 construction at that time, and I'm not sure if it's still
- 4 true, but at that time were labor and lumber.
- 5 And so what we did is we went back 40 years and
- 6 charted the price of labor and lumber, you know, as it
- 7 goes up and down. And then we took a typical home that
- 8 was -- you know, and charted what's the selling price of
- 9 that typical home in the same area over time.
- 10 And what happened was you saw that the curves
- 11 were exactly opposite, almost exactly opposite. As the
- 12 price of lumber and labor was falling, the prices of
- 13 homes were going up. As the prices of homes were coming
- down again, labor and lumber was going up.
- More than probably any other good we can think
- 16 of, housing is demand driven, not inputs driven. It's
- 17 not -- you know, what we do in the standards quite
- 18 honestly does not affect the price of the home. The
- 19 price of the home is affected by what the realtor -- or
- 20 what the builder can get in that market at that time,
- 21 period. And they will go bust building when they can't
- 22 afford to, so they keep building, and they will just
- 23 totally fill up their bank accounts building when it's
- 24 cheap and everybody's paying a lot. So, that argument
- 25 ought to be disconnected.

- 1 In fact, I would encourage the Energy Commission
- 2 to do a more comprehensive, detailed study on that same
- 3 thing and put the question to bed, you know, once and for
- 4 all.
- 5 The next step back in history is even farther
- 6 back. When the standards first started, the basis of the
- 7 standards was a passive solar home. That was the basis
- 8 back in 1977. The home that was essentially designed by
- 9 what has become NREL, but it was CERI (phonetic) at the
- 10 time.
- 11 And in almost every iteration of the standards
- 12 since then we've devalued one of the most important
- 13 things that makes passive homes work and that's mass.
- 14 You know, mass has just become less and less important.
- 15 And it's true in how we're modeling and trying to
- 16 understand the difference more than anything else.
- 17 So my comment, Martha, is in the goals of getting
- 18 to net zero by 2020 it's really important how we model,
- 19 how we look at what they're building. I mean how
- 20 we're -- I mean we can change the modeling techniques to
- 21 say buildings are net zero today, if we want to. But,
- 22 you know, honesty requires that we take a look at how the
- 23 building really performs and that means, then, that we
- 24 have to get serious at how we're looking at mass, its
- 25 interaction with the ambient air and its interaction with

- 1 the heat gain capability of fenestration, et cetera.
- 2 And I hope that in the goal of getting to net
- 3 zero that we look -- there's an adequate amount of effort
- 4 put to making sure the models represent reality as
- 5 closely as we can.
- 6 MS. BROOK: Okay, thanks. And it's a great kick
- 7 for our new simulation engine, so thanks.
- 8 MS. GUPTA: Smita Gupta, Itron Consulting and
- 9 Analysis. I would just like to bring attention to one
- 10 aspect of getting to zero net energy that's relatively
- 11 less discussed, at least, and that is the regulatory
- 12 values that are required to overcome for the projects to
- 13 get to zero net energy, having recently got a glimpse of,
- 14 you know, working in the trenches of a real project, the
- 15 West Village, U.C. Davis project. So there is technology
- 16 issues to get to zero net energy, then the market and the
- 17 cost. But a big part of the cost is also being realized
- 18 as some things aren't doable because of regulatory values
- 19 there. And I'll give just one example of, you know, the
- 20 community level as not having virtual net metering
- 21 available. So it's just a question to like State
- 22 agencies, CPUC and CEC involved in this, that that also
- 23 be -- it's not like the highest or the first step focus,
- 24 but that also, you know, not lose track of that and
- 25 somehow have a venue or a group in order to -- at least

- 1 the early ZNE Projects -- to have that ability to discuss
- 2 and get these regulatory values out of the way because
- 3 they invariably conflict with other aspirations and goals
- 4 of the State agencies.
- 5 MS. BROOK: Great, thanks. So before we have
- 6 other general comments, I just wanted to kind of put
- 7 another question out there. Go ahead.
- 8 MR. ALVAREZ: Manuel Alvarez, Southern California
- 9 Edison. Actually, the discussion here today is well
- 10 worthwhile, but since we're under the IEPR Docket, I kind
- 11 of want to remind the folks on the question of goals; two
- 12 weeks ago we met on the California Clean Energy Program
- 13 and that discussion is a series of events going on
- 14 dealing with goals and measurements and metrics. And I
- 15 quess I'm asking you folks to kind of keep in mind that
- 16 activity in conjunction with this activity because one of
- 17 the comments that came off in those workshops, and people
- 18 are filing their written comments now, was the notion
- 19 that people are looking at different objectives in terms
- 20 of silos. And so I just want to kind of keep you aware
- 21 of that issue, that when you look at zero net energy
- 22 homes, don't look at it just as a silo for this
- 23 particular program, but look at it across the board on
- 24 what kinds of measurements and goals and metrics you're
- 25 going to develop under the umbrella of the Clean Energy

- 1 Future activity, that is also part of the IEPR Docket.
- 2 MS. BROOK: Yeah, great. Thank you. Okay, so
- 3 the next thing I just want to kind of poke at is, if we
- 4 accept the goal and we want to get to zero, how should we
- 5 get there? You know, one of the examples that Cathy
- 6 showed, and it's also in our draft report, it's a linear
- 7 approach, basically, it's a stair step to zero. So, is
- 8 that the best path? Or should we start hard, take a big
- 9 dip, and then slowly slide into zero? Or should we coast
- 10 for a while and then just take a deep dive at the end and
- 11 get to zero?
- 12 So, I mean, it's easy to describe linear and it's
- 13 easy to put out there, it doesn't mean it's the right
- 14 path, so that's kind of the question for everybody. And
- 15 I would like the panel to respond first if they want to,
- 16 if they want to pass, then we'll let George talk.
- MR. GALANTER: Well, I would just say, and I
- 18 already made this comment, I think the path forward is
- 19 either incremental steps across the board in all markets,
- 20 or it's those most likely where you're going to find
- 21 success, that is, economics is going to drive it a little
- 22 bit more easily than maybe some other markets. So that,
- 23 you know, what the actual strategy is, I don't know that
- 24 that's thought out yet, but it seems to me that that
- 25 would be a way. And I would kind of lean towards the

- 1 segment sort of approach, first. But that's just my
- 2 opinion.
- 3 MS. BROOK: Okay.
- 4 MR. MCHUGH: I've actually been more focused on
- 5 zero net energy homes and the reason is just that 2020 is
- 6 before 2030, so it's kind of driven the focus, as well as
- 7 my Energy Foundation project that's focused on homes, and
- 8 I'm assuming that's part of their motivation, as well.
- 9 Like a lot of things in nature, sort of a law of
- 10 diminishing returns, and so my expectation is, you know,
- 11 getting the last bit of the way is going to be a lot
- 12 harder than the first steps, so my take is that you
- 13 really should be trying to make big inroads on the
- 14 efficiency reductions early on because if you push hard
- 15 on those things, there are still going to be issues that
- 16 you're not going to be able to hit for various
- 17 feasibility issues, market issues, etc., and by pushing
- 18 hard on those things, you identify those, and those
- 19 incremental things are things that you take up later.
- Now, the other thing, now that Cathy is back, I
- 21 would also like to bring up that, you know, Cathy was
- 22 showing sort of the 48 percent and 33 percent savings as
- 23 to savings estimates for what they call "Package A,"
- 24 those are -- you might say, "Wow, that's fantastic," and
- 25 those are big numbers, but the thing to remember is that

- 1 those numbers, the 33 percent which is where the
- 2 Commission is looking at right now, that reduction is for
- 3 essentially just HVAC and heating and water heating, and
- 4 so it doesn't include the 50 some percent of plug loads,
- 5 and it doesn't include the 17 percent of lighting load.
- 6 So what you're really talking about is 33 percent of
- 7 essentially 31 percent of electricity, so you're talking
- 8 about a 10 percent reduction in electricity consumption
- 9 in homes and a larger fraction for gas consumption.
- 10 So, just to point out that that might seem like a
- 11 really big number, but in the big picture, it's actually
- 12 fairly incremental.
- MS. BROOK: Uh huh. George.
- 14 MR. NESBITT: So, first I'd like to thank Dave for
- 15 the compliment, this cycle is the first cycle I've
- 16 participated in the Code updates, and I know what I say
- 17 is not always popular, or does not want to be heard, or
- 18 we're not ready to deal with, yet I have found that if
- 19 you make enough suggestions, and some of them are good,
- 20 that some of them will stick, which is rewarding because
- 21 most of my colleagues sit back and complain about how bad
- 22 the Code is, and this and that, yet if I look around the
- 23 room, none of them are here. So, they'd rather complain
- 24 about it than do something about it.
- 25 So then actually to address his question about

- 1 burdening the industry with the market being down, I
- 2 would say now is the best time because, in a down market,
- 3 you keep your best people, okay? That's when you've got
- 4 your best people. In an up market, you're desperate for
- 5 anybody to show up and get that house built, that's the
- 6 worst time to try to train and education.
- 7 So if we start with the best quality core, teach
- 8 them right, as the market recovers, there's more work;
- 9 hopefully they will still be there and they will be able
- 10 to maintain some sense of quality. It is like, "What day
- 11 of the week was your car built?" Apparently there are
- 12 different days of the week. So you're better off buying
- 13 a house built in a down market than a booming market.
- 14 And then, yeah, we may want to go more aggressive
- 15 to start, with the realization that one of our big
- 16 problems is enforcement. I've had people say to me,
- 17 "Well, why are we changing the Code when I already don't
- 18 understand it or it's not being enforced?" So,
- 19 enforcement will always lag behind the Code and the Code
- 20 always lags behind practice, so perhaps going more
- 21 upfront may actually be a better -- the more we put off,
- 22 the harder it will be, and we probably want to focus more
- 23 on quality than on quantity, that's really where we're
- 24 at.
- 25 And I just kind of want to hit on the zero net

- 1 energy definition. I kind of find the discussion funny
- 2 because three years ago, I participated in the Title 20
- 3 HERS Phase 2 rulemaking, which was all about defining net
- 4 zero energy, and the Commission adopted it in December of
- 5 2008 and it's been technically in effect since September
- 6 of 2009, so we have a definition, whether it's the right
- 7 definition or not. And I think a lot of people actually
- 8 don't really realize that this applies to new
- 9 construction. So, HERS 2 has been cast as an existing
- 10 home thing, which it's not, it applies -- how many new
- 11 homes have been rated yet? I don't know. And I've heard
- 12 experts in our industry say, "Well, we don't have a
- 13 definition." And I kind of have to look at them and say,
- 14 "Really?" So, and the other thing is the HERS 2, most
- 15 people -- it's often been said that it doesn't apply to
- 16 multi-family, which it clearly says in the new HERS
- 17 booklet that it applies to all single family, multi-
- 18 family, low-rise. While there may be issues there, which
- 19 there are, but that's a different story.
- 20 And I just want to hit on the TDV because I think
- 21 were increasingly -- TDV is giving us the wrong answers.
- 22 In non-air-conditioning climates, and we're looking more
- 23 and more like an air-conditioning climate, which is
- 24 driving us more, and we're already doing it anyway just
- 25 because the market provides us with low solar heat and

- 1 coefficient windows where we may technically save TDV
- 2 energy, but we're actually increasing real energy use.
- 3 And I also think, from the perspective of goals like AB
- 4 32, if we're really talking about 80 percent reductions
- 5 over 1990 levels by 2050, the problem with TDV and even
- 6 source energy is it's purely the peak electrical. I
- 7 mean, it really drives -- that's what drives it. And
- 8 although that does reduce energy use and definitely has
- 9 carbon impacts, we're not going to get to those deep
- 10 levels purely by having a metric that is really focused
- 11 more heavily on that.
- MS. BROOK: Okay, thanks, George. Karl. There's
- 13 a good face I haven't seen in a long time.
- 14 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, it has been too long. Nice
- 15 to see many of you folks. Well, you asked about the
- 16 strategy to get to the net zero goals, so I wanted to
- 17 comment on that. I think what we haven't realize quite
- 18 is that, if we have a goal nine years from now, like net
- 19 zero, and 40 percent of existing stock transferred to net
- 20 zero, as well as requiring it, one, that's awesome, two,
- 21 getting there, you have to shift perspective, and so we
- 22 have two choices. We have the continue the standard
- 23 practice in incremental savings over three years
- 24 sections, and what we'll find is we trap savings by doing
- 25 that, and you make the next round harder to get to

- 1 because you save 20 and 30 percent; so, choice 1, you go
- 2 in and say 20, 30 percent, get a nice two-year payback,
- 3 the standard rebates, all of this is great. But you have
- 4 to get 60-80 percent according to our plan, like I'll use
- 5 the lighting plan because I helped develop it with the
- 6 CPUC. And so, to get that 60-80 percent goal in nine
- 7 years means you have to do that 20 and 30 percent savings
- 8 two or three times. We do not take that into our
- 9 strategy now. The second choice is deep energy savings,
- 10 or best practices. What the lighting plan bases itself
- 11 around is best practices to get to net zero, which is
- 12 saving 60-80 percent of electricity use for lighting in
- 13 our state by 2020. So, to do that, that means the best
- 14 practice is, for the lighting example, you go into an
- 15 office and you can do energy saving lamps, say, 20-30
- 16 percent, or a whole variety, or you could do task ambient
- 17 lighting and save 60-80 percent, and you do it once, and
- 18 you accumulate the savings for the next nine years.
- 19 Otherwise, you incrementally trap those savings that you
- 20 could be getting right here, right now. And so that is
- 21 illustrated in the Lighting Technology Overview and Best
- 22 Practice summary, we have six examples and they say the
- 23 exact same story. And what it says is we need to look at
- 24 going back two and three times to realistically evaluate
- 25 that option vs. going back now aggressively. And so my

- 1 quip is you make the best practices the customer's best
- 2 choice because, right now, we make it the continued low
- 3 hanging fruit choice, and it's our worst enemy to get to
- 4 net zero in nine years.
- 5 MS. BROOK: Okay, great. Thank you. So, come on
- 6 up, Pat. I do have other questions, but come on up.
- 7 That's what we're here for.
- 8 MR. SPLITT: Pat Splitt from App-Tech. I was at
- 9 the Building Standards Commission, so I'm not sure if I'm
- 10 coming in at the right spot, or if I missed my spot.
- 11 MS. BROOK: It doesn't matter, the spot is yours
- 12 now.
- MR. SPLITT: Okay. So I just had a couple of
- 14 questions or comments, basically details, essentially
- 15 residential comments because that's what we're mainly
- 16 talking about. And one thing I want to be sure to get to
- 17 higher energy efficiency performance, one thing I have a
- 18 problem with now that should be addressed is being able
- 19 to get credit for newer technologies, new mechanical,
- 20 water heating systems, efficient ventilation systems with
- 21 real efficient motors. There's really no way of getting
- 22 credit for that now, so there's no incentive for people
- 23 to put them in their building. So I think we have to
- 24 make sure that the compliance software enables us to take
- 25 credit for not just what's available at the instant you

- 1 release the software, but have it enabled so that it's
- 2 easy to put new things in there.
- 3 MS. BROOK: Okay, yeah.
- 4 MR. SPLITT: There's also, talking back to the
- 5 original goals of passive solar, that's one thing I want
- 6 to make sure is still in there, that we can take credit
- 7 for passive solar and model things, and that we're not
- 8 stuck with these low SHGC requirements and then get
- 9 penalized if I want to actually get some sun through the
- 10 glass. So I'd like to make sure the program really can
- 11 accurately model passive solar, both solar gain through
- 12 the glass, and thermal mass to make sure that the system
- 13 actually works.
- MS. BROOK: Okay.
- 15 MR. SPLITT: Then, the last thing, and I
- 16 mentioned this before, is also going on some of the other
- 17 comments of why wait, is I think we should make mandatory
- 18 the QII duct blasting and blower door requirements
- 19 because these are basically just ways of getting people
- 20 to do what they're actually already supposed to be doing,
- 21 which is doing things correctly, and I can't see how the
- 22 Commission can allow people to still not do them
- 23 correctly. And then, have other programs where people
- 24 can come in and retrofit these buildings that were just
- 25 built to fix the problems that should never have been in

- 1 there in the first place. So, that's it.
- MS. BROOK: Okay, good. So I was reminded that
- 3 we're officially out of time. But I do want to allow
- 4 anybody else to come up and make their comments, and I'm
- 5 okay burning a little bit of the lunch time if you are,
- 6 but we probably should try to cut it off in five minutes.
- 7 Make sense? Anybody?
- 8 MR. STRAIT: As a quick note to the people that
- 9 are attending remotely, if you want to, type your
- 10 comments into the chat box, everything that has been
- 11 typed into chat is being recorded and will be treated the
- 12 same as the comments delivered in person or in audio
- 13 format. So, if there are additional comments you want to
- 14 make, or over the lunch period, go ahead and type them
- in, we're recording the entire chat log.
- 16 MS. BROOK: Great, okay, well, I'm not going to
- 17 pose any other questions, then, because I think that
- 18 would -- I'm kind of too hungry for that. So the stomach
- 19 wins, and thank you very much, I've had a great time this
- 20 morning and I really appreciate everybody's
- 21 participation. Thanks.
- 22 (Recess at 11:34 a.m.)
- 23 (Reconvene at 12:00 p.m.)
- 24 MR. PENNINGTON: Good afternoon. My name is Bill
- 25 Pennington. I'm the Manager of the High Performance

- 1 Buildings and Standards Development Office at the Energy
- 2 Commission. And I'm sorry I had to miss the whole
- 3 morning, I'm sure Martha was very entertaining and the
- 4 panelists did a great job. Crazy fire drills are going
- 5 on at the Commission all the time, so I was not able to
- 6 be here. But I'm here now, and so we're going to be
- 7 talking about Existing Buildings this afternoon on this
- 8 panel, and just wanted to give you a quick kind of
- 9 summary overview of why we're talking about this and what
- 10 we're going to talk about.
- 11 So, really, the elephant in the room for us is
- 12 that the Energy Commission has been given a new mandate
- 13 and new authority to pursue a comprehensive, ongoing,
- 14 statewide program to achieve energy savings in
- 15 California's existing buildings under AB 758. And so
- 16 this is -- a main purpose of today's presentations is to
- 17 give you an idea about where we're headed with the work
- 18 under this program.
- 19 This mandate was looking at really a portfolio of
- 20 approaches to increase the energy efficiency in existing
- 21 buildings and there were a number of program components
- 22 that were specified in the legislation that we need to be
- 23 paying attention to and build into the program. Those
- 24 components are listed here. Public Awareness is a
- 25 significant part of this, certainly Workforce

- 1 Development, looking at ways to finance energy efficiency
- 2 improvements and get financing as a contributor towards
- 3 the project cost. The legislation was strongly
- 4 indicating that the Commission should be developing
- 5 energy performance ratings and disclosures for buildings,
- 6 potentially at a variety of different points in the life
- 7 of the building, and kind of how we would do that, the
- 8 Commission needs to be figuring out.
- 9 Just for emphasis, repeating workforce
- 10 development again here a second time, I don't know who
- 11 did these slides, we're supposed to be developing energy
- 12 assessments in residential buildings and non-residential
- 13 buildings, and figuring out how to do that effectively,
- 14 how to give building owners recommendations effectively.
- 15 And ultimately, you know, a lot of this stuff is about
- 16 the process of accomplishing upgrades, and so we are
- 17 definitely expected to have this program result in an
- 18 increase in the efficiency improvements that are
- 19 happening in these buildings and how to do that.
- The statute gives the Commission broad authority
- 21 to address these things through both regulatory and non-
- 22 regulatory approaches, and so we will be looking at, as a
- 23 component of this program, what regulations make sense.
- 24 We're thinking that those regulations have more to do
- 25 with rating buildings and disclosing ratings for

- 1 buildings, and also getting to the requirement for
- 2 improvements in existing buildings through regulation.
- 3 So we're expecting to be there at some point. We need to
- 4 have the market infrastructure related to these other
- 5 program components to enable the public to understand
- 6 what's expected and the value of doing improvements, so a
- 7 number of these things we would be pursuing through a
- 8 non-regulatory strategy.
- 9 Of course, this program related to existing
- 10 buildings builds on a lot of things that are currently
- 11 being used to try to achieve energy efficiency in
- 12 existing buildings. The Building Energy Efficiency
- 13 Standards have requirements, everyone knows that they
- 14 have requirements for newly constructed buildings, but
- 15 there also is a pretty substantial emphasis in the
- 16 standards on additions and alterations to existing
- 17 buildings, so that's an avenue to affect existing
- 18 buildings. Our appliance regulations affect equipment
- 19 regardless of where they're installed, whether it's newly
- 20 constructed buildings or existing buildings, so probably
- 21 a good half of the impact of appliance regulations are
- 22 related to existing buildings.
- 23 The PUC has done a huge and marvelous job of
- 24 developing a long term energy efficiency strategic plan
- 25 that projects what the State should be trying to

- 1 accomplish out through 2020 and also factors in what
- 2 should be the role of the IOUs in achieving that
- 3 strategic plan.
- 4 The Commission has been heavily engaged over the
- 5 last couple of years in administering a large amount of
- 6 money to existing buildings through the American Recovery
- 7 and Reinvestment Act funded programs. We have contracts
- 8 at a statewide level and we have contracts with regional
- 9 governments and consortia of regional government
- 10 contracts with individual local governments, and those
- 11 are really designed going in. The coincidence of AB 758
- 12 and the timing of getting the ARRA money was just right
- 13 about the same time, and a conscious design for these
- 14 programs was to try to pilot the program component that
- 15 AB 758 expects in this comprehensive statewide program.
- 16 At the same time that we're focusing in-house on
- 17 ARRA funding, we saw a real need to collaborate widely
- 18 with all of the other players in the marketplace that are
- 19 trying to achieve energy efficiency improvements in
- 20 existing buildings, and out of that came a collaboration
- 21 called the Energy Upgrade California, that is a
- 22 collaboration between the Energy Commission and the PUC
- 23 and the utilities, and local governments all over the
- 24 state, and with the private sector that is doing the work
- 25 in these buildings, the contractors, the HERS Raters that

- 1 are doing ratings, and the various people in the chain of
- 2 trying to accomplish retrofits. So it's a huge
- 3 consortia, probably pushing \$500 million of money in
- 4 total, that is being administered through this Energy
- 5 Upgrade California effort. And it's going to be our
- 6 intent to try to learn as much as possible about that
- 7 effort as we move into figuring out what to do to
- 8 implement AB 758.
- 9 So this is just a timeline, a rough timeline for
- 10 what we see happening under AB 758 in the first couple of
- 11 years here of feet on the road, feet on the ground.
- 12 In 2011-'12, we've got the ARRA pilots, we've got the big
- 13 effort with Energy Upgrade California, we are in the
- 14 process of adopting regulations responding to AB 1103 to
- 15 have disclosure of energy use for commercial buildings to
- 16 be made at point of sale, point of lease, point of
- 17 financing. Early on in this period, it's our expectation
- 18 that we're going to be focused on doing a building asset
- 19 rating system for commercial buildings and, so, that's
- 20 there.
- 21 And two of the speakers on the panel today will
- 22 be talking about they are technical support contractors
- 23 under AB 758 and they are going to be talking about the
- 24 kinds of things that they're going to be focusing on in
- 25 their work.

1 The next phase after this kind of infrastructure
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- 2 development phase will be a phase where we will be trying
- 3 to put ratings and disclosures into effect, and we see
- 4 that as being in the 2012-'13 timeframe, and so we'll be
- 5 looking at regulations for rating disclosure and then
- 6 moving on to what would we be doing related to mandatory
- 7 upgrades. And then, in Phase 3, that would be when we
- 8 would start addressing the mandatory upgrades. So, in
- 9 the 2014 timeframe we would be looking at that, that's
- 10 our rough kind of approach to how we would do this over
- 11 time.
- 12 So we have three speakers today on the panel to
- 13 talk about what they're doing that kind of relates to
- 14 that overview and to existing buildings. Cathy Fogel,
- 15 who is a Senior Analyst at the PUC, will be doing the
- 16 first talk, and then Eliot Crowe and Nehemiah Stone, that
- 17 are contractors for the technical support work, are kind
- 18 of going to do a little bit of a tag team on some slides,
- 19 and Eliot will be focusing on what we plan for non-
- 20 residential, and Nehemiah for what we plan on
- 21 residential.
- 22 So, the first speaker on the panel is going to be
- 23 Cathy Fogel and, Cathy, are you on the line?
- MR. STRAIT: One moment, Cathy. Cathy, you
- 25 should be unmuted now. Can you hear us?

- 1 MS. FOGEL: I can. Can you all hear me?
- MR. STRAIT: Yes, we can.
- 3 MS. FOGEL: Okay, how is the volume?
- 4 MR. STRAIT: Volume is good, we do have volume
- 5 control on our end.
- 6 MS. FOGEL: Okay, great.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: So before Cathy starts, I'm
- 8 going to give you a little background on Cathy. She is a
- 9 Senior Analyst for Residential Programs at the PUC,
- 10 including Residential New Construction and Zero Energy
- 11 Programs. She is involved in oversight of the Utility
- 12 Programs to assure that they are carrying out the
- 13 expectations of the PUC that are in the Strategic Plan,
- 14 and in the Guidelines that the PUC provides for directing
- 15 the IOUs. She oversees the Utilities Single and Multi-
- 16 Family Energy Upgrade California Programs at the PUC.
- 17 She has a PhD in Environmental Studies from UC Santa
- 18 Cruz, and has had a 20-year history of policy analysis in
- 19 a variety of environmental areas and, for the last 10
- 20 years, has specialized in Climate Change Mitigation and
- 21 Policy. So, Cathy, take it away.
- MS. FOGEL: Okay, great. I'll wait for my
- 23 presentation to get pulled up. I hope everybody had a
- 24 good lunch and is not too full so you won't fall asleep
- 25 here.

- 1 MR. STRAIT: Not a problem, let me just get your
- 2 slides loaded here.
- 3 MS. FOGEL: Okay.
- 4 MR. STRAIT: All right, simply tell me whenever
- 5 you want a slide advanced.
- 6 MS. FOGEL: Okay, super. Okay, good afternoon,
- 7 everybody. Again, welcome back from lunch, hope
- 8 everybody had a nice break and hopefully it's not too
- 9 warm out there in Sacramento. I'm happy to be able to be
- 10 presenting today and really looking forward to the
- 11 comments and discussion for this panel. Next slide,
- 12 please.
- So just a brief overview of what I'll be
- 14 presenting. I'm going to start with a little background,
- 15 which may be a real review for a lot of you, but there
- 16 may be some of you in the room a little newer to this, so
- 17 just to run over that real quickly. I'll talk a little
- 18 bit about the California Energy Efficiency Strategic
- 19 Plan, which Bill gave high accolades to, which is very
- 20 nice, thank you, and which is adopted in 2008 and is the
- 21 groundwork for many of the utility programs that we
- 22 oversee at the Commission. I'm going to run over
- 23 residential and commercial building programs that we have
- 24 in place currently, and touch briefly on related
- 25 programs, and then finish up with what I see as some of

- 1 the challenges and opportunities given AB 758. Next
- 2 slide.
- 3 So just as a review of how the CPUC operates and
- 4 does our oversight over the utilities, we are currently
- 5 operating on a three-year budget cycle, although this
- 6 will be the second budget cycle in a row where we will
- 7 have a bridge year, so needless to say, the Commission is
- 8 looking at that issue, or will be, in the next little bit
- 9 here. But that's what we have right now and the CPUC's
- 10 role is to provide policy guidance over the IOUs for
- 11 this.
- 12 So the CPUC is statutorily mandated to set Energy
- 13 Efficiency Goals, which are based on Efficiency Potential
- 14 Studies. We are required to ensure that the Utilities
- 15 first procure all cost-effective energy efficiency as
- 16 part of their procurement plans, and we measure this
- 17 through a portfolio level TRC, a Total Research Cost
- 18 test, that measures the net resource benefits from the
- 19 perspective of all ratepayers. So, under the TRC tests,
- 20 the benefits, the avoided costs of the supply-side
- 21 resources and the costs encompass the cost of the
- 22 equipment, are measures installed and the costs incurred
- 23 by the Program Administrator. And again, that's set at
- 24 a portfolio level. On its own, the Commission has
- 25 established a system of shareholder incentives, the Risk

- 1 Reward Incentive Mechanism, by which utilities receive
- 2 incentives or, at least in theory, penalties if they fail
- 3 to meet the goals. And the CPUC has also established a
- 4 20 percent requirement of the budget that goes to third-
- 5 party and local government programs, each program cycle.
- And in 2008, the Commission adopted the
- 7 California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan and that is a
- 8 final kind of overlay of policy guidance provided to the
- 9 utilities. These are the main areas of policy guidance,
- 10 there are other areas, as well.
- 11 The Utility Portfolio Applications come in
- 12 generally at least six months to a year before the
- 13 subsequent program cycle. In those applications, the
- 14 utilities have to demonstrate that they meet the goals,
- 15 that their budgets imply a net benefit and cost-
- 16 effectiveness test for ratepayers and, this last program
- 17 cycle, alignment with the strategic plan. Again, the
- 18 utilities are the administrators of the portfolio side,
- 19 CPUC decision, and the Energy Division where Jordana and
- 20 I work, we not only do oversight over these program
- 21 implementation, but our colleagues run a large valuation,
- 22 monitoring, and verification effort of each program
- 23 cycle.
- 24 So the program cycle of 2010 through '12, it's a
- 25 \$3.1 billion portfolio and there's also \$750 million

- 1 approved separately for low income programs. And for the
- 2 three years, we have combined saving targets adopted for
- 3 the utilities of 7,000 gigawatt hours, 1,500 megawatts,
- 4 and 150 million metric therms. So that's about equal to
- 5 three major power plants deferred through our energy
- 6 efficiency programs over the next three years, or over
- 7 the three-year cycle. And the efficiency is treated as a
- 8 resource and, so, it's incorporated into procurement
- 9 plans, and just to note that Public Good Fund comprises
- 10 about 43 percent of this total \$3 billion budget, through
- 11 the Gas Public Purpose Program surcharges on your utility
- 12 bills, and also the Electric Public Goods charge. And an
- 13 additional nearly 60 percent is funded through utility
- 14 procurement dollars and we and the utilities pool all of
- 15 that into one funding source to go after this cost-
- 16 effective portfolio.
- 17 As I mentioned, we've had bridge years for the
- 18 last program cycle and will again this year, and that
- 19 will be addressed in the next six months or so, I
- 20 believe. And we're hoping for a portfolio guidance
- 21 decision to provide guidance on the next utility
- 22 portfolio sometime around June of next year. Okay, next
- 23 slide, please.
- 24 So the California Energy Efficiency Long Term
- 25 Plan was ordered by the full Commission to be developed

- 1 in 2007 as a strategy to achieve all cost-effective
- 2 energy efficiency in its efforts. As many of you will
- 3 know, it was led by Commissioner Dian Greunich, who was
- 4 the assigned Commissioner on Energy Efficiency at that
- 5 time. I serve as a Project Manager on that development,
- 6 that plan, and got to know it fairly well, and then, in
- 7 2008, the full Commission adopted the plan after, again,
- 8 lots of -- I think we had something like 40 workshops and
- 9 over 500 stakeholders engaged and quite a few rounds of
- 10 review, so it was quite fully vetted and does provide a
- 11 strategic roadmap for energy efficiency through 2020.
- 12 As has been mentioned before today, there are
- 13 goals in the plan for new construction, as well as
- 14 existing homes. And for existing homes, the goal is to
- 15 reduce across California in existing homes, reduce their
- 16 energy use from the Grid by 40 percent by 2020, quite
- 17 ambitious. For existing commercial buildings, to see 50
- 18 percent of those become ZNE equivalent by 2030, to
- 19 optimize the HVAC industry across California and system
- 20 performance, and their saturation goal participation
- 21 goals for low income households. And the strategic plan,
- 22 unfortunately, was adopted by the full Commission just
- 23 after the utility submittal of their applications for the
- 24 current program cycle, but we did do our best to use it
- 25 to guide review and approval of the utility program, and

- 1 as Jordana talked about this morning, has since
- 2 instituted a number of action plans to maintain momentum
- 3 on the Strategic Plan. Next slide.
- 4 So just to get the big picture, again, there are
- 5 -- the top bar here lists the 12 statewide programs that
- 6 are common across the four utilities, and the lower bars
- 7 indicate the additional programs that are unique, either
- 8 what utility local programs are, it means just that one
- 9 utility has that individual program; third-party
- 10 programs, again, are mandated with local government
- 11 programs to comprise 20 percent of the budget, so overall
- 12 there's 113 third-party programs approved, and overall in
- 13 terms of state and local programs, there is over 80
- 14 individual either local governments or state institutions
- 15 that are participating and using ratepayer funds in a
- 16 program through one or more utilities.
- 17 And so part of the 12 statewide programs, many of
- 18 these were either modified slightly, or introduced as a
- 19 result of the strategic plan this last program cycle, so
- 20 in the industrial programs, there was a new continuous
- 21 energy improvement pilot that was introduced this program
- 22 cycle as a result of the strategic plan. There is a
- 23 significant overhaul of the HVAC Program that I'll
- 24 discuss a little later. Emerging Technologies and Codes
- 25 and Standards had several new sub-programs developed and

- 1 are being implemented this program cycle. And Marketing,
- 2 Education and Outreach had a new brand developed.
- 3 Workforce Education and Training had a new needs
- 4 assessment that was recently completed in that area, and
- 5 then the IDSM Lighting Market Transformation arms new
- 6 programs this program cycle. So there's a total of these
- 7 12 programs, there's a total of 44 sub-programs because
- 8 each program -- each of the 12 areas has a number of sub-
- 9 programs or program elements that comprise it. So now
- 10 it's about 265 programs which we oversee, which gives you
- 11 an indication of the complexity that we're dealing with
- 12 here. Next slide.
- 13 And I'll just add that the statewide programs do
- 14 comprise about two-thirds of the overall portfolio
- 15 budget. So it's quite a large part. This indicates the
- 16 budget breakdown by market sector, so our residential is
- 17 about 25 percent and commercial about 30 percent, with
- 18 the HVAC, which straddled both sectors at another four
- 19 percent. In the other category, again, it would be
- 20 Marketing, Education and Outreach, Workforce Education
- 21 and Training, IDSM, Lighting Market Transformation, and
- 22 EM&V.
- 23 So far as savings on the residential side for
- 24 kilowatt hour savings, res programs are saving about 33
- 25 percent, with commercial saving about 30, and therms

- 1 savings are dominated by industrial programs at about
- 2 half of therms savings with commercial at about 20 and
- 3 residential programs coming in just above 10 percent of
- 4 the therms savings. And some of these figures are at the
- 5 end of this Powerpoint for reference, so you can access
- 6 it online later if you're interested. Next slide,
- 7 please.
- 8 So just as kind of a benchmark, for the evaluated
- 9 savings for the last program cycle, in the therm area of
- 10 space heating, it comprised about 35 percent with water
- 11 heating about 45 percent. And in the kilowatts, the
- 12 demand side, the air-conditioning end use led to just
- 13 over 35 percent of the savings with indoor lighting at
- 14 about 54 percent. So these are the evaluated savings and
- 15 give some idea of what we can expect for this current
- 16 program cycle. Next slide.
- Okay, Residential Buildings. That's a \$718
- 18 million total budget for the three years, there are eight
- 19 sub-programs, and I've just grouped them into five areas
- 20 here. So the first two sub-programs are what is called
- 21 the HEER, Home Energy Efficiency Rebates, and MFER,
- 22 Multi-Family Efficiency Rebates, that comprise 31 percent
- 23 of the residential budget and deliver your basic rebates
- 24 on appliances, furnaces, etc., as well as the contractor
- 25 led installation of appliances and heating systems and AC

- 1 systems, and light bulbs, etc., in multi-family
- 2 dwellings.
- 3 The basic CFL in advanced lighting upstream buy-
- 4 down programs together comprise 22 percent of the budget
- 5 with basic CFL Programs totaling 10 percent of the Res
- 6 budget and just two percent of the overall budget, and
- 7 Advance Lighting consists of various rebates for light
- 8 bulbs beyond basic spiral CFL's, so specialty bulbs,
- 9 dimmable bulbs, small socket screw-in bulbs, etc., and
- 10 getting into LEDs as we go on here a little bit.
- 11 Electronics Program is about 6 percent of the Res
- 12 budget and that's a program where the utilities work with
- 13 the manufacturers and retailers to provide upstream,
- 14 midstream buy-downs of the price, and do in-store
- 15 training, and provide point of sale information in the
- 16 retail outlets. There's also the Home Energy Survey
- 17 Tools, this service can be performed online by phone or
- 18 in person, and some of the budget for that program this
- 19 year is about five percent of the total res budget, is
- 20 being used to upgrade those surveys to perform integrated
- 21 assessments, so, for instance, an online user can
- 22 estimate the cost of adding a PV system with and without
- 23 efficiency upgrades under the new integrated demand side
- 24 tool that will be available next year through all four
- 25 utilities.

- 1 And then Energy Upgrade California, as Bill
- 2 mentioned, is a comprehensive whole house improvement
- 3 program, about 15 percent of the budget. And I'll talk a
- 4 little bit more about that later.
- 5 So, the additional third-party and local utility
- 6 programs, about almost 25 percent of the budget, and one
- 7 of those, for instance, is the Online Buyer's Guide that
- 8 Edison will be launching in just a few months, I believe,
- 9 and will be expanded to the rest of the utilities by the
- 10 end of the program cycle, is the goal. That will provide
- 11 specialized information for consumers to make the
- 12 smartest choice for appliances online. And again, there
- 13 is the stats on the res program overall. Next slide.
- 14 And so, the Energy Upgrade California Program is
- 15 new this year, combining the local utility performance or
- 16 advanced budget, as well as the statewide basic or
- 17 proscriptive budget, it's about \$116 million overall for
- 18 the four utilities for this program. Most of that is
- 19 going to incentives and, of course, program
- 20 administration, quality assurance, rebate processing, and
- 21 some small amount for marketing and outreach. The total
- 22 budget for marketing and outreach across the utilities
- 23 was capped in the last portfolio decision at 6 percent of
- 24 the total budget, and that has affected the marketing and
- 25 outreach available for this and other programs.

- 1 So the utility budget for this program, for the
- 2 basic path, was a budget approved at a level that would
- 3 allow for treatment of some 42,000 homes over this
- 4 program cycle, so we're ramping up, the utilities are
- 5 ramping up, not quite at that target yet, but have that
- 6 amount in the budget at the basic incentive level. The
- 7 single family effort got launched in October of last year
- 8 and San Diego Gas & Electric has been working closely
- 9 with HMG, the City of San Diego, and County of San Diego,
- 10 and some others that have some ARRA funds and that
- 11 basically is a multi-family Energy Upgrade California
- 12 Whole Building pilot has already begun with those ARRA
- 13 partners, and San Diego Gas & Electric will be providing
- 14 incentives to that effort shortly.
- 15 We have been working closely with Energy
- 16 Commission and the other local governments and utilities
- 17 and private sector on the Energy Upgrade California
- 18 program and, through a Commission decision adopting the
- 19 program, the effort is directed to be consistent with the
- 20 Home Energy Rating System. Next slide.
- 21 And we'll see -- is Jordana Camarata unmuted and
- 22 able to join us?
- MR. STRAIT: I can unmute, one second.
- 24 MS. FOGEL: Okay, super. As you heard this
- 25 morning, Jordana is our Commercial Sector Analyst and

- 1 she's going to talk about the Commercial Programs here if
- 2 we can get her unmuted.
- 3 MR. STRAIT: All right, Jordana, I believe you're
- 4 unmuted now. Can you speak?
- 5 MS. CAMARATA: Yes. Can you hear me?
- 6 MR. STRAIT: Yes, we can hear you.
- 7 MS. CAMARATA: Great, okay. So I'm going to
- 8 quickly go over the Commercial Programs for Existing
- 9 Buildings. On the slide, you can see we've got Non-
- 10 Residential Audits, this program is a non-resource
- 11 program and it provides technical assistance and cost-
- 12 effective calculations through three different types of
- 13 audits. There is a basic audit, an integrated audit, and
- 14 a retro-commissioning audit. The integrated audit is the
- 15 new, I believe it is a new audit, an on-site audit,
- 16 performed by the utilities, and it gives you
- 17 recommendations on energy efficiency, demand response,
- 18 and distributed generation measures, and then there's
- 19 also this retro-commissioning audit which identifies
- 20 opportunities to optimize existing buildings, operational
- 21 deficiencies, and system performance. Then there is the
- 22 Dean's Incentives Program which is a basic rebate program
- 23 for the installation of energy efficiency measures.
- 24 These measures have a fixed incentive amount per unit, or
- 25 per measure. Typical measure categories including

- 1 lighting, air-conditioning, food service equipment,
- 2 refrigeration, there's a long list of that. Then,
- 3 there's calculated incentives, and that incentive program
- 4 is based on whole building, or whole system modeling, and
- 5 it includes technical and design assistance for
- 6 customized and integrated energy efficiency demand
- 7 response projects and retro-commissioning projects. It
- 8 considers system and resource interactions and also looks
- 9 at pushing the envelope with and including emerging
- 10 technologies.
- 11 The fourth sub-program is more of a pilot effort
- 12 for the utilities, it is a Continuous Energy Improvement
- 13 Program. This is a also a non-resource program and it
- 14 provides comprehensive strategic energy planning and
- 15 consulting services for mostly large and industrial
- 16 customers. It has long term strategic energy planning,
- 17 corporate wide energy management, and provides a bunch of
- 18 other type of benchmarking tools, as well.
- 19 And then the last sub-program is the Direct
- 20 Install Program, and this is free or low-cost energy
- 21 efficiency hardware retrofits and it's mostly geared
- 22 towards small businesses, and delivered through third
- 23 parties.
- 24 And then, in addition to that, as you can see,
- 25 there's also a lot of local utility programs, and then a

- 1 lot of third-party programs for the commercial sector,
- 2 and they target niche markets such as hospitals and
- 3 lodging and schools and office buildings, and a bunch of
- 4 other things, as well. And these third-party programs
- 5 represent about 40 percent of the commercial budget, so
- 6 it's quite a bit, and that was actually a directive
- 7 during a previous decision to kind of expand third party
- 8 implementation.
- 9 And the last bullet here, you can just see that
- 10 about 30 percent of electric savings comes from
- 11 commercial, 22 percent of gas, and it represents 30
- 12 percent of the entire budget as a whole. And that's it.
- 13 Thanks.
- MS. FOGEL: Great, so I'm --
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: Cathy? This is Bill. Could you
- 16 take maybe three or four or five minutes more and finish?
- 17 MS. FOGEL: Sure. I'll skip through the HVAC
- 18 side pretty quickly. What I'll just say -- next slide --
- 19 is one of the new sub-programs developed last year by the
- 20 utilities is the HVAC Quality Maintenance Program and it
- 21 was developed in coordination with the Western HVAC
- 22 performance Alliance and so it's commercial and
- 23 residential oriented. The commercial program is based on
- 24 the ASHRAE, ACCA, and C Standard 180, establishes minimum
- 25 inspection and maintenance requirements, and it takes

- 1 kind of a predictive preventative approach rather than a
- 2 reactive approach and puts in place three-year quality
- 3 maintenance service agreement, and we can provide more
- 4 information if anyone is interested.
- 5 The Residential Quality Maintenance Program is
- 6 going to be based on the ACCA Standard 4 and establishes
- 7 minimum inspection requirements for HVAC maintenance
- 8 equipment in one family and two-family dwellings, three
- 9 stories or less, and it's providing a one-year quality
- 10 maintenance service agreement and it significantly
- 11 expands the maintenance activities performed during
- 12 visits by the qualified contractors. Next slide, please.
- So just briefly, this is a new brand launched
- 14 this year. Many of you will have heard of it, it's based
- 15 on extensive research, has a website, and I just mention
- 16 it because it is so important, marketing and outreach, to
- 17 any kind of market transformation efforts. Next slide,
- 18 please.
- 19 And so, just to recap, talking about market
- 20 transformation programs and groups of programs, aimed at
- 21 really transferring the market rather than getting
- 22 savings immediately from individual consumers or
- 23 buildings, the strategic plan has many strategies, we've
- 24 talked about before, and that you heard Bill talk about
- 25 in terms of the mandates for AB 758, it calls for the

- 1 establishment of whole house programs for increasing
- 2 consumer demand through home rating and labeling
- 3 approaches, and requirements, behavior change and social
- 4 marketing approaches, and calls on local governments to
- 5 establish residential energy conservation ordinances. It
- 6 talks about the need to develop new financial products
- 7 and, just to note, the CPUC did just release a finance
- 8 report across the market sectors last week; if anyone
- 9 wants to see it, contact Jordana and I, and we'll be
- 10 holding workshops on that a little bit later this year.
- 11 It talks about the importance of improving compliance and
- 12 addressing plug loads. And Jordana talked about earlier
- 13 Codes and Standards improvements are called out,
- 14 benchmarking and building labeling, you know, financial
- 15 products, and rewarding comprehensive retrofits. So the
- 16 point is, there's a very strong basis in this energy
- 17 efficiency strategic plan for AB 758 activities. Next
- 18 slide, please.
- 19 So one of the challenges we face is ensuring the
- 20 continued cost-effectiveness of the utility portfolio
- 21 with a number of these newer approaches and additional
- 22 non-resource programs generated by the strategic plan.
- 23 Over the last nearly 12 years now, the average portfolio
- 24 TRC has been declining, so that's a big challenge for us
- 25 and, as we think about how to direct the utilities to

- 1 undertake more market transformation activities, or how
- 2 those activities might be funded using ratepayer funds.
- 3 Next slide, please.
- 4 So keeping the portfolio cost-effective, our
- 5 savings that comprise these estimates, are based on the
- 6 valuations and those, in turn, are drawing on the DEER
- 7 database. This is heavily litigated, the ex ante values
- 8 for the current program cycle are still under litigation
- 9 between the utilities and the CPUC, so it's a major
- 10 challenge for us. Procedural requirements, I mentioned,
- 11 portfolio guidance decision in less than a year to
- 12 provide guidance for the '14 through whatever it will be,
- 13 '17 or '18, maybe, program cycle. So we've got a lot of
- 14 procedurally -- very challenging to get this guidance
- 15 into the CPUC record in that time, and have that guidance
- 16 be based on new information from ARRA programs, or any
- 17 new information that comes from the AB 758 Needs
- 18 Assessment.
- 19 An opportunity -- CEC-CPUC coordination, we've
- 20 done a lot of it over the last year and we'll be doing
- 21 more of it, so it's challenging with limited staff
- 22 resources, but so necessary, so it's really the
- 23 foundation for our efforts to go forward here. And AB
- 24 758 will provide some focus through the Needs Assessment
- 25 and the mandate given to the Energy Commission and some,

- 1 but not a whole lot, of additional resources. And of
- 2 course, the momentum and the ideas that will come from
- 3 the market actors through all of this will be very very
- 4 helpful and important in moving California forward. I
- 5 think that's my last slide, so thank you very much for
- 6 your attention.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you very much, Cathy, it
- 8 was very good. Hopefully, you'll be around after the
- 9 next presentations for questions?
- 10 MS. FOGEL: Yeah, I'll be able to stay on the
- 11 line.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. So our next
- 13 presenter is Eliot Crowe. Eliot is a Senor Program
- 14 Manager at PECI. He has over 15 years of Engineering
- 15 Project Management experience. He's managed the Southern
- 16 California Edison Retrocommissioning Program, which has
- 17 had more than 80 Retrocommissioning projects. He's
- 18 currently managing a \$2 million PIER Research Program to
- 19 develop best practice quidelines and tools to support
- 20 Retrocommissioning, and improving the Non-Residential
- 21 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Code Sections
- 22 related to acceptance requirements and compliance with
- 23 that. He's also overseeing the day-to-day activities of
- 24 the California Commission as a member of PECI. He will
- 25 be actively leading the Non-Residential portion of the

- 1 technical support activities for AB 758. So, Eliot.
- 2 MR. CROWE: Thanks, Bill. The main focus of the
- 3 presentation that I'll be giving here and also in
- 4 partnership with Nehemiah is going to be around the Needs
- 5 Assessment portion of AB 758, and we'll start by giving a
- 6 bit more of a general --
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: Sorry, you need to speak up.
- 8 MR. CROWE: I'm too tall, I need to crouch down.
- 9 So I'll be focusing on the Needs Assessment portion of
- 10 the program, which is the earliest part of AB 758, but I
- 11 will give a little bit of context and some of the
- 12 background information as a lead-in.
- 13 The current state of progress is that we have a
- 14 couple of work authorizations under review and we're
- 15 expecting these to be approved very shortly, but the
- 16 first focuses on the Non-Residential Needs Assessment and
- 17 the Building Energy Asset Rating System that Bill
- 18 referred to in his introduction. And we've been working
- 19 with a number of people at the Energy Commission to put
- 20 these work authorizations together, Devi Eden, Becky
- 21 Menten, Bill, Eurlyne Geiszler, Martha Brook, and Justin
- 22 Regnier have all been very instrumental in putting this
- 23 work package together. And on the Residential side, we
- 24 also have a Needs Assessment as the first fundamental
- 25 piece of that work, HERS improvements, affordable housing

- 1 initiatives, and looking to improve compliance
- 2 enforcement, which is what Nehemiah will be covering in
- 3 his portion of the presentation.
- 4 These two work authorizations, as I say, are due
- 5 to start soon and will run through the middle of next
- 6 year where we hope to really lay the groundwork for the
- 7 phases of the program.
- 8 Given the very broad scope of AB 758, we've
- 9 assembled a pretty broad range of experts to work on the
- 10 program. PECI will be the prime contractor to the Energy
- 11 Commission, and working with us on both the residential
- 12 and non-residential sides are a team of crack experts. I
- 13 won't read them all off, but you can all see that the
- 14 breadth of experience we have there, and also in addition
- 15 to the specialist residential and non-residential
- 16 technical experience, we also have some outreach and
- 17 field support to really, you know, engage with the market
- 18 out there where we're actually trying to see the
- 19 difference is made.
- The schedule for the Needs Assessments, we're
- 21 going to be running through the end of this year and the
- 22 outcome of that will be to develop an action plan for the
- 23 program out of which will fall numerous other work
- 24 authorizations to take the program forward. The key
- 25 tasks include interviewing 15-20 stakeholders and we're

- 1 certainly open to suggestions on who would be the key
- 2 people that we should obtain input from. We have a lot
- 3 of expertise within the team, we can tap into a lot
- 4 within the Energy Commission, but we're looking to engage
- 5 with the market and really pull in what's needed and
- 6 separate out what's currently being offered, what is
- 7 currently planned to be offered, and Cathy and Jordana
- 8 gave a really great account there of the wide range of
- 9 services being offered through the CPUC and the
- 10 utilities. And we're looking to complement that with
- 11 this work here.
- 12 Another part of the Needs Assessment will be some
- 13 secondary research into market data, just trying to slice
- 14 and dice the market for Residential and Non-Residential
- 15 in terms of where energy is used, breaking it down by
- 16 sector and other demographics, to identify potential gaps
- 17 in what is currently being offered, and also the areas of
- 18 the greatest potential in terms of energy use and
- 19 savings.
- 20 Another key part will be identifying the success
- 21 metrics, how we're going to actually judge the
- 22 performance of the program, itself, a really key step at
- 23 the start of the program here, and I do have a slide on
- 24 that a little bit later in the slide deck.
- 25 Another key part will be a series of public

- 1 workshops. Today isn't officially one of those public
- 2 workshops within the scope, but we're very interested in
- 3 convening meetings like this to obtain feedback from all
- 4 sectors of the industry.
- 5 Referring to the metrics, measuring success here,
- 6 we've kind of made a start here. As I say, we're not
- 7 fully in contract work authorization mode, but just
- 8 starting off instinctively, you have a sense of how we're
- 9 going to measure the success, and that's going to be in
- 10 terms of contribution to the Zero Net Energy Goals, how
- 11 we're able to transform the market in partnership with
- 12 the CPUC and other market factors. The Needs Assessment
- 13 is likely to identify a number of barriers to increasing
- 14 the overall energy efficiency of buildings, and we need
- 15 to find a way to measure our success in overcoming those
- 16 barriers. Having a qualified work force is critical, we
- 17 need to make sure we can measure the progress in that
- 18 area, also. And financing mechanisms and products will,
- 19 we think, also be instrumental in improving uptake of
- 20 offerings through the utilities and other areas.
- 21 Rating and Disclosure Programs is a really
- 22 fundamental early part of the infrastructure and, again,
- 23 you know, in measuring ratings, you can also measure
- 24 improvements in ratings, so that will be a big part of
- 25 our assessment of the program as we go forward, how

- 1 people are taking up the ratings and disclosures, and how
- 2 effective those ratings and disclosures are in actually
- 3 promoting improved energy efficiency.
- 4 So, specifically now on the Non-Residential side,
- 5 I'm going to just break down some of the areas in the
- 6 Needs Assessment that we will be looking at, it's not an
- 7 exhaustive list, this is why we need to really tap into
- 8 the industry experts to tell us where the gaps are, where
- 9 the biggest opportunities are, where the biggest areas of
- 10 needs are. But just within the team and within the
- 11 Energy Commission, we have a starting laundry list that
- 12 we're going to use to develop interview instruments for
- 13 those experts.
- 14 Financing is obviously a very big area on both
- 15 Non-Res and the Residential, and we're going to be
- 16 seeking the gaps out that will be new tools that motivate
- 17 commercial owners and enable them to make the finance
- 18 upgrades, and this may be an area where we look in
- 19 different sectors in a different way than maybe some
- 20 sectors where there are lots of financing products held
- 21 there, but they're just not well utilized, and other
- 22 areas where there just simply aren't the products
- 23 available. But certainly, municipal financing and
- 24 utility on-bill financing are both established as
- 25 offerings and, as I say, some of those are well utilized,

- 1 and some are less well utilized, we're going to look for
- 2 the causes of those things.
- 3 We will obviously be leveraging some of the work
- 4 recently completed, and Cathy did make reference to the
- 5 CPUC's recent report on workforce requirements, and you
- 6 know, in general terms, we're going to have to look out
- 7 for these kind of publications that come out all the time
- 8 and how they relate to the AB 758 work. One of the key
- 9 documents that we're talking around today is the CEC's
- 10 recently released report, which can be downloaded
- 11 alongside the Meeting Notice for today's meeting.
- 12 Specifically on the Work Force Development, then,
- 13 we're talking about adding the asset rating and
- 14 disclosure programs. We'll need workforce to actually
- 15 meet the demand to provide the services and to provide
- 16 those ratings. And then, subsequently, when the owners
- 17 get really excited about making their energy upgrades,
- 18 we're going to need an in-house workforce to support
- 19 that. And there's a lot of work already going on through
- 20 the ARRA funded programs in the state, and you know,
- 21 we'll be looking through the Needs Assessments to assess
- 22 the performance of those programs, what needs are being
- 23 met, and what are the market sectors perhaps next in line
- 24 to receive that kind of workforce training.
- The Rating, Disclosure and Efficiency Programs,

- 1 this is -- certainly rating and disclosure is a really
- 2 hot issue internationally, nationwide, in the state, AB
- 3 1103 is one precedent for a rating disclosure initiative,
- 4 and we see this as a crucial leverage point to actually
- 5 have people understand what they have in terms of their
- 6 building performance and the potential in their building
- 7 to be efficient, and to use that as a way to convince
- 8 them that they can make improvements to build off of
- 9 that, and actually make improvements in their building
- 10 rating. And there's a lot of research out there that
- 11 links building performance to building value, which is a
- 12 great boost to people's uptake in this kind of work. And
- 13 there are a number of national initiatives going on, DOE
- 14 is working on a national asset rating; ASHRAE has the
- 15 Building EQ, which is currently being piloted; COMNET is
- 16 a nationwide organization that's really looking at the
- 17 modeling foundations for asset ratings. ASTM has
- 18 recently published some disclosure-related standards, and
- 19 there are a number of local requirements statewide,
- 20 citywide, that are requiring disclosure, whether it be
- 21 public or simply within a transaction, and also some
- 22 going beyond that to talk about regular energy audits,
- 23 etc. So there is a lot of work going on in this area
- 24 and, to some degree, California will be looking to align,
- 25 and to another degree it will be looking to take the lead

- 1 and really push things forward.
- 2 And the Building Energy Asset Rating System is
- 3 something which will certainly be looking to start work
- 4 on in parallel with the Needs Assessment. I think it is
- 5 so strongly identified as a need that we don't need to go
- 6 out and talk to the experts to convince ourselves it's
- 7 necessary, but we'll certainly be looking to find the
- 8 experts who can provide the input on making it the most
- 9 successful it can be.
- In terms of the programs, themselves, which
- 11 really, I think, as Bill's phased plan presented, is
- 12 maybe the Phase 3 of the Program. We'll be looking to
- 13 work very close to the CPUC in evaluating the programs
- 14 that are offered, seeing where the gaps are, and seeing
- 15 how the AB 758 Program can really support that work and
- 16 increase uptake.
- 17 So that concludes the general intro and the non-
- 18 residential side of things. I'm going to hand over to
- 19 Nehemiah to cover the Residential side of AB 758.
- MR. PENNINGTON: So the next speaker here on the
- 21 panel is Nehemiah Stone. Nehemiah and I go way back; he
- 22 thinks it's 22 years, I'm not sure I agree with that. But
- 23 basically he's done a variety of things. We're to the
- 24 point of working together so closely that usually we just
- 25 dispense with the niceties and start arguing just at the

- 1 outset, you know.
- 2 MR. STONE: Habit.
- 3 MR. PENNINGTON: But he's done a variety of
- 4 things related to Energy, he's been a licensed
- 5 contractor, he's worked for a Building Department as a
- 6 Plan Examiner and a Building Inspector. You all remember
- 7 that he was the staff lead at the Energy Commission in
- 8 1992 when we developed residential building standards
- 9 that aggressively went after windows. After leaving the
- 10 Commission, he's worked as an Efficiency Program
- 11 Implementer for various companies, worked on Evaluation,
- 12 Policy work, and Building Science Research. He's a
- 13 principal with the Benningfield Group, and he also is the
- 14 Residential Lead for the AB 758 Contract, the Technical
- 15 Support work we're going to do. Nehemiah.
- 16 MR. STONE: Thank you. The point of what he was
- 17 just saying, that I've been ankle deep in probably about
- 18 more than half of the professions that you folks have and
- 19 any topic that comes up, there's somebody in the room
- 20 that knows worlds more than me, but I at least know how
- 21 it relates to all the other topics because I've been
- 22 ankle deep there.
- 23 One of the slides that I don't have here in the
- 24 Residential section because it was -- Eliot covered it in
- 25 the overall -- was the Needs Assessment, but that's

- 1 actually the thing I'm going to talk about the most. All
- 2 the rest of the slides here relate to what we plan to
- 3 learn about in the Needs Assessment, so I'm going to give
- 4 you just a little bit of background, the process on the
- 5 Needs Assessment, and then you won't see slides on the
- 6 Needs Assessment, but all of this relates to what we're
- 7 going to be doing in that.
- 8 So there's a number of steps that we're going to
- 9 be going through, creating a survey instrument and
- 10 talking to a couple dozen folks from different aspects of
- 11 the industry on the topics that make a difference on
- 12 where we are on trying to get, where AB 758 wants us to
- 13 be. As Eliot said, the end goal of that is to come up
- 14 with a plan on how we get there, and that's what the
- 15 Commission asked to do at the end of this whole process,
- 16 and that plan is not just a plan for what we're doing
- 17 during the iteration of this contract, but it's a plan
- 18 for how to get to the goals for 2020 and 2030. It's a
- 19 plan for how to get a much deeper energy efficiency in
- 20 the existing stock.
- 21 So, in addition to having the interviews, we're
- 22 also going to be delving into market data that's out
- 23 there. There's a lot of different sources, CIRB,
- 24 Department of Finance, NAHB, you know, all the different
- 25 associations that are involved with building the housing

- 1 stock we have, with managing it, owning it, doing the
- 2 upgrades to it, all of that. And we're going to assess
- 3 that data. We're not going to go out and do fundamental
- 4 new research on what's going on in the market, we're
- 5 going to be assessing all of the research we can find
- 6 that says what is out there, what the opportunities are,
- 7 what the barriers are.
- 8 The next step is developing a Preliminary Action
- 9 Plan for the Commission. And this is something that
- 10 we're going to be doing very interactively with the
- 11 Commission staff, and the end result, this is the
- 12 Commission's plan, and as the technical consultants we
- 13 will help to write the plan, but it's going to be very
- 14 interactive work on that. Then comes the workshops that
- 15 Eliot talked about, and those are the opportunities for
- 16 folks around the state, to see what it is that we're
- 17 preliminarily looking to do, and give us constructive or
- 18 not so constructive advice and input on it, and help the
- 19 Commission understand how that plan is going to affect
- 20 the different industries it has to affect and what those
- 21 industries think about how to make the progress towards
- 22 deeper energy efficiency happen smoother and more
- 23 certainly. After assembling that, then we will work with
- 24 the Commission to develop the final Residential Action
- 25 Plan.

1 Now, that's the first piece of what's in
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- 2 Residential Work Authorization that's under review right
- 3 now and which we expect very shortly. Part of the intent
- 4 of that Needs Assessment was to help us figure out what
- 5 exactly to write in the work authorizations for all the
- 6 other tasks. Because of timing, and because a lot of
- 7 this work has to be wrapped up by next spring, we are
- 8 actually going to be working on a few things
- 9 concurrently. We're not going to be getting to the
- 10 conclusion of anything else before the Needs Assessment,
- 11 and as the Needs Assessment progresses, it's going to
- 12 inform us on the other tasks, but we don't have the
- 13 luxury of waiting to start on everything else until after
- 14 the Needs Assessment is done. We simply cannot get to
- 15 the finish line in time if we do that. So one of the
- 16 other areas -- well, I'll get to that in a moment. So,
- 17 the Needs Assessment will be looking at a number of
- 18 different things that impact how the various industries
- 19 involved will be able to get the deeper energy efficiency
- 20 in the existing residential market; workforce
- 21 development, obviously, is a big piece of that and,
- 22 starting at the bottom here, one of the things we're
- 23 going to be leveraging is a report that U.C. Berkeley did
- 24 in concert with the Energy Commission and PUC, evaluating
- 25 the Workforce Education and Training Needs Assessment,

- 1 they actually started it before the AB 758 mandate, but
- 2 it was very much informed by that and was just completed,
- 3 if I'm not mistaken, within the last couple months.
- 4 So the ideas are to create a sustainable
- 5 workforce, and this means making sure not only that you
- 6 have enough people, but that you're not educating too
- 7 many people in the wrong bucket, that are not going to be
- 8 able to find work, and therefore, you know, taint the
- 9 whole thing with sour grapes, if you will. Meeting the
- 10 demand for all the services that have to happen, you
- 11 know, it's not enough to go out and figure out what has
- 12 to be done to a building, you have to have qualified
- 13 people able to do it and verify that it was done
- 14 afterwards. An awful lot of programs rightfully require
- 15 that you have certifications to establish what your
- 16 qualifications are, to take part in that whole process.
- 17 So that's a critical element, in understanding what
- 18 certifications are out there, what the needs are in the
- 19 areas of certification, and what the capabilities are.
- 20 An assessment of whole house training vs.
- 21 specialized training, there's a lot of projects where --
- 22 and I've actually on one iteration of this slide deck, I
- 23 changed it and somehow I didn't on this one -- whole
- 24 building training. My focus is actually multi-family.
- 25 So when we talk about Residential, I try to remind people

- 1 that people live in -- people reside in multi-family
- 2 buildings, too. So it's a whole building perspective,
- 3 rather than whole house. But, anyway, there are some
- 4 projects where that is the best way to approach it, is to
- 5 look at the whole building, figure out everything you can
- 6 do at once, and get it all into the loan for the
- 7 refinancing package that's going to happen at that time.
- 8 There are other projects where, for one reason or
- 9 another, that's not possible. It's absolutely not
- 10 possible. And so the best approach on those is to pick
- 11 off those things that can make the biggest difference
- 12 that you can afford, and that are not going to put
- 13 something, a blockade in your path towards getting deeper
- 14 efficiency later. Training needs to be provided on both
- 15 of those tracks so that we have people who can fulfill
- 16 those roles all the way down the line.
- 17 Rating and Disclosure Programs, it's very similar
- 18 to what Eliot was talking about, but with some other
- 19 nuances. There are a couple programs out there, three
- 20 programs out there right now that are important to look
- 21 at and compare among each other so we can figure out what
- 22 the advantages and disadvantages of each of them are, and
- 23 what the capabilities are for each of them. One,
- 24 obviously, is the California Energy Commission's HERS 2,
- 25 the programs developed under the HERS 2, another is DOE's

- 1 Home Energy Score, and another is Energy Trust Energy
- 2 Performance Score. Most other states are looking at
- 3 DOE's home energy score. I am not sure of the state of
- 4 decision for any of them, but what it means is that, in
- 5 California, even though we've made a commitment to HERS
- 6 2, it is important for us to look at HERS 2 in light of
- 7 what DOE Home Energy Score Program does and doesn't do,
- 8 and what its capabilities are.
- 9 We also have up in Oregon a fairly successful
- 10 program in providing disclosure on properties as to what
- 11 their energy use is. I don't know what all the
- 12 capabilities are of that, they may not be able to be in
- 13 the right program for looking at identifying what all the
- 14 right opportunities are, and then being able to rate the
- 15 building before and after. But we need the ability to
- 16 tell somebody who is about to make a decision, whether
- 17 it's a purchase decision, or whether it's a rental
- 18 decision, what the cost of having that residence is, and
- 19 that cost has been focused almost exclusively in the past
- 20 on the cost of the mortgage, the cost of making the
- 21 payments, or the cost of the rent. And it's not a
- 22 complete decision, it's not an educated decision, as John
- 23 said earlier, if you don't also have information on what
- 24 does it cost to maintain that building -- what is it
- 25 going to cost me for electricity, for gas, for water?

- 1 We're going to be looking at financing and, on this,
- 2 obviously the heavy lifting has already been done by the
- 3 PUC, the contractor, and the report that just came out,
- 4 "Energy Efficiency Financing in California: Needs and
- 5 Gaps." But there's a lot of specifics around residential
- 6 financing that we're going to have to document, and
- 7 highlight in the report. And there's a plethora of
- 8 financing instruments in the residential sector, at least
- 9 in the single family residential. The problem there is
- 10 probably not that we don't have the right instrument.
- 11 One of the biggest problems is that there's a
- 12 discontinuity across the different financing instruments
- 13 so that they may have different descriptors, or they may
- 14 have different requirements, and for a lot of projects
- 15 you have to access more than one financing instrument at
- 16 a time, and this is clearly true for affordable multi-
- 17 family, most of those projects have at least seven
- 18 different financial instruments involved in it before
- 19 they even can break ground. So, making sure that there
- 20 are not barriers put up in one financing instrument, that
- 21 means you can't use the other ones, or identifying where
- 22 those barriers are so that solutions can be identified as
- 23 part of it.
- 24 There's some innovative ways of getting at
- 25 financing that are not what people typically think of as

- 1 financing for energy efficiency, and I just put one
- 2 example up here partly because I was very involved in it,
- 3 and that's getting the utility allowance correct when
- 4 you're going after low income housing tax credits for
- 5 affordable multi-family projects. It doesn't look like a
- 6 financing instrument, but it absolutely is because if you
- 7 have to estimate what the tenants are going to pay for
- 8 utilities based on old buildings that use a lot more
- 9 energy than your energy efficient building, then that
- 10 means that, by the calculations that you have to do,
- 11 you're subtracting a lot more from what you could charge
- 12 for rent for those than you actually should because the
- 13 tenants will be paying a lot less for their utilities
- 14 than the calculation says. Well, the California Utility
- 15 Allowance Calculator, CUAC, or as it's fondly called "the
- 16 Quack," solves that problem. It gives you a much more
- 17 accurate estimate of what the tenants will be paying.
- 18 And so, what it means, then, when you go to Bank of
- 19 America, or anybody, what you're showing them is you have
- 20 the ability to handle -- to service a lot more debt, and
- 21 it becomes, then, a financing instrument. There's other
- 22 innovative examples like that, but Bill would probably
- 23 cut me off if I try to go into too many of them.
- 24 So we'll be looking at potential opportunities to
- 25 expand the use of the CUAC, and this is very specific,

- 1 this is not an example, this is one of the tasks that
- 2 we're going to be doing is finding a way to have the
- 3 California Utility Allowance Calculator apply to a larger
- 4 range of projects. Right now, it only applies to low
- 5 income housing tax credit and new construction projects.
- 6 Well, it should apply to if we get everything in as far
- 7 as quality control in line, it should also apply to
- 8 Redevelopment Agency projects, so assuming there's any
- 9 Redevelopment Agencies going forward. It should apply to
- 10 other local government funded projects, or HUD funded
- 11 projects, or any other projects that -- I just lost all
- 12 my notes, oh well, extemporaneous -- any other projects
- 13 that have a utility allowance involved in it. So one of
- 14 the tasks here is to work with local entities to try and
- 15 find a way to make sure that the quality control can be
- 16 implemented at the local level.
- One of the other things that's going to come out
- 18 of this is working with some of the incentive programs
- 19 that are out there to try out new strategies for getting
- 20 deeper penetration into the existing residential market
- 21 and getting deeper energy efficiency gains from those
- 22 individual projects. There was consideration initially
- 23 about having pilot programs, but rather than try to
- 24 create a program and compete with the ones that are out
- 25 there, what we're going to do is we're going to work with

- 1 the programs that are out there, and get them to pilot
- 2 different innovative efforts within those programs to see
- 3 if we can find a way of increasing penetration and
- 4 increasing efficiency gains.
- 5 And one of the other big tasks is Codes and
- 6 Standards compliance improvements, and there's a couple
- 7 main areas under this, 1) we need a comprehensive
- 8 understanding of what all is happening, what all is going
- 9 on, to try to improve compliance. We need a full scale
- 10 picture of who is doing what, how is it working, you
- 11 know, what specific barriers at trying to get to -- Pat,
- 12 I'm going to borrow something from Jill here -- it's
- 13 somebody that I have been working with for quite a while
- 14 and I really enjoy working with, once said something in a
- 15 presentation like this that I've used over and over and
- 16 over again, and that is that training -- and I'm going to
- 17 get this wrong, she corrects me every time I say it but
- 18 it'll be close -- training is the right answer when lack
- 19 of knowledge is the problem, but we all too often assume
- 20 lack of knowledge is the problem, so we do more and more
- 21 training programs for people in Building Departments and
- 22 HERS folks and contractors, and subcontractors, and it's
- 23 not always the problem. Sometimes it's a different
- 24 problem that we have to solve, and so we need a range of
- 25 compliance improvement efforts, and they need to be

- 1 targeted to the specific barriers that are there.
- 2 The other major piece that's in that is that
- 3 California is committed, as have the other 49 states, to
- 4 getting -- and correct me if I'm wrong on this, Bill,
- 5 about the number -- but getting to 90 percent compliance
- 6 by 2017. Now, I'll wait for a moment while the laughter
- 7 dies down, okay, no it's supposed to die down here, okay,
- 8 all right, so the point is that, you know, if I asked
- 9 everybody in the room individually what percent
- 10 compliance do we have now, I'll bet you I'd have at least
- 11 one more answer than I have people in the room. We don't
- 12 know at this point. We have a scad of estimates and I
- 13 haven't seen two estimates that are close to each other,
- 14 so one of the things we need to do is to help the Energy
- 15 Commission in its role of coming up with a baseline and
- 16 coming up with the right metrics to measure improvement
- 17 against that baseline. There's no way in heck that we
- 18 can say, by 2017, we've gotten to 90 percent better,
- 19 unless starting off we knew where we were, and we know
- 20 how to measure what that improvement is.
- 21 There's a number of different efforts and
- 22 different places of doing something like this.
- 23 California, we're going to have to do it differently,
- 24 surprise, surprise, because we approach the standards
- 25 differently. In most of the rest of the country, their

- 1 standards are proscriptive and you'll do this, and this,
- 2 and this, and this, and folks, it's really easy to figure
- 3 out how many people are doing what and how that changes
- 4 over time if all you have to do is look at a menu and
- 5 figure out, okay, did you do this, and this, and this,
- 6 and this? In California, most compliance with the
- 7 Standard is performance-based. If it's performance-
- 8 based, you can't tick down a list of widgets and say,
- 9 "All right, here's where we are." And so it is more
- 10 complex, it's going to take time to figure it out, and
- 11 it's going to be a different system, almost certainly,
- 12 than what the rest of the country uses. I think that's
- 13 it.
- 14 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you very much.
- 15 Panelists, I think at this point we're going to turn to
- 16 questions and I've got a few questions here. I think,
- 17 missing the morning, I'm not sure I'm following the
- 18 pattern of the morning, but I'm led to believe I'm
- 19 following the pattern by posing the questions to the
- 20 panelists first, and then opening that up for people in
- 21 this audience and people on the phone. So let me do
- 22 that.
- In our IEPR Report recommendations, in the Draft
- 24 Report, we emphasize data driven policy. What design
- 25 support tools do you think we need to reduce barriers to

- 1 energy efficiency, demand, financing, and implementation?
- 2 So, would a panelist want to take that on?
- 3 MR. STRAIT: Let me really quickly step in if
- 4 there is anybody on the phone that wants to jump in,
- 5 there is a "raise your hand" button that you can press,
- 6 that will let me know to unmute you and put you on the
- 7 line.
- 8 MR. STONE: Well, Eliot and I just arm wrestled
- 9 and I get to go first here. As I mentioned in the
- 10 morning session, which you missed, if we're going to --
- 11 the morning session was about getting to net zero, and if
- 12 we're going to get to net zero, the way we're going to
- 13 figure out whether we got there is we're going to have
- 14 models that can account for actually what's going on in
- 15 the building rather than models with -- and no offense to
- 16 anybody -- but models with no problems, that don't allow
- 17 you to see the real physics that are going on in the
- 18 building. So one of the things we need to do is we need
- 19 to have models where we can enter all the parameters of
- 20 the building, it will give us an estimate of what is
- 21 going on, and we can true it up to measure data. And the
- 22 best source to measure data right now is probably utility
- 23 bills. But there can be other ways of getting at it.
- 24 So, I think that the best track will be to pay a lot of
- 25 attention to what is in the algorithms in the new ACM and

- 1 be able to dynamically, on an individual project, be able
- 2 to go in and true it up so that when you're making
- 3 improvements down the line, you have a model that shows
- 4 you what's really going on in the building.
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Eliot?
- 6 MR. CROWE: I guess my answer does relate
- 7 somewhat to Nehemiah's. I think I have a lot of recent
- 8 experience looking at energy monitoring and system
- 9 monitoring, certainly on the commercial side, and I think
- 10 that is another crucial tool to provide everyone with
- 11 data that's beyond the monthly billing data, and to
- 12 really support -- I think a lot of initiatives are going
- 13 to hang off of that in terms of showing people what
- 14 energy they're using, and inspiring them to action. It
- 15 also supports a lot of Demand Response work. And also,
- 16 some of the pieces that were mentioned by Cathy and
- 17 Jordana around continuous energy improvement and whole
- 18 building approaches, I think that's going to be a really
- 19 crucial piece of that puzzle to support all these
- 20 initiatives, and also in terms of measuring impacts. If
- 21 the data is being monitored, it can be effectively
- 22 aggregated so that someone at a high level can see the
- 23 overall impacts statewide, it will be very powerful.
- 24 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Cathy, would
- 25 you like to respond?

- 1 MS. FOGEL: Can you hear me?
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Yes,
- 3 MS. FOGEL: Okay. Yeah, I agree with what's been
- 4 said and I guess I would add -- and I agree with the
- 5 recommendation from the Energy Commission -- I think what
- 6 I would add is that some of this data collection has
- 7 started with our Energy Upgrade California collaborative
- 8 effort, so we're collecting data on job cost and
- 9 projected savings at this point. I think we need more
- 10 data like that that's a little bit simpler than what the
- 11 other folks were talking about, but that can let
- 12 consumers know, you know, likely costs and benefits to
- 13 help get them interested. And a lot of this information
- 14 will feed into better finance offerings, we hope. And I
- 15 think just to maybe offer, you know, come out of the box
- 16 a little bit, we probably need some more data, better
- 17 data, on contractor training and especially worker
- 18 training levels, especially in a residential space where
- 19 so much of doing really quality work, which is necessary
- 20 to really achieve these savings, is done by workers often
- 21 with fairly limited training themselves, their crew boss
- 22 might have a training, or their contractor might, and
- 23 there's going to be QA, but we need to I think some
- 24 data on overall improvement of the skills level across
- 25 the contractor base in the residential sector would be

- 1 helpful in our efforts.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you.
- 3 MR. STONE: Bill, can I add something real
- 4 quickly? One of the other things, if the decisions are
- 5 going to be data driven, the data has to be very
- 6 accessible and you have to be able to manipulate it in a
- 7 way that makes sense. And so one of the important things
- 8 is thinking through how you might possibly want to use
- 9 all the data, and then setting up the database, if you
- 10 will, in a way that you can do that. I guess the best
- 11 example is that the Public Utilities Commission and the
- 12 utilities has spent millions of dollars on EM&V, on
- 13 programs since the early '80s, and all of that data is
- 14 "available." But it's all -- it's essentially in PDF or
- 15 in Word, or in an Excel spreadsheet that doesn't look
- 16 like any other Excel spreadsheet, and that wealth of
- 17 data, I mean, that's an incredible value that we have
- 18 there, that really is not that accessible. And going
- 19 forward, we should think about, you know, if you're going
- 20 to be collecting this data, the kind of data that Cathy
- 21 was talking about, or data on how programs perform, data
- 22 on buildings that you monitor, any of that, there should
- 23 be a consistent format and a database that it all goes
- 24 into that you can dive into, you can figure out, you can
- 25 ask questions and get an answer based on data from six or

- 1 seven different research reports because their data is
- 2 all in the same format.
- 3 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Is there
- 4 anyone in the room that would like to address the
- 5 question? Yes, Mike.
- 6 MR. GABLE: Mike Gable, the other Mike. Yeah, my
- 7 concern is that, in this evaluation period of assessment
- 8 that you all kind of really look at the stakeholder
- 9 issues of a system of energy, if it's a home label, or
- 10 rating, or a commercial building rating, as sort of a
- 11 crucial puzzle with a lot of pieces, which I know you
- 12 alluded to stakeholder interviews, but that what drives
- 13 the bus in your needs assessment is that you've really
- 14 accounted for all the key players having that kind of
- 15 important input in what's going to work for them, and
- 16 I'll just briefly as an example, you know, I think I've
- 17 been involved with four local governments in the last
- 18 year or two, and you know, I think with HERS 2, there are
- 19 some issues we need to probably look at, but
- 20 understandability by the consumer, by the home owner, the
- 21 real estate community, whether there is a model that you
- 22 can get this on the MLS listings, I mean, there are all
- 23 these parts of it that I think, when we all sort of went
- 24 into the story out a few years ago, we weren't quite as
- 25 attuned to it as we maybe all should have been, and I was

- 1 part of this, too, and I didn't pick up on stuff, but
- 2 that we have this chance to kind of correct a lot of
- 3 maybe errors and decisions that were made, so I just want
- 4 to make sure all the stakeholders get really included in
- 5 these key points.
- 6 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you.
- 7 MR. STRAIT: Bruce, you are live at the moment.
- 8 MR. KEESEE: Mike Keesee, I'm with SMUD. I work
- 9 in Research and Development. The last couple of years,
- 10 I've been taking a look at the retrofit issue. How do
- 11 you achieve 50 percent plus savings in existing homes, 30
- 12 percent plus savings in existing buildings? I'm not sure
- 13 where my comments fit into what the discussion that just
- 14 happened. You can ask my opinions about HERS offline
- 15 because I think everyone should go through the process
- 16 personally to find out how frustrating and crazy it is,
- 17 because I get lots of different HERS values every time I
- 18 hit return on an energy product. I even get different
- 19 standards -- and Mike did them for me, and I get a
- 20 different number for my Title 24 addition compliance
- 21 standard budget every time I hit Return 2. Don't ask me
- 22 why. I think that's just the way it is. But this is
- 23 what I want to talk about, is opportunities. I think the
- 24 whole issue here is driven by consumer choice and
- 25 opportunities, and it's driven by financing. We all bet

- 1 the farm last year on a couple things, one was PACE. The
- 2 other was Home Star, if people remember that stuff. And
- 3 it was all the promise I saw, I went to an efficiency
- 4 conference with thousands of contractors, which was the
- 5 ACI conference in Texas and excuse me if I'm going on and
- 6 on, but there was real buzz in the conference about those
- 7 two things, they were going to make money. And if
- 8 contractors can get money, I think you've got something
- 9 going. But those things fell apart, and the whole key to
- 10 this, based on the six deep energy retrofits that I've
- 11 gotten for SMUD under our demonstration program to see
- 12 how you get to 50 percent savings in existing homes, was
- 13 predicated on opportunity. These homes were abandoned,
- 14 foreclosed homes. That's the greatest opportunity we
- 15 have right now, to do something on a scale, which is
- 16 going into the resale market and doing the improvements
- 17 there, a tool already exists, it's existed for almost 40
- 18 years now, and all of a sudden the market has got a buzz
- 19 about it. I mean, the real estate agency no longer is
- 20 opposed to trying to figure out the energy efficient
- 21 mortgage, at least locally. They're no longer opposed to
- 22 having a HERS rating done because they see the specter of
- 23 regulation breathing down their neck and nobody gets
- 24 religion better than if they think they're going to get
- 25 mandated about it. These are sort of my opinions of it,

- 1 and it's the easiest, best way to finance the saving, or
- 2 the improvement that needs to be done at the time of
- 3 resale because it's transparent to the buyer, they just
- 4 see a brand new house and better bills, and if they can
- 5 fold it into their mortgage, they don't care. Nehemiah
- 6 is shaking his head, I think he's with me on this.
- 7 And so the issue now is to pounce on the
- 8 opportunity, as slim as it's been, because we've talked
- 9 about energy efficient mortgage since my career started
- 10 20 years ago, it's never gone anywhere. But all of a
- 11 sudden, I think -- either -- there's a correlation, you
- 12 could do a study about that one, too. And then that
- 13 opportunity stretches, at least in the residential
- 14 market, to the other opportunities that exist. People
- 15 don't think about this, they think about, "Oh, my God, I
- 16 need a new roof." "Oh, my God, my air-conditioning
- 17 system broke." And if you can capitalize on those
- 18 opportunities and, again, refinancing may be the way to
- 19 do it because it's the best means of it, there's the 203
- 20 case streamline from FHA that exists. And I say this
- 21 because, you know, right now in this market, nothing is
- 22 happening, as we all know, with Energy Upgrade
- 23 California, because no one wants to invest in their home.
- 24 I think there's an analogous situation in the commercial
- 25 market when TIs occur, when owners want to improve their

- 1 existing space to try and lure a customer in. It's not
- 2 as straightforward as the residential case, and I will
- 3 admit, I don't know much about that market. So if you're
- 4 going after data collection or whatnot like that, I would
- 5 urge you to look at those markets and means to capitalize
- 6 on that because it's the only basis of low cost
- 7 financing, and people are going to do things when those
- 8 opportunities exist.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thanks, Mike. So I want
- 10 to turn to people on the phone. I'll take a couple of
- 11 commenters. Again, what decision support tools do you
- 12 think we need to reduce barriers to energy efficiency,
- demand, financing, and implementation?
- 14 MR. STRAIT: Bruce, if you'd like to speak,
- 15 please go ahead.
- 16 MR. RAY: This is Bruce Ray. Can you hear me?
- MR. STRAIT: We can hear you.
- 18 MR. RAY: The question I had was maybe a
- 19 practical one. We heard an earlier presenter say that
- 20 the overall goal here is to achieve a 40 percent
- 21 reduction in energy use, or maybe it was just residential
- 22 energy use. We also heard, I think, one of the first
- 23 presenters note that a very substantial percentage of the
- 24 reduction in overall statewide greenhouse gas emissions
- 25 that are necessary to achieve the 2020 goals that AB 32

- 1 are going to come from energy efficiency and from
- 2 retrofits, and I guess the practical question I had,
- 3 then, was how many residential retrofits does the state
- 4 need to accomplish by 2020 to meet those energy reduction
- 5 goals and the AB 32 emission reduction goals? Is it one
- 6 million, is it five million, is it eight million?
- 7 Because I think you're looking at some very big numbers
- 8 and, unless you've got boots in the attic times
- 9 thousands, starting tomorrow at 8:00, I don't see how
- 10 you're going to do it.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. I don't know,
- 12 Cathy, do you want to respond to that at all?
- MS. FOGEL: Yeah, I can try. I think, you know,
- 14 clearly the 40 percent energy reduction goal for existing
- 15 residential buildings is extremely ambitious. In the
- 16 Strategic Plan, it's broken down, I think, 25 percent of
- 17 homes would achieve 75 percent savings, and the other 75
- 18 would achieve a 25 percent savings, which makes it seem
- 19 potentially more reachable, but I think, you know, this
- 20 is one of those aspirational targets that was spoken of
- 21 earlier, perhaps even more so than the Zero Net Energy
- 22 Home goal, and, yeah, it's a valid question. There's
- 23 about 13 million residential dwellings in the State of
- 24 California, and I think, as we go forward, this effort
- 25 needs to be a little bit more realistic about how scaling

- 1 up might occur.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. We only had
- 3 one person on the phone that wanted to respond to that
- 4 question, so we'll move on to more questions. First to
- 5 the panel, how should we segment the market to best
- 6 design energy efficiency programs for existing buildings?
- 7 By type of decision maker? By buildings with, maybe with
- 8 different levels of access to financing? Or by the
- 9 technical potential of the buildings? Or some other way
- 10 of segmenting?
- 11 MR. STONE: I'm not sure you're going to like my
- 12 answer, Bill. My answer is I think that's a critical
- 13 question that needs to be answered in the Needs
- 14 Assessment. I don't think we're armed to answer that
- 15 question at this point. I think we need to find out what
- 16 the barriers are, I think we need to find out who -- what
- 17 parties in the long list of interested parties which
- 18 parties think which issue is the biggest? And I think it
- 19 also has to be informed by what we can do, you know,
- 20 what's practical. I mean, there are some things I've
- 21 heard that we can do to get better penetration of energy
- 22 efficiency, and I shake my head and go, "God, I wish I
- 23 was that naïve still." Because I got a lot done when I
- 24 was naïve, and so I believe in people that are naïve and
- 25 that don't understand what you can't do because those the

- 1 ones that get it done. But, I now know what you can't
- 2 do, and so that was the barrier for me. I think we need
- 3 to wait until we get the research done to be able to
- 4 answer that question.
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Cathy, do you have any response?
- 6 MS. FOGEL: Sure. I mean, I think this is a
- 7 great question and from what I've seen, and, Bill, you
- 8 may have seen this, and others as well, in terms of the
- 9 utility approach down south, they're basically overlaying
- 10 these three screens to identify areas with LA County, you
- 11 know, another ARRA program -- Administrators and the
- 12 Contractors -- where to focus their efforts solely in LA
- 13 County, they're overlaying all of these screens, type of
- 14 dwelling, estimated annual income, and whether these
- 15 buildings are high energy users, or not. So I think we
- 16 need to increase that kind of targeting by utilities now,
- 17 but Nehemiah is really right that that's just the first
- 18 step, that's almost what you might call the low hanging
- 19 fruit in the whole home retrofit market now, and the CPUC
- 20 is very committed to moving the ball forward to make sure
- 21 that these programs can reach the multi-family market, as
- 22 well as lower income households. And I think the Needs
- 23 Assessment will be hopefully move us in the direction of
- 24 accessing those markets, or creating the policy framework
- 25 that can help the offering of services effectively to

- 1 those markets.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you. Do you have a
- 3 response?
- 4 MR. CROWE: I'm going to avoid answering the
- 5 question in a third different way here. I kind of
- 6 picture this: there will be kind of an overlay of
- 7 matrices that will cover the kinds of issues you
- 8 mentioned, and I think that if we're really wanting to
- 9 dig in with some technical questions, then on the
- 10 commercial side, I think there's going to be a
- 11 segmentation by size, for instance, on the HVAC side,
- 12 you're going to get the smaller buildings, which maybe
- 13 all have similar types of HVAC rooftop units packaged,
- 14 and then the larger commercial with the central plant
- 15 will be another way to segment to dig into some technical
- 16 questions. And then, when we talk about financing
- 17 instruments and motivations, I think we may have a
- 18 different kind of split, and in that situation you may,
- 19 for instance, find that multi-family, you may have some
- 20 similar issues to multi-tenant commercial, that could
- 21 lead you to develop certain tools and share certain
- 22 knowledge across sectors in that way. So I don't think
- 23 there's going to be a single way that we can segment the
- 24 market that would be appropriate for all the questions we
- 25 want to get answered.

- 1 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Anyone in the
- 2 room want to respond? Mike.
- 3 MR. GABLE: Mike Gable. Real quick, my
- 4 experience with the City of Hayward, looking at the age
- 5 of homes as a first cut is also a pretty good indicator;
- 6 despite all these years since the Standards took effect,
- 7 you would think people would have upgrade their homes,
- 8 but older homes haven't been upgraded very well, so age
- 9 of buildings not so for commercial, it's more lighting
- 10 and HVAC driven which are more recent upgrades, but for
- 11 residential I think age of homes would be a worthwhile
- 12 thing to look at, at least.
- MR. PENNINGTON: So do you think that should be a
- 14 strong priority in how buildings get addressed?
- 15 MR. GABLE: I agree with the comment about
- 16 layering different sets of criteria, I think it's just
- 17 one layer of criteria that should at least be looked at
- 18 as a possible guidance, so....
- 19 MR. NESBITT: George Nesbitt. I'd say, you know,
- 20 we could go after the biggest users first, I mean, that's
- 21 where big users, affluent users, you know, there's a lot
- 22 to be had there. But kind of to get back to what I think
- 23 Mike Keesee said, quite frankly, every time a plumber
- 24 goes out to a house, a roofer, a painter, an HVAC
- 25 contractor, those are opportunities, those are

- 1 opportunities to not only do what they are asked to do
- 2 right, but to identify other things that may need to be
- 3 done. Every time someone remodels, it's an opportunity
- 4 to do it right. Every time someone does an addition,
- 5 every time a house is sold, so there is no one set of
- 6 opportunities for identifying. You can have an old house
- 7 that is totally upgraded beyond current Code, or you can
- 8 have a new house that's so under-performing because it
- 9 was done wrong. You know, and some of these transcend
- 10 economics or location, but there's a million
- 11 opportunities. I kind of have a saying that generalists
- 12 need to be specialists, and specialists need to be
- 13 generalists, so, as a General Contractor, I need to know
- 14 enough about all the trades to know what's right and to
- 15 be able to make sure subs and others are performing it
- 16 right, yet the subs, the specialists that so under-
- 17 perform, as we know, as in their specialty, they need to
- 18 understand where they fit in the whole building, so when
- 19 they pull out their drill, put in those recessed cam
- 20 lights, and all the wires, all the top plates, the bottom
- 21 plates, that they know that they've got to seal them, and
- 22 also identify other things that are beyond what their
- 23 specialty is. So, I would say there's lots of
- 24 opportunities. And actually, that 40 percent reduction
- 25 goal actually came from myself and someone else who was

- 1 not supposed to be on that conference call that day from
- 2 the Bali Accords, so it was kind of interesting to see
- 3 the CPUC pick that up sort of as a minor goal in the
- 4 plan. Yes, it's high, but it's achievable, even my own
- 5 house, 1923, inefficient, even though I operate it fairly
- 6 efficiently, I still have an opportunity to save 50
- 7 percent. It's not going to be inexpensive, but, you
- 8 know, the opportunities still exist. So I have a million
- 9 other things I can say, but I'll --
- MR. PENNINGTON: Thanks, George.
- 11 MR. HAMILTON: Daniel Hamilton with SMUD. Just
- 12 based on our limited experience so far with some of the
- 13 programs we're running, specifically the Home Performance
- 14 Programs, a fairly large DOE Program, if you want to get
- 15 real capture, the savings, the building doesn't matter
- 16 nearly as much as the occupant who is going to make the
- 17 decisions regarding the building. So, if we start
- 18 talking about segmenting too much into building types,
- 19 with newer and older buildings, energy efficient vs.
- 20 inefficient, we're missing out on the fact that the
- 21 buildings don't make the decisions, the owners of the
- 22 buildings make the decisions. So, I think if you're
- 23 talking about segmenting, you need to start targeting the
- 24 people who, for whatever social, psychological, financial
- 25 reasons, have the means and desire to actually upgrade

- 1 their homes consistent with their own personal values,
- 2 with the incentives offered, with whatever reason is out
- 3 there, you know, community engagement, there is all kinds
- 4 of reasons that are out there. Utilities track a lot of
- 5 this data, cities and counties track a lot of this data,
- 6 the state tracks a lot of this data. I think if you're
- 7 going to start prioritizing, you should be focusing on
- 8 the people willing to make those decisions and
- 9 investments, rather than the buildings that need them
- 10 because, if we're talking about a scale of things that is
- 11 not going to be accomplished, I think without considering
- 12 that fact as a major source, if not the primary source.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you. Pat.
- MR. EILERT: SO I think more important than
- 15 segmentation is trying to identify how hard and how to
- 16 push alterations going forward. That's going to be
- 17 really the only way we can get to these goals is through
- 18 Codes and, then, underneath that, you know, there needs
- 19 to be some overlay of planning on top of the segmentation
- 20 and the more traditional programs.
- 21 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Anyone on the
- 22 phone?
- 23 MR. STRAIT: I'm not seeing anyone with their
- 24 hand raised.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Okay.

- 1 MS. BEAUDETTE: My name is Barbie Beaudette, I'm
- 2 just a student in green building background construction.
- 3 I noticed earlier when we were talking about the lack of
- 4 marketing, the small budget being set aside for marketing
- 5 these kinds of projects for the folks that could use them
- 6 and benefit from incentive and things like that, and I've
- 7 been to meetings and have been involved in discussions
- 8 like this for awhile, and one of the things -- having a
- 9 background in real estate and real estate finance, as
- 10 well, I notice that real estate folks are usually one of
- 11 the opponents of doing ratings at the sale because they
- 12 feel as though, especially in these economic times,
- 13 that's going to be an issue. But there's another side to
- 14 it. If you have a rating and you have folks in this
- 15 mentality where they want to do fixer uppers, for
- 16 instance, if you have a rating that says, "Hey, here's
- 17 where you could upgrade this and make this home this much
- 18 better on a measurable scale," you actually have a
- 19 marketing tool and that can actually have -- I mean, if
- 20 real estate folks get behind this on a level where
- 21 they've got a way of marketing it as a good home because
- 22 of its rating, or as a home that's got lots of potential
- 23 to be upgraded, you've got an avenue for referrals for
- 24 doing work for what kinds of work that could be done,
- 25 you've got an opportunity as that home is open to be

- 1 evaluated where someone could go in and do that and
- 2 generate a lot of these kinds of efficiency upgrade
- 3 opportunities. Also, as far as barriers, something that
- 4 I've noticed, I'm a student in the Green Workforce
- 5 Training, and I'm a Certified Building Analyst through
- 6 that, but I've also found that because of the way that
- 7 the HERS training and the certifications go, there are
- 8 barriers to a lot of folks that are trained in the
- 9 building sciences to actually getting jobs because of the
- 10 certification right now, especially since it's just in
- 11 CalCERT's hands, there's a barrier for a lot of folks to
- 12 actually get into the field that's being held at a level
- 13 that, you know, a lot of those are publicly funded
- 14 things, they've put money into training these people, and
- 15 now they can't get jobs and use that training and apply
- 16 it, and be feet on the ground and do the work. So there
- 17 are some opportunities if those barriers are removed or
- 18 worked on somehow from that perspective, to get folks on
- 19 the ground to do the work, too.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: So I appreciate that comment.
- 21 The Energy Commission is working with the Building
- 22 Performance Institute right now and with CalCERT's to try
- 23 to do a better alignment with the HERS 2 training and the
- 24 BPI certification training needed to be certified, and
- 25 looking for ways to allow sort of pathways in for people

- 1 that have some of the capabilities that are needed, but
- 2 not all, and to create a process for doing challenges.
- 3 So there's very serious discussion underway right now for
- 4 how to do that, and hopefully that will improve the
- 5 situation that you found when you were trying to go
- 6 through it.
- 7 Another question that relates a little bit to
- 8 David's comments about where an occupant of a building,
- 9 or the building decision maker as being the critical
- 10 lynchpin in getting things done and, you know, if you
- 11 can't be effective in communicating with the building
- 12 owner, then maybe this other segmentation is secondary.
- 13 So one of the things that we're charged to do in AB 758
- 14 is to focus on public awareness and focus on outreach and
- 15 education and that sort of thing. So the question would
- 16 be, how should we be telling the world, or telling
- 17 California consumers, about efficiency and its benefits,
- 18 and what should we be doing differently to do that than
- 19 what we're doing now? So, Eliot, do you want to start
- 20 with that?
- 21 MR. CROWE: Yeah, I'll speak to the
- 22 nonresidential side that Nehemiah covered the
- 23 residential. You know, I've found in my direct
- 24 experience, which has been mostly with larger commercial
- 25 properties, that peer group pressure and peer group

- 1 awareness is very powerful, so case studies, you know,
- 2 wanting to be seen to be the best and share your success
- 3 stories has been proven to be very successful. I think
- 4 that, again, in my experience, finding examples of people
- 5 who have taken very aggressive approaches, whole building
- 6 focused, deep retrofits, really going after the deeper
- 7 savings, we've been working on some guides for the
- 8 Department of Energy recently, and outside of large
- 9 commercial office, there are very few good examples of
- 10 people taking deep approaches and very holistic
- 11 approaches. I'll correct myself -- there are some on big
- 12 box retail, but there are many sectors where there are
- 13 really no clearly identified leaders who are sharing
- 14 their stories, or maybe that means there are no stories
- 15 to tell, or that they are too worried about
- 16 confidentiality, or perhaps they just don't have a good
- 17 means to get their stories out, but I think that is going
- 18 to be a big plus if those kind of success stories can
- 19 support AB 758 and get out into the public domain.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you.
- 21 MR. STONE: What I'm going to say partly relates
- 22 to the same thing that Eliot was just saying, but I want
- 23 to go back just a little bit to what I had said about
- 24 what Jill Marver told me about training, that it's the
- 25 right answer if lack of knowledge is the problem. It's

- 1 the same sort of thing here. In those cases where
- 2 energizing the homeowner or, from multi-family to
- 3 building owner, is the issue, then, yeah, we need to talk
- 4 about how do we do outreach to them that is effective.
- 5 But until we've done the Needs Assessment, it's really
- 6 hard to say which of the problems for which sectors of
- 7 the market, and at which point, and can you solve one of
- 8 those problems and you take care of it, or do you need to
- 9 solve five or six for this particular sector, and seven
- 10 or eight for that sector? So, you know, I think it's
- 11 important to look at how do we do better outreach, but I
- 12 think it's important also to remember that that's not
- 13 going to solve the problem in a lot of cases. So,
- 14 getting back to Eliot's point, in the residential sector,
- 15 I mean, I absolutely agree that when you give people
- 16 comparison to what their peers are doing, positive or
- 17 negative, that can be a most powerful driver.
- 18 Robert Cialdini with the University of Arizona
- 19 has presented on this at an ACEEE workshop on hot water a
- 20 couple years ago here in Sacramento, and in the
- 21 experiments that they did, when they said, "Hey, you
- 22 know, if you're at a hotel and your towel is still clean,
- 23 just hang it back up and then we won't wash it and you'll
- 24 help us save all this water." About one percent of the
- 25 people actually did something. When they changed the

- 1 message to say, "People like you that stay here, most of
- 2 them hang the towel back up when it's still clean so it
- 3 doesn't get washed," they got like 60 percent response.
- 4 So, nobody wants to admit that peer pressure is the main
- 5 driver for each of us, but it is true, it is the main
- 6 thing. So there's been a few experiments with telling
- 7 people what other homeowners on their block, or what
- 8 other tenants in their apartment building use in energy,
- 9 in the aggregate, or on average, or whatever, and if
- 10 those are designed right so that you're not discouraging
- 11 the people that are most efficient from doing anything
- 12 and encouraging them to start leaving the lights on
- 13 because, hey, we're the best in the neighborhood, as long
- 14 as it's designed right, that can be a real powerful
- 15 motivator. And if it comes with the message, you know,
- 16 "When you get your bill, if it says right on your bill,
- 17 not just, oh, \$78.00 this month, but it says, 'By the
- 18 way, five out of six of your neighbors only owed
- 19 \$60.00.'" "And here's a program you can get into that
- 20 will help you get better than your neighbors," I think
- 21 that sort of outreach will carry a lot of power.
- 22 MR. PENNINGTON: Cathy, do you want to respond?
- 23 Are you still there, Cathy?
- MS. FOGEL: Yes, sorry, I had you on mute. I
- 25 agree with what's just been said and, to not repeat it,

- 1 I'll just add that, in the course of developing an
- 2 engaged 360, the Energy Division and the utilities did,
- 3 as I mentioned very briefly, commission some pretty
- 4 detailed ethnographic research that was both quantitative
- 5 and included qualitative interviews of a number of
- 6 California residents and came up with sort of five
- 7 personality profiles that are generalized, but you know,
- 8 reflect the sort of different types of folks out in the
- 9 California population with different values, education
- 10 levels, income levels, what they've already done in
- 11 energy efficiency, what they might be likely to do, so we
- 12 should take advantage of past research as we go forward
- 13 and shape anything new as one basic point, and I'll add
- 14 to that that there was also a fairly extensive utility
- 15 market research done before the launch of Energy Upgrade
- 16 California Incentive Program that's also quite
- 17 informative and showed, in addition to what's just been
- 18 said, that trigger points in sort of the course of
- 19 people's life, between having a baby, buying a home,
- 20 refinancing, you know, really important points to reach
- 21 people at with the message at those points, and also with
- 22 what's been said, the importance of financing, to people
- 23 actually being able to act. You know, I was sort of
- 24 wondering how much -- what's going to be the budget for
- 25 all this, and we need to take advantage not only of the

- 1 peer pressure Nehemiah mentioned, but some other behavior
- 2 change, social marketing techniques can really focus on
- 3 neighborhoods and community outreach, and generating
- 4 earned media, which I think will be essential going
- 5 forward.
- 6 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you. Pat.
- 7 MR. EILERT: So, Nehemiah, I care about energy
- 8 efficiency, but I don't care what my neighbor uses, so
- 9 let's go ahead with the Needs Assessment, I think this
- 10 focus on peer pressure is a little bit too much today, so
- 11 far.
- MR. STONE: But do you care what I think about
- 13 your energy use?
- MR. EILERT: Yes, I do care.
- MR. STONE: Okay, there we go. Write down "peer
- 16 pressure."
- 17 MR. NESBITT: George Nesbitt. I think it's going
- 18 to take a lot of consistent and reinforced marketing.
- 19 It's got to be down at the Building Department, it's got
- 20 to be at the Material Suppliers, the design houses, in
- 21 the architect's offices, and the contractor's, it needs
- 22 to be on the radio, on the TV, on the Web, wherever,
- 23 whether it's social media, you know, all forms, it just
- 24 needs to be a message that is constantly out there and
- 25 not something that comes and goes, which has often been a

- 1 problem. Back in the old days, I was in the RCP Program
- 2 when it died and there was marketing on the radio that
- 3 told you that you needed to call the Smarter Energy line
- 4 and then they'd get the referral to the contractors and
- 5 all that, and so programs come and go, marketing
- 6 campaigns come and go, and the problem is we keep
- 7 starting, stopping, starting and stopping. So we need to
- 8 maintain some consistency and it needs to be reinforced
- 9 on all sorts of levels.
- 10 And I want to bring back up an issue that Pat
- 11 brought up, was existing plus additions and alterations.
- 12 At Friday's Energy Code workshop, I suggested and I've
- 13 been bringing it up pretty much at every workshop, well,
- 14 how is this going to apply to existing buildings, so we
- 15 need to have a workshop on the 2013 Code updates
- 16 specifically for how we are going to apply it to existing
- 17 buildings because, you know, that's another way we're
- 18 going to reinforce this is by pushing it through Code.
- 19 Actually, speaking of Codes, RECO is one of those things
- 20 that's out there, and the City of Berkeley has, well,
- 21 I've been hearing for at least half a decade that we were
- 22 going to go to a performance-based RECO and now I guess
- 23 they're delaying it because they're, I guess, under the
- 24 delusion that Energy Pro will be fixed any time soon,
- 25 which is an issue, it's a tool that works, you can read

- 1 my 14 pages of comments, it's in the HERS 2, if you want
- 2 to know more about energy modeling than you care to know.
- 3 There are definitely issues with Energy Pro, how it's
- 4 implementing HERS 2. They're not totally insurmountable.
- 5 I have a long list that keeps growing. I actually have
- 6 not noticed the inconsistency that Mike mentioned in the
- 7 current version since it was given a heart transplant to
- 8 a more modern version of Cal Res, but I had noticed that
- 9 in the past where you look at it and, once you pass and
- 10 once you don't. It seems to have been greatly improved,
- 11 yet there's a lot of things, especially when we get to
- 12 existing additions and alterations, you literally -- you
- 13 cannot -- there's a lot of things you cannot alter,
- 14 certainly not as one file within Energy Pro, you pretty
- 15 much have to go to a two-file approach, but that's minor
- 16 in comparison. Many people think that HERS 2 is totally
- 17 broken, I'm not one of them. While it may need some
- 18 tweaks here and there, I think it's fundamentally sound
- 19 and, well, yeah, especially in regards to building
- 20 performance contractors and quality of work,
- 21 unfortunately, well, Energy Upgrade California being
- 22 consistent with HERS, I find that a little odd because,
- 23 in HERS, a HERS Rater can do a rating and so can a
- 24 building performance contractor, yet, in the real world,
- 25 a Building Performance Contractor does not exist because

- 1 there is no perfect HERS provider for one yet, yet in
- 2 Energy Upgrade California, only the home performance
- 3 contractor who is not certified or trained can do the -
- 4 not technically a rating, but the energy modeling, yet we
- 5 HERS raters can't, plus I have not seen any quality
- 6 standards for the contractors articulated, and I have all
- 7 my old manuals from the RCP program 10 years ago. We had
- 8 combustion safety. PG&E's lawyers did not have a problem
- 9 with combustion safety and, apparently, they've decided
- 10 to come out with a 62-point checklist for combustion
- 11 safety, which is a joke, it doesn't take 62 points. So,
- 12 and there's also a lot of gripes just from contractors
- 13 about the complexity and the constantly changing
- 14 requirements, and I certainly --
- MR. PENNINGTON: So I'm going to move on to the
- 16 callers. Thank you.
- MR. STRAIT: Yes, there's a Jim Jungwirth that
- 18 would like to make a comment.
- 19 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, great.
- 20 MR. STRAIT: Jim, you are live.
- 21 MR. JUNGWIRTH: Okay, thank you. There were a
- 22 number of comments earlier talking about the commercial
- 23 building energy efficiency retrofits. It occurs to me
- 24 that it is most likely when the building owner or the
- 25 building occupant are the same. In Northern California,

- 1 the largest building owner occupant is the State, itself.
- 2 So my question is, are there things in those programs
- 3 that were described earlier in the day that specifically
- 4 will facilitate the Needs Assessment and the
- 5 identification of funding mechanisms for the energy
- 6 upgrades of State Buildings? And I think that, really,
- 7 if you really want to promote that, the best way to do it
- 8 is by example.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you. Anyone else?
- 10 MR. STRAIT: I believe that is the only person
- 11 that had their hand raised to comment on this issue.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Did you have a comment, sir?
- 13 MR. FRANCISCO: I'm Jim Francisco with Sierra
- 14 Consulting, but I want to talk to you as a consumer
- 15 instead of a businessperson here. Our utility in our
- 16 area sent out some pressure -- peer pressure mailings on,
- 17 "Jeez, your energy use is just so much greater than your
- 18 neighbors'." And I, for instance, my wife and I, jeez,
- 19 our house was built in '79, we said it probably needs to
- 20 be upgraded, so we put \$6,000 worth of windows in the
- 21 house. Got some more little things that says, "Jeez,
- 22 your energy usage is greater than your neighbors'." So
- 23 we put in \$13,000 worth of air-conditioning. Then my
- 24 neighbor comes over and says, "I don't know what's going
- 25 on with this utility, I keep getting these usage things,"

- 1 and he says, "I put in new windows and I'm still getting
- 2 them." So we got the neighborhood together and it seems
- 3 that this is a program that SMUD engages in, and I will
- 4 name them, and instead of getting us now to upgrade, if
- 5 we see a SMUD agent in the neighborhood, he's in danger.
- 6 So you've got to be very careful about what you're
- 7 putting out there and you better know it improves because
- 8 a lot of it does not improve what you're trying to do.
- 9 And that's my comment.
- 10 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you. So we're reaching
- 11 the witching hour on this panel, so one more commenter.
- MS. GAVRIC: Funny you should mention witch. My
- 13 name is Jelisaveta Gavric, and I'm with the California
- 14 Association of Realtors. And it may be a little bit
- 15 confusing to some of you if you've heard a different name
- 16 from me before, this is my ethnic name, you may know me
- 17 as Elizabeth Gavric. I just came here today to not
- 18 necessarily comment on any of the questions, but I did
- 19 want to give a little bit of a historic perspective to
- 20 the other people in the room here who have not been
- 21 involved with the Legislative portion of the fight to get
- 22 or to pass AB 758 Skinner. The bill actually started off
- 23 in a previous legislative session, it was AB 2678 Nuñez,
- 24 and that bill the realtors were vehemently opposed to
- 25 because a friend in the audience just said realtors tend

- 1 to be opposed to time of sale mandates, and we were. And
- 2 AB 2678 had a specific mandate for audits and
- 3 specifically retrofits at time of sale. The Legislature
- 4 did consider that bill and they decided that they would
- 5 not advance or pass that bill, that was something the
- 6 Legislature decided that they didn't feel was good
- 7 policy, and that was to advance a piece of legislation
- 8 which demanded retrofits at time of sale.
- 9 There was also similarly a bill recently passed
- 10 in the last session that was Senate Bill 407. That bill
- 11 initially started off by Senator Padilla as being a
- 12 mandatory time of sale water fixture retrofit bill, and
- 13 through a tremendous amount of debate and discussion,
- 14 again, within the California State Legislature, it was
- 15 determined that a time of sale program was not a good
- 16 approach to achieving efficiencies in California's
- 17 housing stock. And so that bill was eventually amended
- 18 to do just a date certain that all homes have to be
- 19 compliant with these fixtures, by several different
- 20 dates, 2014 for retrofits, 2017 for single-family
- 21 housing, and 2019 for commercial properties and multi-
- 22 family housing.
- 23 So going back to AB 2678, which is where the
- 24 genesis of AB 758, Assembly Member Skinner had the
- 25 wherewithal to understand all of the arguments,

- 1 complaints, and considerations that were given for AB
- 2 2678, and so when she reintroduced the concept, she
- 3 actually took out the point of sale mandate that was in
- 4 2678. She specifically stated in her bill that the
- 5 program, AB 758, would include a broad range of
- 6 implementation approaches, and she also specified in her
- 7 bill that assessments, ratings, or improvements will not
- 8 unreasonably or unnecessarily affect the home purchasing
- 9 process. And so I'm just here today to echo the actual
- 10 language that statutorily is in place that we are using
- 11 as the basis for the promulgation of these regulations.
- 12 I want to remind folks that, as we go forward in this
- 13 process, that the realtors are very supportive of
- 14 increasing home energy efficiency, and for Nehemiah and
- 15 Eliot, I hope that we are one of your 11 to 14
- 16 stakeholder interviews that you get, or at least -- no,
- 17 not getting that? Okay, well, then, I won't give you my
- 18 card then. But we do strongly believe that it will take
- 19 a lot of innovation to get that deep market penetration
- 20 that we need because you cannot take a market where it is
- 21 right now with less than two percent of houses turning
- 22 over, and half of those are banked owned. You cannot get
- 23 those homes energy efficient and achieve that 40 percent
- 24 goal that you would like to see by 2020, it simply cannot
- 25 happen. So we're here to help, we're here to advise and

- 1 see what we can do to at least provide insight into the
- 2 real estate transaction, we know that real estate will be
- 3 one star in the constellation that will make up this
- 4 program, we know it's not going to be the sun, it won't
- 5 be the center of the universe for us, it can't be, it's
- 6 just not functional, it's not the way this program is
- 7 going to be successful. And that's all I'm here to say.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you much. So I'm going to
- 10 call a close with that, thank you very much, everyone,
- 11 for your comments. Thank you very much for the panelists
- 12 to be here and make their presentations, so I appreciate
- 13 it. Thank you, Cathy. We're going to take a short
- 14 break. Is that right?
- MR. STRAIGHT: Yes, we're going to have a five-
- 16 minute break. During this time, there's a small bit of
- 17 technical assistance I need to provide one of our call-in
- 18 users.
- 19 (Recess at 2:46 p.m.)
- 20 (Reconvene at 2:55 p.m.)
- MR. LEAON: Okay, folks. If we could all find
- 22 our seats, let's go ahead and get started with our next
- 23 panel discussion. For the record, my name is Michael
- 24 Leaon, I'm the Manager of the Appliances and Process
- 25 Energy Office. And this afternoon we'll have a panel on

- 1 reducing plug loads in buildings, so we're switching
- 2 gears a little bit, but talking about a very important
- 3 component of meeting building energy efficiency goals. I
- 4 think we have another excellent panel for you this
- 5 afternoon. Our panelists will include a talk from Dr.
- 6 G.P. Li with UC Irvine, also Randall Higa with Southern
- 7 California Edison, he'll be telling you about standards.
- 8 We'll also -- a little change on the panel make-up for
- 9 this session -- Michael Siminovitch will not be able to
- 10 make it and the co-director of the California Lighting
- 11 Technology Center, Kosta Papamichael, will be speaking
- 12 instead, and we also have a remote presentation from Dr.
- 13 Carrie Armel with Stanford, and also we'll hear from
- 14 Jonathan Williams with Intel Corporation, and they'll
- 15 both be addressing the topic of alternatives to standards
- 16 for meeting building energy efficiency goals. So with
- 17 that, I'd like to go ahead and kick off our panel
- 18 presentations with Dr. Li, and Dr. Li, if you'd like to
- 19 come up to the podium?
- DR. LI: Thank you, Mike.
- 21 MR. STRAIT: Uh, one moment, we have to locate
- 22 the presentation, just one second. Okay, we're going to
- 23 do a little change in the order of the presentation.
- 24 Randall, if you don't mind starting off, if that's okay,
- 25 we're having difficulty locating Dr. Li's presentation

- 1 and I'm going to go locate that and bring that back. And
- 2 in the interim, we'll hear from Randall.
- 3 MR. HIGA: Thanks, Mike. And welcome, everybody,
- 4 to the final panel presentation today. I'm going to be
- 5 talking about the Utilities Codes and Standards work
- 6 specific to plug loads and appliances, and in our world
- 7 sort of the plug loads and appliances are mostly
- 8 synonymous, but you know, the appliance standards also
- 9 relate to things like water heaters and small air-
- 10 conditioners, so it's a little bit expanded from just the
- 11 traditional plug loads. So I'm going to try to sort of
- 12 take off from where Cathy Chappell [phon.] left off this
- 13 morning, she was talking more about the Building
- 14 Standards related specifically to the buildings,
- 15 themselves; I'm going to be talking a little bit about
- 16 Building Standards, but mostly in the context of plug
- 17 loads, as well as, of course, appliance regulations also.
- 18 First, I wanted to give an overview of what the
- 19 utility programs involve and consist of, so the Codes and
- 20 Standards Program is a statewide program, meaning that
- 21 Southern California Edison, PG&E, SoCal Gas, and San
- 22 Diego Gas & Electric work together on the same program to
- 23 work with and support the California Energy Commission in
- 24 developing -- and I'll just say "more stringent" --
- 25 energy standards, both buildings and appliances. We do

- 1 deal with the Federal Regulations, and I'll talk about
- 2 that in a minute also.
- 3 So the four programs for the Codes and Standards
- 4 Program is we do the Building Code Advocacy, most of that
- 5 is Title 24, Part 6, we do get involved with Title 24,
- 6 Part 11, which is CalGreen, and we also coordinate with
- 7 the other model energy codes such as ASHRAE 90.1, IECC,
- 8 and some of the Green Building Codes as IGCC and the
- 9 IECC. Sorry for the alphabet soup there. The second set
- 10 of programs is pretty much the same thing, except we're
- 11 focused on appliance regulations, in this case, Title 20,
- 12 and also the Federal standards. We also have two other
- 13 sub-programs new for this Code cycle, and that is a
- 14 compliance enhancement, we call it holistic, meaning that
- 15 we're trying to increase the compliance rates across the
- 16 board, rather than any sort of focused activities. We do
- 17 some focused compliance enhancement activities under the
- 18 first two sub-programs, which we call extension of
- 19 advocacy, where we're trying to make sure that the
- 20 verified energy savings of new Codes that we are involved
- 21 with have the highest level of compliance. And then the
- 22 Best Practices pilot is a program that we're working
- 23 with, where we're working with roughly we're targeting
- 24 about 12 local governments statewide to sort of take a
- 25 deed dive into the processes for plan checking,

- 1 inspection, etc., and we're trying to come up with better
- 2 ways to get through that process of plan check and
- 3 inspection, and we're going to put together a report of
- 4 all the best practices and try to communicate that out to
- 5 the other cities in the state.
- 6 And the last thing is REACH Codes, and this is
- 7 where we work with local governments who are interested
- 8 in adopting ordinances that go beyond the base Title 24
- 9 Code, so because it is a highly political process, we
- 10 don't try to get involved with their politics and it's
- 11 more of a reactionary role in the sense that, if they are
- 12 interested in doing a REACH Code, we'll support them with
- 13 a cost-effectiveness analyses, ordinance writing, etc.
- 14 etc. Most of them, these days, are tied together with
- 15 Green Building Codes, so it's just an element of it,
- 16 including CalGreen which have Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels of
- 17 compliance, that is Tier 1 being 15 percent beyond Code,
- 18 which is where most of the REACH Codes are at these days,
- 19 and then Tier 2 at 30 percent beyond Code.
- 20 So, getting back to plug loads. These are some
- 21 of the three main areas in which we deal with plug loads.
- 22 So, as I mentioned before, as far as the first sub-
- 23 program, we're dealing with building standards and
- 24 building regulations. And we focus our attention on
- 25 Title 24, Part 6, but as I said, also Part 11, which is

- 1 CalGreen, as well as the model Energy Codes. And where
- 2 the -- one distinction maybe is how, one way to look at
- 3 it, is that we're not regulating the efficiency of plug
- 4 loads, but we're trying to set standards of regulations
- 5 for how the plug loads are used, and let me give you an
- 6 example. We're looking at requirements for office
- 7 buildings where task lighting would be on separate
- 8 receptacles that can be put onto time clocks, or
- 9 connected to the building energy management systems, so
- 10 they can be swept off at night, so we're not trying to
- 11 change the efficiency of those task lights, or they could
- 12 be printers, or monitors, or whatever, but we're putting
- 13 into the Building Code the ability, not necessarily
- 14 forcing people to do it because you can't tell people how
- 15 to control the buildings, but at least giving them the
- 16 capabilities to turn off those plug loads. We're doing
- 17 something similar for residential, and those are just a
- 18 couple of examples of how the plug loads actually could
- 19 be a part of the Building Code.
- 20 Of course, a key thing on plug loads if the Title
- 21 20 Regulations. Again, it's something what the utilities
- 22 do is develop in the same way as the Building Energy
- 23 Standards is, develop code change proposals to support
- 24 the CEC in developing new versions of other regulations
- 25 and Building Standards. So, thus far, the IOUs have been

- 1 -- the utilities have been involved in a number of
- 2 measures, those are just a couple of examples of them.
- 3 The most recent one completed, I guess, would be
- 4 televisions. I looked at sort of from our latest impact
- 5 evaluation studies, some of the highest energy savings
- 6 measures and those, I think, are the top four, so Pulse
- 7 Start, HID Lights, walk-in freezers and coolers, and pool
- 8 pumps. And currently we're working with the CEC on the
- 9 battery charger rulemaking, which we hope is going to get
- 10 wrapped up soon, and then we also have some future
- 11 proposals that we're thinking about and I'll get into
- 12 those in the next slide, what we're calling Phase 3 and
- 13 Phase 4. And lastly, we have been working with the
- 14 Federal Department of Energy in their appliance
- 15 regulation rulemakings, all of which are included as part
- 16 of Title 20, and of course the key issue with the Federal
- 17 Standards is, well, it's good in that you have a
- 18 nationwide standard for efficiency for appliances and
- 19 plug loads, it preempts the state from adopting more
- 20 stringent Codes, more stringent efficiency levels, for
- 21 those appliances. And these days, although California
- 22 may have started the regulation of appliances back in the
- 23 `70s, now the Federal Government has taken over the
- 24 regulation of a large number of those efficiency
- 25 regulations. Their process is a lot slower and, so, the

- 1 pace at which the regulations at the Federal level can
- 2 proceed is not generally as quick as what we could do
- 3 here in California.
- 4 The bottom line is, as you've heard in the
- 5 previous presentations, plug loads are significant energy
- 6 use in buildings, both residential and non-residential,
- 7 and to the extent that we cannot surpass efficiency
- 8 levels of those Federal requirements, it does pose a
- 9 significant barrier to reaching the Zero Net Energy
- 10 goals, so it's something that we're trying to work
- 11 around, work with, and work with the DOE to get the
- 12 highest efficiency levels that we can.
- Getting back to the upcoming Title 20 topics,
- 14 this is just an example of the items that we're
- 15 considering proposing, and I won't read through all of
- 16 this list, you could take a look at these. We see the
- 17 Phase 3 starting, having the scoping workshop later this
- 18 year, and then Phase 4 following that at some time. This
- 19 is just a little chart to give you some idea of what kind
- 20 of energy savings, the orders of magnitude of energy
- 21 savings, the battery chargers, ones that we're involved
- 22 with now. As you can see, it's roughly 2000 gigawatt
- 23 hours per year. Again, that's after turnover which we've
- 24 got defined at the bottom there, first year savings times
- 25 estimated useful life.

- 1 So we're talking about pretty big energy savings.
- 2 Again, I think you saw from the previous presentations,
- 3 you know, how big these markets are and how much we're
- 4 impacting the marketplace with these appliance
- 5 regulations. Again, it affects both new buildings,
- 6 existing buildings, everything, because everything that
- 7 is sold will have to meet these regulations.
- 8 So just in summary, this is what we see as
- 9 potential benefits of the future Title 20 topics, and
- 10 those of you who have been in the workshops before will
- 11 recognize these, they are the same slides, but I just
- 12 wanted to sort of reiterate that this is a big deal,
- 13 there's a lot of energy savings here, there's a lot of
- 14 potential, but this doesn't necessarily get us through
- 15 this barrier of preemption, and it doesn't by itself get
- 16 us to ZNE, so, you know, more work is still required, but
- 17 at least I think we're off to a good start. So, thank
- 18 you.
- 19 MR. LEAON: Thank you, Randall. Okay, so we're
- 20 going to proceed with Dr. Li's presentation. Peter, if
- 21 you could get that teed up and, Dr. Li, let me give you a
- 22 proper introduction here. Dr. Li is a Professor at the
- 23 University of California Irvine with appointments in
- 24 three departments, Electrical Engineering, Computer
- 25 Science, and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science,

- 1 and Biomedical Engineering. At UCI, he also serves as
- 2 Division Director of the California Institute for
- 3 Telecommunications and Information Technology, and
- 4 Director of the Integrated Nano Systems Research facility
- 5 in the Henry Sumueli School of Engineering. He receives
- 6 his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from
- 7 National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan, and his
- 8 Master's and Doctorate Degrees also in Electrical
- 9 Engineering from UCLA. Dr. Li.
- 10 DR. LI: Thank you so much, Mike. Before I
- 11 start, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the
- 12 Organization Committee for inviting me to come to this
- 13 meeting and I would also like to thank you, the audience,
- 14 to allow me to share a research idea with you. And
- 15 lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank
- 16 CEC PIER Program for their support to our Centers.
- 17 So, currently we are working on the California
- 18 Plug Load Research related topic and just started the
- 19 Center in UCI. So the topic I'm going to present to you
- 20 today is The Big Picture: Importance of Plug Loads in
- 21 Meeting Zero Net Energy -- Existing Energy Efficiency
- 22 Goals.
- 23 So I am showing here in the last four years, we
- 24 have witnessed the tremendous growth of plug load devices
- 25 at home. Starting in '70, it was about two devices; in

- 1 this generation, we are talking about more than 40
- 2 consumer electronics devices at home. And this
- 3 penetrating of the consumer electronic devices,
- 4 penetrating into the home, can be attributed to the
- 5 success of semiconductor, microelectronic technology
- 6 following the Moore's Law in that industry, we have
- 7 witnessed every two years they have doubled the density
- 8 of the memory, and doubled the processing power. As a
- 9 result of that success, we have seen the affordable
- 10 processing power, information processing, information
- 11 communication, and control, at the fingertip of the uses.
- 12 And this is really good for the economic growth, but it
- 13 also puts tremendous stress on the energy consumption in
- 14 our communities. So, more than that is, this kind of a
- 15 consumer electronic plug load is not typical Building
- 16 Standard problems. The reason for that is, these devices
- 17 have wide range of devices, as I illustrated earlier to
- 18 you, more than 40 to 100 devices. And what are the uses
- 19 of those devices? They are used ranging from two-years-
- 20 old all the way to 100-years-old, so you don't have a
- 21 target user group to come up with a standard, or come up
- 22 with an incentive for the use to adopt the most energy
- 23 efficient solutions.
- 24 Also, the retailers, they have a wide range to
- 25 sell the product to the consumers, and most importantly,

- 1 because this is following the semiconductor,
- 2 microelectronic industries, so it has a very fast
- 3 development cycle, so almost every two years you will see
- 4 a new generation of consumer electronic plug load
- 5 devices.
- 6 And the example of the iPhone and the iPad, we
- 7 have seen is almost every six months we have a new
- 8 generation coming up, so this is the reality we're
- 9 dealing with in the plug load environments. So, as a
- 10 result of that, depending on what report you are reading,
- 11 we see in today's, the consumer plug load devices
- 12 contributed to about 10-15 percent of over energy usage
- 13 at home and, in the near future, according to the
- 14 predictions, it will grow to 30 percent of over-energy
- 15 usage. So this becomes a major issue we have to deal
- 16 with.
- To further validate these statements, here shows
- 18 a report, the forecast report from Department of Energy,
- 19 using the 2006 study reference point about the energy
- 20 usage growth in the residential area due to the plug
- 21 load. So what you can notice here is, in most of the
- 22 sector of the so-called ether-wire goods, or the
- 23 lightings, or the water heating, and so on, in the next
- 24 20 years we see sort of a steady growth, it's a relative
- 25 fact. On the other hand, when we look at the plug load

- 1 devices, continued growth. So, if we use the number of
- 2 the household growth rate in the United States in the
- 3 next 20 years, and look at it compared to the plug load
- 4 devices, it's substantially higher than that. And the
- 5 reason for that is the plug load devices is not used by
- 6 only one person, so now you can imagine, for one cell
- 7 phone, in the past, we think about one phone per
- 8 household, now we are talking about one or two phones per
- 9 person, and the number makes a difference. And think
- 10 about worldwide, when we have more than one billion cell
- 11 phones in use, and the number makes a difference even
- 12 though individual plug load devices use less energy, and
- 13 they are more energy efficient. So that is the issue at
- 14 hand we have to deal with.
- So, similarly, from that same report, in the
- 16 commercial, the residential and non-residential area, we
- 17 also see the growth of the plug load energy usage as
- 18 compared to the growth of the floor space. Again, they
- 19 are attributed to the plug load related to the office
- 20 equipment, and also a variety of like the ATM, telecom
- 21 gadgets, and so on. So this is the growth area. So far,
- 22 we don't have a very good way to control the use of
- 23 energy due to this tremendous growth of the use of the
- 24 plug load devices in both residential and non-residential
- 25 areas. So, these plug load devices further complicate

- 1 the issue of over-energy consumption. The reason for
- 2 that is, so far, there are only a very limited number of
- 3 plug load devices that have been studied. For example,
- 4 external power supply, the battery chargers, and the TV
- 5 and so on, they are only a few that we have done
- 6 tremendous study, and more work is needed to be done.
- 7 But more than that is, so far, we have not done more job
- 8 about the interaction of many plug load devices; for
- 9 example, at the home, entertainment system, you can
- 10 imagine they are more than 10 devices that plug in, and
- 11 to give you one example, when I watch TV, sometimes I
- 12 need to turn on the VCR and either turn on the DVD, I
- 13 need to turn on the stereo, and so on, and by the time
- 14 I'm done with watching TV, sometimes I forget to turn off
- 15 other plug load devices, I just turn off the TV and walk
- 16 away. So, the interaction of other plug load devices
- 17 become an issue to us in terms of over-energy savings.
- 18 So, in order to come up with a solution, we have to think
- 19 about it's not only in the visual plug load device
- 20 efficiency, but also the interaction among them, we have
- 21 to come up with a solution like that.
- 22 So as a result of this progressive use of
- 23 microelectronic devices in the consumer electronics, we
- 24 also accelerate the use of the devices in different
- 25 sectors of business. And for example, now days, you can

- 1 easily see those plug load devices used in the buildings
- 2 as a way to do Demand, Response and Demand solutions, and
- 3 also using the vehicles and using the wire good area as
- 4 intelligent appliances, and so on.
- 5 But one unique feature about the plug load
- 6 devices is we are using the semiconductor microelectronic
- 7 technology, and they are all powered by the DC source,
- 8 and they need to have a timer embedded. So, by the time
- 9 you turn off your appliances, the timer needs to be on,
- 10 as a result you have continuous AC to DC converging to
- 11 power up your timers. As a result of that, you do see
- 12 additional so-called Vampire load which you don't see
- 13 that in the regular traditional appliances. When you
- 14 power up the appliances, actually, the device is still on
- 15 and, in the steep mode [phon.], in the Vampire load,
- 16 energy consumption ranging from .5 watt to 1 watts. But
- 17 think about it now a days, in U.S. we have more than four
- 18 billion plug load devices, so what is the energy
- 19 consumption? That's a four billion watt hours and 7/24,
- 20 and how do we deal with that? So the real issue is, a
- 21 simple sum, it's more than the past of the audio plug
- 22 load devices. And this issue is further complicated by
- 23 the emerging demand of plug load devices at home. As you
- 24 know, our nation is moving towards managed care in order
- 25 to provide higher quality of care, at the same time

- 1 reducing the cost, so that the ration in the managed care
- 2 is, for example, to have a medical home device, medical
- 3 home solution, as well as tele-medicine, so that the
- 4 doctor can get into the iPhone or Smart Phone and talk to
- 5 the patient at home, and the patient also can talk to
- 6 some of the technicians and to discuss the testing
- 7 results and so on. So all of the devices used here are
- 8 plug load devices. Even now, you will see more use of
- 9 the devices in this medical home industry, for example,
- 10 now there is for the diabetes patients, they deal with
- 11 the special insulin pump, it senses the glucose level and
- 12 injects insulin. And you will continue to consume the
- 13 energy, but in the future what we see is these medical
- 14 devices number will grow, as well. And this is very
- 15 similar to the automobile industry, and in that industry
- 16 we have seen more than about hundred sensors embedded
- 17 inside the car as a way to improve, enrich driver's
- 18 experience. And we see the same thing what happened here
- 19 as a result of using those sensors, that it will enrich
- 20 patients' or users' experience and actually manage their
- 21 wellness and care. And all the devices become sort of
- 22 plug load devices at home and it will consume the energy,
- 23 as well. So this is a really emerging demand of plug
- 24 load devices.
- 25 So far, in medical sectors, we have not done any

- 1 regulation of medical devices, they are regulated by FDA
- 2 to deal with safety of the devices, as well as efficacy
- 3 of the device. So we have not done any Standard Code for
- 4 the medical devices. And it consumes about four percent
- 5 of over-energy in our nation. So, there is a need to
- 6 look at those emerging markets and see how we come up
- 7 with solutions.
- 8 So, at this point, I would like to point out how
- 9 to take a holistic approach so that we can come up with a
- 10 solution to what is a Zero Net Energy Efficiency
- 11 Buildings. So one thing I like to bring to your
- 12 attention, most plug load devices are developed based on
- 13 the consumer based on the semi-conductor
- 14 microelectronic devices. So they are powered up by the
- 15 DC source. So, in order to have the timer on, we always
- 16 need to have the device plugged in, to have the AC to DC
- 17 consumption. So the one question we could ask ourselves,
- 18 in the future, would a building battery save energy as
- 19 compared to the full-time AC-DC conversions? So far, do
- 20 we have that solution? That's one simple question. I
- 21 don't have the answer yet, and that is some issue we need
- 22 to look at. And the second thing is, when we talk about
- 23 on-site renewable energy generation such as the solar
- 24 panels, and the fuel cells, or the windmill, and so on,
- 25 they all generate DC power. But what we did is to

- 1 convert the DC to AC, it has 10 percent efficiencies. By
- 2 the time we use the electricity at home for the plug-load
- 3 devices, they are all powered up by DC, even the TV,
- 4 right? So we have to go through the process of
- 5 converting the AC to DC, again, that is 10 percent
- 6 efficiency. So overall, by going through the process, DC
- 7 to AC, AC to DC, we lost 20 percent of efficiency. And
- 8 have we done anything about that? And that is the
- 9 question we're posing here. So should we think about in
- 10 the future, should we have a DC distribution system in
- 11 the buildings? Right? So we can isolate the DC system
- 12 from the AC system, and because this is a generation of
- 13 distributed generation, so that is the question we are
- 14 posing here as a way for discussions.
- 15 Also, as I mentioned earlier about emerging
- 16 market demand, or plug load, in health care, in home
- 17 entertainment, social media, social network, and the
- 18 video conferences, they are all devices we see have a
- 19 tremendous use to help us manage our care, or manage our
- 20 wellness, or to have a way to reduce travel to visit
- 21 doctor's office, or to have sort of a telecommute instead
- 22 of coming to Sacramento for the conference, I can stay in
- 23 my office to have video conferencing with all of you, and
- 24 it will save energy in a different form. So we need to
- 25 think about the new Standards for the plug load

- 1 efficiency in terms of over-energy saving, not just
- 2 electricity efficiency itself, but overall energy saving
- 3 because you can reduce energy consumption in different
- 4 forms. So I think that is another topic that always
- 5 comes up in my mind, is how do we deal with that. So
- 6 far, we don't see a way to handle that.
- 7 And the other area is the Demand Response for the
- 8 plug load in buildings. As I mentioned to you earlier,
- 9 there are many opportunities here to introduce the Demand
- 10 Response solution to the buildings and to the plug load
- 11 devices as a way, say, for example, depending on the
- 12 occupancy inside a building, you can turn on and off air-
- 13 conditioners, you can turn on or off the lights, and so
- 14 on, as a way to further save energy. And that can be
- 15 sort of an incentive program to have a better rating for
- 16 the residential home, or non-residential buildings,
- 17 instead of having Standards. So those are the tradeoffs,
- 18 I really don't have the answer, and it is worthwhile
- 19 discussing. And also, when we look at all the sort of
- 20 very short development cycle for the consumer electronics
- 21 and we need to have production of ever improved energy
- 22 efficient solutions. We have to look at different
- 23 incentive approaches. Currently, when we think about the
- 24 incentive program for the consumer electronics, all we
- 25 think about is the consumers, but I know the CEC and also

- 1 two of the companies are looking at different incentive
- 2 programs to provide incentives to retailers. For
- 3 example, if you provide \$20.00 rebate for buying a high
- 4 energy efficient flat screen TV for a consumer, that is a
- 5 very small percentage, but if you provide \$20.00 to a
- 6 retailer, their profit margin is, I don't know, \$50.00,
- 7 they do have incentive to sell more energy efficient
- 8 products, so that is a different game change. And that's
- 9 worthwhile discussing here, as well. And lastly, one
- 10 thing we do know is consumer electronic cycle, much
- 11 faster than the center can do, so this is a lot of
- 12 opportunity for us to think about, most of the consumer
- 13 electronic use is the younger generations, they are the
- 14 agents of change, they are sort of the early adopter of
- 15 any new gadgets, so if there is a way to use the Social
- 16 Network, use a different platform, media platform, to
- 17 reach out to their audience, maybe there is a way to do
- 18 game change instead of dealing with traditional Codes and
- 19 Standards approach. So I think that is the opportunity
- 20 area for us to reach our goal, as well.
- 21 So at the end, I pose a question. Dealing with
- 22 energy is at the start of forever, right, so we talk
- 23 about 2020 for the home and 2030 for the buildings, non-
- 24 residential buildings, we know to reach our goal is
- 25 challenging enough, but can this Zero Net Energy last as

- 1 the family grows and prospers? An example, we know back
- 2 to '60s, on the average in the United States, one car per
- 3 household; today it is 2.3 cars per household. That is
- 4 the nature of the growth, that is the economy we have
- 5 here, and we know that is going to continue growth as we
- 6 prosper. So how do we come out with zero net energy and
- 7 last forever? It's not just for one year, or 2020, or
- 8 2030. And how can we handle growth demand for plug load
- 9 in the emerging markets? And this is also, as I
- 10 mentioned earlier, because more and more devices will
- 11 come and I do believe every year we will see maybe 10
- 12 more new devices, every time when you visit consumer
- 13 electronic tradeshow in Las Vegas, you will see the
- 14 number of attendees, it is double every year, and we see
- 15 that as the market we're dealing with. And how do we
- 16 really join forces with them and encourage them to
- 17 provide more energy efficient solutions to our sectors of
- 18 business? It would be one of the things we need to work
- 19 on, so also in today's discussion, in the morning and in
- 20 the afternoon, first sections, always ask a question, is
- 21 zero net energy efficiency a requirement just for the
- 22 building or for all of us? I think that is a question we
- 23 need to answer. It's not just built and we are ready to
- 24 go, it's when we live in there, and how we use the plug
- 25 load inside the building that makes a tremendous

- 1 difference in the outcome of energy savings.
- 2 So, to deal with all the issues at UCI, we come
- 3 up with the so-called California Plug Load Research
- 4 Centers, and we are taking a holistic approach, including
- 5 energy research for coming up with the solutions. And
- 6 also, we are working with the professors in Social
- 7 Science, as well as in Economics, to come up with market
- 8 behavior research to understand the implications of the
- 9 plug load on the adoption of the solution for energy
- 10 efficiencies. And also, we will work closely with the
- 11 CEC, CPUC, and utility companies and manufacturers and
- 12 retailers and common organizations and so on to organize
- 13 and coordinate efforts. I think that this is the only
- 14 way we can come up with consensus and to come up with a
- 15 solution. And lastly, we have to bring the awareness to
- 16 the public. Education is so important. We happen to be
- 17 education sectors, and we are very creative to come up
- 18 with the different media channels to reach out to our
- 19 youngsters and see how we can include them in the process
- 20 in achieving our zero net energy goal. So if you are
- 21 interested, please join us in California, Plug Load
- 22 Research Center, an attachment at the end of the slides.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 MR. LEAON: Thank you very much, Dr. Li. Next on
- 25 the panel discussion we'll have a talk from "Kosta"

- 1 Papamichael. Kosta is a Professor and Co-Director of the
- 2 California Lighting Technology Center at the University
- 3 of California Davis. Kosta holds an Architectural
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- 6 State University, with a major emphasis in Building
- 7 Science, and a minor in Energy Systems Engineering, and a
- 8 PhD in Architecture from the University of California at
- 9 Berkeley, with a major emphasis in Design Theories and
- 10 Methods and minors in Building Science and Computer
- 11 Science.
- During the last 30 years, Kosta has been working
- 13 on the development of energy efficiency strategies and
- 14 technologies for buildings, focusing on lighting,
- 15 daylighting, and the integration of electric lighting and
- 16 fenestration controls. He participates in a wide range
- 17 of academic and professional activities related to
- 18 daylighting, electric lighting, energy, and environmental
- 19 impact. He is author and co-author of over 80
- 20 publications and holds four patents on lighting controls.
- 21 Kosta is also a member of several committees
- 22 addressing lighting and daylighting issues, and currently
- 23 serves as the Chair of the Illuminating Energy Society
- 24 Daylighting Committee. His work in photo sensor-based
- 25 lighting controls for daylight harvesting was recognized

- 1 by the Illuminating Engineering Society as a unique and
- 2 significant advancement to the Art and Science of
- 3 Lighting. So, with that, Dr. Papamichael.
- DR. PAPAMICHAEL: Thank you very much, Mike. And
- 5 good afternoon to everybody. Mike is sending greetings,
- 6 Michael Siminovitch, he is sorry that he couldn't be
- 7 here, he has jury duty, his experience, the privilege of
- 8 being an American citizen, I guess. So I am here in his
- 9 place to talk to you mainly about lighting plug loads.
- 10 This is a presentation that Michael put together, he
- 11 trained me yesterday, and here I am to give it now for
- 12 you.
- 13 There are three main plug loads that we have
- 14 identified in lighting, task lighting in office spaces,
- 15 that is the commercial part, portable lighting in
- 16 residential, and then some of the high bay lighting is
- 17 also a plug load, considered as appliances. So I am
- 18 going to talk today about these three areas where
- 19 lighting and plug loads intersect.
- 20 The key efficiency drivers that we see for plug-
- 21 based lighting, it comes in two forms, legislative and
- 22 technological. The technological growth that we have
- 23 been seeing in lighting over the last 10 years is really
- 24 amazing. We heard from the previous speaker, Dr. Li,
- 25 that the semiconductor industry, they have a pace of

- 1 their own, but the lighting industry was an extremely
- 2 slow moving industry. We increased the fluorescent
- 3 efficiency by one percent every year since the '60s and
- 4 '70s until today, we saw LEDs going from 20 lumens per
- 5 watt in 2004 to now more than 100 in the lab, 150. And
- 6 this technological growth is truly a major driver that
- 7 effects plug-based lighting.
- 8 On the Legislative front, we have the Huffman
- 9 Bill we talked about there, Title 24 and 20, and the
- 10 Strategic Plan, several speakers mentioned that, I will
- 11 not spend more time on that, here it is again. When it
- 12 comes to commercial Title 24 or the current drafted 1324,
- 13 there is a potential increase through that on lighting
- 14 plug loads. Actually, we had Karl earlier mentioned the
- 15 task ambient approach for office lighting. We would say,
- 16 we have found over the last decade to be a pretty good
- 17 and effective strategy that people like and embrace, and
- 18 the whole idea is you reduce the overhead lighting to
- 19 provide only ambient light, rather than providing task
- 20 lighting everywhere into the space. And then you give
- 21 people high quality task lights that they can place and
- 22 orient the way that they want to do their task job. And
- 23 here, the main issue is the basic principle of light, the
- 24 inverse square law, if I have a task light at this height
- 25 illuminating my desk, I can do that with 30 watts and to

- 1 bring the same light here from the ceiling, I need more
- 2 than 30. So the whole idea is bring the light source
- 3 closer to what we want to illuminate, and then use the
- 4 general lighting for ambient lighting. We have gotten
- 5 repeatedly 50 percent savings over Code that is .5 watts
- 6 per square foot in many different applications. And
- 7 people really like it. So we see encouragement of the
- 8 use of task lighting in the future, any office of the
- 9 future that will have a change, or will bring a change in
- 10 the commercial plug loads in office spaces.
- 11 Here is a diagram that shows the drops that we
- 12 have done, and this was back in 2007, considering
- 13 another, if you like, wattage 1.75 watts per square foot
- 14 being used in existing spaces. The current standards
- 15 were down at 1.1 or at 37 percent reduction. The best
- 16 practice that Karl, again, mentioned and it may be key to
- 17 achieving these goals in the right way and the right
- 18 time, I think, brings it down to 57. We think that with
- 19 task ambient lighting, we can go even further down to
- 20 .50. Here are the 60-80 percent that we want to get from
- 21 the California Strategic Lighting Plan. The task
- 22 ambient, as I explained, is something that many people
- 23 have truly embraced. It wasn't easy to do, the right
- 24 strategy for it is to spread it evenly. We did first
- 25 some mistakes to over beam the overhead light and give to

- 1 people too much of a task light. We've seen relative
- 2 terms, so if we take one light source in the space and we
- 3 make it too bright, everything else appears dim. And
- 4 inversely, if we dim some of the lights in the space,
- 5 whatever is left will appear too bright, so a good
- 6 balance is the key to produce the energy savings along
- 7 with the occupant acceptance.
- 8 We see two ways that this task ambient approach
- 9 can help, one is through Title 20, addressing efficacy in
- 10 lighting quality, I will talk more about this quality.
- 11 Traditionally, we have been addressing mostly efficacy,
- 12 and not as much as the quality, and through efficacy,
- 13 manufacturers gain all of the utility programs if you
- 14 like, but they lose the end users. Quality is really
- 15 what the end users are out getting in the market, and we
- 16 should try to focus more on that. And on the Title 24,
- 17 the Building Codes, we're going to see changes in power
- 18 density, and then we can also consider credits for task
- 19 ambient lighting approaches.
- 20 Here is a slide on the high bay lighting. I will
- 21 not see much more, we show the electronic ballasts and
- 22 the inherent controls that come with electronics
- 23 controls, that can be used for Demand Response, so this
- 24 is something that we should be paying attention. Also,
- 25 with occupancy controls, we can turn lights off or dim

- 1 them down when there is no one there, and this is again
- 2 another area where we believe plug loads will be
- 3 affected.
- 4 Then we come in to the residential part of the
- 5 lighting. We talk a lot about residential and, truly,
- 6 going into spaces like these, you're going to see all
- 7 kinds of forms and shapes, and interestingly enough, most
- 8 of them are being sold with a CFL that, when people go
- 9 home, they just get out and they throw it and they put
- 10 the light that they like. We did a study back when the
- 11 Huffman Bill came along to see, is it possible to truly
- 12 go and have these reductions, and here is from the 2007
- 13 that moves through 2018, and this is if we really do
- 14 nothing, and we just keep on increasing the residential
- 15 square footage, we would see this type of an increase, if
- 16 you like. But, if we change all of the light sources to
- 17 40 lumens per watt or more, we can see that, yes, it is
- 18 possible to clearly meet the Huffman Bill, so it was not
- 19 something that was impossible; if you use the right
- 20 sources, you can do it. Unfortunately, the way that we
- 21 see it, it is not going to happen with halogens and
- 22 incandescent, which is what we expect people to like,
- 23 being used to incandescent, it's going to have to be done
- 24 with CFLs and LEDs. And here is where we need to make
- 25 sure that we learn from the mistakes that we have done

- 1 with the CFL type of distribution. We think, with
- 2 Michael, we share this experience and the explanation, if
- 3 you like, that the CFL was a disaster mainly because we
- 4 focused so much on efficiency and cost, and we forgot
- 5 what it is that people pay when they go into a store to
- 6 buy something. So we propose, as you will see later, we
- 7 are really focused on addressing lighting quality.
- 8 In Title 20, Portable Lighting Wattage
- 9 Limitation, we have the 2000 1845 lumens per watt, and we
- 10 expect that this will leave mostly the CFLs and LEDs some
- 11 incandescent technology can reach that level with
- 12 halogen, and the IR Coatings to heat up the filament even
- 13 more. The key opportunities that we see is Title 20 to
- 14 regulate lamps, we see tremendous promise, if you like,
- 15 in LED lighting. You can do much much more than we ever
- 16 expected and there are some pretty interesting value
- 17 propositions that will make people pay for them, not to
- 18 save energy, but for the amenities that they can get
- 19 through it. We can also have voluntary standards and,
- 20 again, regulating the quality is really a key element and
- 21 quite a lot of those are going to go in portable
- 22 lighting, plug lighting. So we truly see residential
- 23 lighting as a target for efficiency programs and they're
- 24 subject to massive change.
- 25 The experience that we had from the past, again,

- 1 here is the distribution of CFLs vs. incandescent, and
- 2 you see that the new construction in California, that
- 3 Title 24 has been highly successful and we got, really in
- 4 the new construction, 58 percent. We don't really know
- 5 how many of those stay there. On the break, I heard
- 6 again another story of many such stories, that people
- 7 actually take the fluorescent lights out and they put in
- 8 incandescent, and again, this is a lesson for us to
- 9 provide better quality. If we see the whole California
- 10 housing stock, we see that still CFLs is about 20
- 11 percent, and we are the number one state, so apparently
- 12 we really need to do more and this is actually pretty
- 13 good seeing how much we can do with all of the
- 14 incandescent that we have. And we believe, I think I
- 15 have it on the next slide, that we can chop of easily
- 16 with plug loads on lighting about 20-25 percent of the
- 17 incandescent in existing houses. Yes, here is the chart
- 18 that shows -- actually, the biggest one here is the table
- 19 lamps, you can see over here, we have torcheres and floor
- 20 lamps over here, together they are about 20 to 25 percent
- 21 of lighting. In 2007, as I showed with CFL use, it was
- 22 at about 15 percent, and actually I didn't show that, I
- 23 show it now, it was about 15 percent, and after a lot of
- 24 effort and a lot of money, by 2010, we were up to 20
- 25 percent which is a very very slow increasing adoption

- 1 and, again, we believe that the main reason is the lack
- 2 of lighting quality mainly on color, temperature, color,
- 3 appearance, if you like, longevity, quite a lot of the
- 4 CFLs didn't live to their promise for a long life mainly
- 5 because they were putting in down lights where
- 6 incandescent had a great time, they're not scared of
- 7 heat, but in CFLs the electronics fried. I lost all of
- 8 the seven CFLs that I put in my kitchen, after I was able
- 9 to convince my wife and sell her on longevity and they
- 10 were all gone without six months, and in seven years we
- 11 hadn't changed a single incandescent, so right now she is
- 12 into incandescent and there is nothing that I can tell
- 13 her.
- 14 So the major barriers with CFLs, one of the first
- 15 ones was the color, appearance. People were expecting
- 16 the warm light of incandescent lighting and they really
- 17 didn't get that. The longevity, I just described my
- 18 experience, and I heard quite a lot of experiences like
- 19 that. In certain applications, they will last, but if
- 20 the luminaire is not designed for them, chances are that
- 21 they will overheat and die young. Dimming was another
- 22 interesting issue that came up with CFLs and it's still a
- 23 very big issue. We all should try to promote dimming and
- 24 we still believe in dimming, that it is a great strategy
- 25 to save energy. If I have a dimmer, there is always one

- 1 way that I can go -- down. And fortunately, most of the
- 2 CFLs, especially the low cost CFLs that we distributed
- 3 and we flooded the market, they couldn't do that
- 4 effectively.
- Now, with LEDs, which truly have an amazing
- 6 promise and they are even more efficacious than CFLs,
- 7 with plenty of things to do, still we can see exactly the
- 8 same type of issues, the color, appearance, the
- 9 longevity, the dimming, the lighting quality color, etc.,
- 10 we really need to address quality issues and bring the
- 11 consumers into the equation, get the consumers to tell us
- 12 what it is that they like to do. We believe that with
- 13 LED lighting, we have already won the efficiency game, we
- 14 are up to 100 lumens per watt, even with 30 lumens per
- 15 watt, we can save 50 percent of the electric lighting
- 16 through lamp replacement. Being at those high levels of
- 17 100 lumens per watt, we think we can sacrifice 10 and 20
- 18 lumens, and 30 lumens, to bring the quality high so that
- 19 consumers go and buy them because they really like it,
- 20 and for the amenities it provides, rather than accepting
- 21 it to save the energy and not being happy with it.
- 22 And this is my last slide where, again, I'm going
- 23 to make the point pretty fast because many have made it
- 24 already, that it's the existing homes that really hold
- 25 the promise on meeting the aggressive goals of

- 1 California. This is pretty much a generic plot, if you
- 2 like, and you can see a two percent increase in the
- 3 growth, and if here we're at 2010, by 2018, we still have
- 4 more than 80 percent of the actual load being in existing
- 5 buildings. Thank you very much.
- 6 MR. LEAON: Thank you very much, Dr. Papamichael.
- 7 Next up, we're switching topics to Beyond Standards, and
- 8 we're going to be discussing Alternative Approaches to
- 9 Appliance Standards for Meeting Energy Efficiency Goals.
- 10 And Dr. Carrie Armel will be making a presentation
- 11 remotely. And while Peter is getting that organized, I
- 12 will go ahead and introduce Dr. Armel.
- Dr. Carrie Armel is a Research Associate at
- 14 Stanford's Precourt Institute for Energy Efficiency,
- 15 where she investigates the diverse ways in which an
- 16 understanding of human behavior can lead to improvements
- 17 in energy efficiency. Dr. Armel co-chairs the Behavior,
- 18 Energy and Climate Change Conference, oversees Precourt
- 19 Institute's behavior and energy, bibliographic database
- 20 and website, and teaches courses on behavior and energy
- 21 at Stanford. In addition to these initiatives, Dr. Armel
- 22 developed specific energy efficiency interventions that
- 23 apply behavioral and design principles, and develops
- 24 measures to evaluate the efficacy of such interventions.
- 25 Her most recent project involves a collaboration between

- 1 academic and nonacademic organizations to design and
- 2 evaluate a technology that takes advantage of Smart
- 3 Meters to provide feedback to residents on home
- 4 electricity use. Dr. Armel completed a PHD in Cognitive
- 5 Neuroscience from the University of California at San
- 6 Diego, and Post-Doctoral Work in Neuroeconomics at
- 7 Stanford. In these programs, she employed behavioral,
- 8 psycho-physiological, and neuroscientific methods to
- 9 investigate how effect and motivation influence behavior.
- 10 She most recently completed post-doctorate work at
- 11 Stanford School of Medicine, translating intervention
- 12 techniques used in health promotion work into the domain
- 13 of energy efficiency. Dr. Armel.
- 14 DR. ARMEL: Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you so
- 15 much for having me, it's a real honor to be able to speak
- 16 today. I also appreciate the behavioral comments by the
- 17 previous two speakers, they're a good set-up and I'm glad
- 18 to see that people are identifying behavioral issues and
- 19 the importance of that.
- 20 So today I'm going to give an overview of our
- 21 ARPA-E Grant which focuses on residential buildings and
- 22 ties into behavior, energy use, and also sensor
- 23 technologies. We have some work on transportation and
- 24 also small and medium commercial, but the focus of our
- 25 initiative is on residential buildings. And I guess I'll

- 1 just say "next slide" for you to queue them forward?
- 2 MR. STRAIT: That will be fine.
- 3 DR. ARMEL: Okay. So go ahead to the next slide.
- 4 So before I tell you about our initiative, I'd like to
- 5 just clarify that our project doesn't focus just on plug
- 6 loads, but rather on several types of energy efficiency
- 7 actions or behaviors that can achieve energy savings in
- 8 residential buildings, so the purchase and installation
- 9 of energy efficient technologies, reducing waste,
- 10 shifting settings, and installing controls, or pairing
- 11 items, or performing maintenance, adjusting patterns of
- 12 use and habits, etc. Next slide.
- So our funding is from the relatively new Federal
- 14 agency ARPA-E at Department of Energy, which is modeled
- 15 after DARPA, but focuses specifically on energy. And
- 16 then we also get funding from CEC. Our initiative has
- 17 about 20 different projects across 10 different
- 18 departments, and these departments range from electrical
- 19 engineering, computer science, mechanical engineering and
- 20 design, civil and environmental engineering, economics,
- 21 psychology, communications, education, behavioral
- 22 epidemiology at the School of Medicine, etc., so it's a
- 23 very diverse effort. All of the projects center around
- 24 how to leverage Smart Meter or other sensor data with
- 25 behavioral approaches to maximize energy phasing. Next

- 1 slide.
- 2 So our initiative attempts to address the
- 3 following problems: first, billions are being spent to
- 4 produce Smart infrastructure, but without careful
- 5 consideration of the human element, this infrastructure
- 6 is unlikely to reach its full potential; and second,
- 7 energy efficiency is difficult, so figuring out what to
- 8 do and how to do it is difficult and boring, often times.
- 9 So how can we address both of these issues? How can we
- 10 leverage Smart infrastructure to maximize energy savings?
- 11 Next slide.
- 12 Our solution is that a smart infrastructure
- 13 enables quantification, which in turn enables ways to
- 14 reduce energy use. So, for one, it enables diagnostics
- 15 for personalized recommendations so that people aren't
- 16 left guessing what they should do; second, quantification
- 17 enables a variety of behavioral techniques that were
- 18 difficult to implement before, for example, feedback,
- 19 incentives, markets, competition data, visualization,
- 20 etc., and third, quantification allows us to create the
- 21 best programs with unprecedented speed, ease, cost, and
- 22 scale, through objective evaluation of program energy
- 23 savings and then improvements of the programs over time
- 24 and their evaluation. Next slide.
- 25 So how can we achieve these and other benefits?

- 1 Our initiative links two technologies that have recently
- 2 become pervasive, the first, as I previously mentioned,
- 3 the wireless sensors, as indicated in the box on the
- 4 left-hand side of the Collect and Capture, so these could
- 5 be Smart Meters, Home Area Networks, gas sensors, gas
- 6 transportation sensors, hot water sensors, etc. And
- 7 then, the second technology indicated on the right in the
- 8 Present and Inform box is web enabled devices like
- 9 computers, Smart Phones, etc., which can deliver programs
- 10 to help individuals reduce energy use. We think that, by
- 11 linking these two through the Stanford engine or
- 12 initiative, we can realize significant energy savings.
- 13 Our engine is composed of a technology platform in the
- 14 red, which includes sensor and networking improvements
- 15 and a database on analytics. On top of that, in the
- 16 green, lives our programs or interventions, we have
- 17 multiple foundational projects, for example, identifying
- 18 target behavior for recommendations, doing segmentation,
- 19 etc., and then the programs themselves include media,
- 20 policy, and community programs, and I'm going to tell you
- 21 a little bit more about those in a minute. And then, in
- 22 addition, in the blue, modeling projects evaluate the
- 23 data from all of the programs to inform future work and
- 24 policy about which techniques and programs are most
- 25 effective, where to get the biggest bang for the buck,

- 1 building, modeling projects, etc. Next slide.
- 2 So I'll give a quick overview of several of the
- 3 projects now. I'll just say, we have some pretty sexy
- 4 projects and graphics, unfortunately, I can't show you
- 5 all of them today because I need to get permission from
- 6 the individual projects and I wasn't able to do that
- 7 quickly over the summer, but I think you'll get a bit of
- 8 the flavor for what we're working on.
- 9 So the graph that you see on this slide is a
- 10 piece of our simple feedback interface project. The data
- 11 is graphed compared to one's baseline in the past,
- 12 compared to one's neighbor's energy use, and the user is
- 13 also given recommendations and sent emails at strategic
- 14 times, etc., so this is sort of our basic feedback
- 15 interface, a piece of it. Next slide.
- 16 As an example for one of our media programs, we
- 17 have an online game that takes in real world energy use
- 18 data from Smart Meters into its point system, so this
- 19 game is called Power House, and the game, you'll see in
- 20 the graph on the left, the graph of energy use data, and
- 21 that's, like I said, converted into points, you can
- 22 compete with your friends in the game through Facebook
- 23 Connect, etc., and then embedded within the overall game
- 24 or website are smaller games, so, for example, in the one
- 25 illustrated on the right, you race around the house to

- 1 pick the tier to achieve all of the goals in your virtual
- 2 household with the lowest energy use possible, and in the
- 3 game, by speeding up time, and by seeing quick feedback
- 4 in the form of points, that actually are set up to
- 5 accurately reflect the energy consumption with the
- 6 different appliances in the game, one can more easily
- 7 develop habits, so you get reinforced more quickly. And
- 8 after playing, it's actually rather difficult to leave a
- 9 room without thinking about turning off lights and TV,
- 10 etc. So it builds up those habits more quickly. And
- 11 then within this overall framework, there's also game
- 12 challenges to reduce real world energy use, like I
- 13 mentioned. Next slide.
- 14 We have GLEE, Girls Learning Energy and
- 15 Environment, which is a Girl Scout Program that teaches
- 16 the girls about how to reduce energy use. We've just
- 17 finished implementing the program in 30 troops and are
- 18 analyzing the data. Half of the troops focused on
- 19 reducing home energy use, and the other half on
- 20 transportation and food energy use, and each group serves
- 21 as a control to the other. The program includes five
- 22 lessons at troop meetings and a corresponding website
- 23 which is shown here. At the end of each in-person
- 24 lesson, the girls create a news video to put on the
- 25 website, which is intended to draw the parents there,

- 1 where they can find additional resources related to audit
- 2 and retrofit programs, etc. etc. Next slide.
- 3 I'll quickly go through just a couple of other
- 4 behavioral projects, so one of our Facebook apps allows
- 5 one to use their energy savings to micro finance
- 6 individuals through Kiva. Our appliance calculator
- 7 allows one to easily compute energy costs of their
- 8 current appliances, as well as any appliance currently on
- 9 the market to determine when they should make the switch
- 10 to a new appliance, and what new appliance would be good
- 11 to purchase. We have a couple of incentives projects
- 12 that leverage behavioral economic principles to motivate
- 13 folks to shift energy use, for example, during off-peak
- 14 hours. Next slide.
- To support these and other projects, we've built
- 16 an energy services platform that is a collection of
- 17 software services. We're hoping to make the software
- 18 available as a service to Program Developers outside of
- 19 our team in the coming months. The Energy Service's
- 20 platform allows Program Developers to easily implement
- 21 their programs, to assign participant to different
- 22 experimental conditions, to store various types of data
- 23 and perform analytics. Next slide.
- 24 I'm going to mention just one type of analytics
- 25 that we're working on, that I think is critical to

- 1 realizing energy efficiency savings, and which is being
- 2 implemented within the Energy Services Platform. These
- 3 analytics allow us to take whole home data like that from
- 4 Smart Meters, and separate it into appliance specific
- 5 information. We believe that appliance specific
- 6 information will allow individuals to quickly and
- 7 automatically identify the changes that would be most
- 8 effective in reducing their energy use. Studies show
- 9 that there's 200 to 300 percent variability in energy use
- 10 between identical housing units due to appliance
- 11 saturation and lifestyle patterns, and people don't know
- 12 where it would be most effective for them to make
- 13 changes. Once we identify what changes they should make,
- 14 we could recommend or channel them to specific rebates,
- 15 programs, etc. Next slide.
- To tie the different pieces together that I've
- 17 described, we see that community programs like the Girl
- 18 Scouts and online social networking, etc., at the top,
- 19 can channel folks to the core analytics and
- 20 recommendation system indicated in red in the middle,
- 21 which then channels the folks to the bottom layer of
- 22 rebates and appliance replacement, or audit programs,
- 23 etc. The online game, Smart Incentives, and other media
- 24 programs we and others are working on are depicted in the
- 25 middle layer and can reinforce the recommendation system

- 1 and improve persistence in trying to make energy
- 2 efficiency changes. Next slide.
- 3 So, just to summarize, there's multiple benefits
- 4 that sensors such as smart meters could provide, some of
- 5 which I covered earlier like providing diagnostics,
- 6 motivating action with enhanced behavioral techniques,
- 7 and creating best practices for programs. There are
- 8 several additional benefits. So, the platform could
- 9 transform program evaluation and significantly increase
- 10 the diversity of energy programs, it would enable
- 11 utilities, government, and others to quantify reductions
- 12 in energy use attributable to a wide range of programs
- 13 whose impact was previously difficult to measure, thereby
- 14 diversifying the program toolkit. Additionally, the data
- 15 collected here and models derived from the data can
- 16 inform policy and also these programs, the hardware and
- 17 communication efforts that we're working on, can be
- 18 refined to be better, more usable to get energy
- 19 efficiency savings in the future. Next slide.
- 20 This is just a summary of everyone who is
- 21 involved currently on our team. I would just like to add
- 22 one clarification to my presentation because I did
- 23 mention Smart Meters a couple of times as being useful
- 24 and, just for the record, although they are -- the amount
- 25 of disaggregation that can be done at the current

- 1 resolution of data is fairly limited, and so we do have a
- 2 policy piece, a policy and technology paper that we're
- 3 close to finishing at this point that looks at what data
- 4 resolution, temporal frequency is needed to be able to do
- 5 different amounts of disaggregation. In other words, get
- 6 different numbers of appliances identified in the home
- 7 and the constraints of Smart Meters and what they should
- 8 be able to achieve and where we should push Smart Meters
- 9 in the future. Thank you.
- 10 MR. LEAON: Thank you, Dr. Armel. Will you be
- 11 able to hold on the line for the comment period?
- DR. ARMEL: Yes, I will.
- MR. LEAON: Okay, thank you. All right, let's
- 14 proceed to our final speaker for this panel, Jonathan P.
- 15 Williams, a Government Affairs Manager for Intel Corp.
- 16 Jonathan is responsible for developing, implementing and
- 17 managing public policy strategies for local, regional,
- 18 and state government entities and officials, developing
- 19 legislative priorities and positions on key policy issues
- 20 for Intel, while engaging and gaining support from senior
- 21 management, influencing and leading legislative activity
- 22 through participation in public policy committees,
- 23 specific and industry associations. Also, protecting and
- 24 enhancing the Intel brand and corporate reputation
- 25 through engagement and relationship development with

- 1 elected leaders and statewide stakeholders. Jonathan.
- 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Right, thanks very much. My
- 3 apologies for the heresy, I didn't bring slides; fear to
- 4 think anybody would bring slides, it would probably be
- 5 the guy from the high tech company. But being the last
- 6 person on the agenda, I'm not going to punish you any
- 7 further with a 27-slide deck, which is what I passed on.
- 8 I'm going to break my comments really into just
- 9 three parts, and I'm anxious to turn it over to the Q&A
- 10 because there's been so much on this panel that it kind
- 11 of dovetails with what I'd like to touch on.
- 12 First, let me just thank the CEC for the
- 13 invitation. I really appreciate Intel being thought of
- 14 in this context. We've been doing a lot of work in the
- 15 energy efficiency space over the last several years. I
- 16 heard semiconductors mentioned; the pace of the
- 17 semiconductor industry, I think you may have touched on,
- 18 is pretty exciting, and what we're doing with energy
- 19 efficiency, I think, is pretty exciting, as well, so I
- 20 appreciate being thought of in that context.
- I want to thank the CEC specifically for the work
- 22 we've done recently with former Commissioner Byron and
- 23 staff and the consultants on Smart Meters, Home Energy
- 24 Management Systems, and Harinder Singh and Ken Ryder's
- 25 team for the work that we're doing with them right now on

- 1 battery charger requirements, both here and at the U.S.
- 2 DOE level.
- 3 Let me give a quick Intel infomercial, I'll tell
- 4 you a little about Intel, what we're doing from a
- 5 corporate perspective, from an energy efficiency and our
- 6 product perspective, and then I'll kind of take it to the
- 7 final piece of the remarks, which is kind of where we
- 8 think the industry can go, and it really fits in with
- 9 what you just heard on this panel.
- 10 From a company perspective, you may know that
- 11 Intel is the largest purchaser of renewable energy in the
- 12 U.S., we have been for the last four years, something
- 13 we're pretty proud of. We have the number one spot on
- 14 the EPA's Green Power Partner Program, something we're
- 15 proud of, and we're getting about 50 percent of our
- 16 domestic U.S. energy from renewable sources, which I
- 17 think is pretty impressive, considering we're a major
- 18 U.S. manufacturer. So, those are a few things about the
- 19 company from a corporate perspective that we're proud of.
- 20 But where Intel can make the biggest difference
- 21 is in our products, the energy efficiency that we can
- 22 deliver through our products, and a couple data points on
- 23 that before I get into some specifics. You look at the
- 24 number of installed -- the PC installed bases, we would
- 25 call it internally, basically the number of PCs globally

- 1 -- one billion in 2007; it's going to be two billion in
- 2 2014, right? But the energy consumed by that second
- 3 billion PCs is half of the energy consumed by that first
- 4 billion, a tremendous amount of energy efficiency
- 5 happening within our products today, and that's obviously
- 6 a good thing.
- 7 You look at what is happening in the server
- 8 space, right, in the enterprise, where you have in 2005 a
- 9 rack of 20 Intel Xeon servers, which is our standard
- 10 server processor, a rack of 20 of those is now being done
- 11 by a single -- excuse me -- 20 racks of Intel Xeon is now
- 12 being done in 2010 by a single rack. The energy
- 13 efficiency delivered through that, as well as the cost
- 14 savings for our corporate customers, is extremely strong.
- 15 Now, why is that happening? This is very intuitive, and
- 16 I think it will make sense as far as just your own
- 17 personal buying habits. From a consumer perspective, I
- 18 go back to I've been with Intel for 14 years and one of
- 19 the jobs I had back in 2002 was the role of our Centrino
- 20 processor, if anybody remembers that. That was the
- 21 processor that basically had the integrated WiFi. And it
- 22 was the compelling notion at the time, was the integrated
- 23 WiFi, right? What that has engendered is, you know,
- 24 reduced battery consumption, greater energy efficiency
- 25 for all of the obvious reasons, right, because you want

- 1 that connectivity remotely, you don't want to be working
- 2 remotely and have a battery life of two hours, right, so
- 3 we've been driving greater energy efficiency and greater
- 4 battery life into our product for years and years and
- 5 years, just to meet the usage demands. Now, that's
- 6 happened with things like WiFi and other things, as well.
- 7 You look at Solid State Drives, if anybody is familiar
- 8 with Solid State Drives, as opposed to the traditional
- 9 hard drive, the spinning hard drive, right? Now, a
- 10 spinning hard drive, as you would suspect because it's
- 11 moving parts, consumes more energy; you move to solid
- 12 state drives, you're getting better battery life, you're
- 13 getting more energy efficiency. These things are all
- 14 happening right now and we're actually I was on a call
- 15 earlier before I got here, we're having a hard time
- 16 making enough solid state drives to meet the demand, so
- 17 we're happy with what we're seeing in the market as far
- 18 as demanding the kind of energy efficiency that we've
- 19 been talking about today. Very briefly, at the server
- 20 level, what we're seeing from our customers at that level
- 21 is the exact same thing, you know, transistors,
- 22 microprocessors, continue to get faster, they continue to
- 23 get more energy efficient, and computing continues to get
- 24 smarter. At the server level, you see that through
- 25 things like virtualization, which is simply having

- 1 multiple servers, but being able to offload the work of
- 2 multiple servers onto a single server, simply through
- 3 software. And that's happening, and that's causing
- 4 significant energy efficiency, energy cost reductions, as
- 5 well as just cost reductions, in general, from having to
- 6 buy less technology, right, so these are all things that
- 7 are happening because of the product enhancements that
- 8 Intel is making, that the entire industry is making. And
- 9 it's a good thing in the context of what we're talking
- 10 about today.
- 11 So bottom line, though, as all that would kind of
- 12 suggest, the best way to drive enhanced energy efficiency
- 13 is to upgrade those older systems, right, if you're
- 14 working off of systems, you know, CRT monitors, right?
- 15 Simply moving to flat screens, as all of you know, is
- 16 significant energy savings with that, right? Getting off
- 17 of an older system that isn't being effectively managed,
- 18 where it's, you know, the intelligence of computing where
- 19 it knows you've left because, you know, it'll shut down
- 20 after two minutes, it'll go into hibernation after a
- 21 couple minutes if you're not using it. That kind of
- 22 intelligence can be managed into newer systems, and if
- 23 you're managing a large enterprise environment, you know,
- 24 an upgraded set of systems will deliver energy efficiency
- 25 through that kind of intelligent computing. So, those

- 1 kinds of things are all happening in the market today.
- What -- and this really fits in, I think, most
- 3 specifically with the last comments -- what else can
- 4 happen? You know, where is the technology going that is
- 5 outside of the context of maybe the more traditional
- 6 technology roadmap that I've just touched on? What we're
- 7 seeing is Intel has been involved in a few different
- 8 programs I think are particularly interesting, and I just
- 9 want to share very briefly with this audience, 1) in
- 10 France, we're working with a consortium of companies on
- 11 developing positive net energy buildings, buildings that
- 12 aren't zero energy, but they're actually generating
- 13 energy. And this is a result of some regulations in
- 14 France that are about a decade or so away. And what
- 15 we're seeing that I think is most compelling is, without
- 16 the buy-in of the users within the building, you're not
- 17 going to get there, right? It has to be at that
- 18 individual user level. No amount of energy efficiency at
- 19 the appliance level, or kind of building regulation
- 20 level, is going to get you there unless you have the buy-
- 21 in of the users and the people within that building. And
- 22 that's been a pretty compelling message from the research
- 23 we've done. We're also involved with the Oregon
- 24 Sustainability Center, which is a really neat public-
- 25 private partnership. I lived in Oregon for about 10

- 1 years, and I know this one pretty well. The idea that
- 2 Oregon is designing what they're calling a "Living
- 3 Building" that is trying to get to zero net energy, as
- 4 well as some really cutting edge sustainability efforts
- 5 around things like water re-use, right? And we're seeing
- 6 the same thing there, without getting the buy-in of the
- 7 users to take, you know, you can get double-digit energy
- 8 efficiency gains through managing the users and helping
- 9 them understand ways to deliver energy efficiency at the
- 10 micro level. And the way we've been talking about it
- 11 internally, and actually I heard something very similar
- 12 to this in the last presentation, making energy personal.
- 13 Making it a personal thing that you think about. And
- 14 we've developed a software application that we've just
- 15 recently rolled out early this month, actually, called
- 16 the "Personal Office Energy Manager," POEM is the
- 17 acronym, of course, and anybody in high tech knows
- 18 everything gets an acronym. The Personal Office Energy
- 19 Manager is a software application that you can install
- 20 for your users, where they can track their own personal
- 21 energy consumption as it relates to the use of their
- 22 system, the use of the printer. They can weigh in on how
- 23 they feel about the office climate, and that data can be
- 24 aggregated at the floor level, the building level, and
- 25 there's any number of incentives that you could introduce

- 1 to help folks understand ways that, you know, their own
- 2 personal energy fits into the energy use of the other
- 3 folks in that building.
- I heard some comments on the prior panel toward
- 5 the very end that I thought were really interesting, the
- 6 idea of peer pressure vs. just kind of increased
- 7 awareness, and I wouldn't go to the peer pressure sense
- 8 of it because I don't think that's the right mechanism by
- 9 which to view this, but having a better familiarity with
- 10 kind of your own environment, in how folks on the same
- 11 floor as you, how they're doing. You know, I believe in
- 12 technology and I believe in technology's ability to
- 13 increase user control, user awareness, and give folks
- 14 more clear understanding of their own personal energy
- 15 usage and how they can do a better job managing it. And
- 16 I think that's the real promise of technology as far as
- 17 kind of going beyond the kinds of standards that we
- 18 traditionally talk about. I think there are
- 19 applications, there are software applications that are
- 20 being developed today, you just saw some in the earlier
- 21 presentations, and in the work that we're doing with this
- 22 Personal Office Energy Manager. These things are
- 23 happening, they're being developed today, and I think
- 24 they're going to create this new area that we haven't
- 25 traditionally looked at that is really going to be an

- 1 opportunity to drive the kind of energy efficiency that
- 2 we're most interested in.
- 3 Two last things and then I'll turn it over to the
- 4 discussion. We're doing similar work in China, and the
- 5 reason I simply say that is because there's really global
- 6 interest in this and we think we're going to try and
- 7 deploy somewhere on the order of 30 million Home Energy
- 8 Management Systems over the next five years in China to
- 9 help the Chinese market better understand their energy
- 10 usage, so we're particularly excited about that. And
- 11 lastly, you know, Intel has got a venture capital arm,
- 12 many of you may know, and we've invested more than \$150
- 13 million in about 20 clean tech companies that are doing
- 14 everything from solar to battery technology, to the kinds
- 15 of software that help lead to the things like this
- 16 personal office energy manager. So our interest in this
- 17 is extremely broad. We're pretty proud of what we're
- 18 doing from a product perspective, but also in these kind
- 19 of cutting edge areas, and I will be happy to turn it
- 20 over to the discussion and take some more questions on
- 21 that.
- MR. LEAON: Thank you, Jonathan. I want to thank
- 23 all of our panel members for their thought provoking
- 24 presentations, very informative, and I think there was
- 25 some common themes there that we can discuss during the

- 1 open discussion period here.
- 2 To begin with, I guess I'd like to start with a
- 3 question to the panel about key challenges. In the draft
- 4 staff report for the appliance program, specifically, one
- 5 of the key issues that we identified within the framework
- 6 of our regulatory program of standards compliance and
- 7 enforcement, related directly to enforcement authority
- 8 and the need to have greater enforcement authority than
- 9 we currently have under statute. We have found through
- 10 market survey reports that there is a high degree of non-
- 11 compliant products entering the marketplace in
- 12 California, so obviously a key going forward and meeting
- 13 efficiency goals for buildings is to capture the energy,
- 14 all of the energy savings we should be capturing. And
- 15 the one recommendation that's currently in the draft
- 16 report relates to that, asking for a fine in a citation
- 17 authority, and there is a bill in the Legislature right
- 18 now that would provide that authority, Senate Bill 454.
- 19 And we think, in terms of capturing all the savings we
- 20 possibly can, that's going to be a key thing for us to
- 21 have moving forward within our existing program.
- 22 However, during the presentations, I think it's clear
- 23 that there are a number of themes that are emerging that
- 24 are not necessarily something we can address through our
- 25 existing program, whether it's a smart technology,

- 1 whether it's addressing public acceptance, whether it's
- 2 engaging the public to change their behaviors and find
- 3 ways to get them involved in managing energy.
- 4 So, I guess the question I would like to pose to
- 5 the panel is, what do you see as the key challenges
- 6 moving forward in regard to managing plug loads? And
- 7 it's not clear to me that, necessarily, all of this can
- 8 be addressed within our existing regulatory framework.
- 9 DR. LI: Maybe I can jump in first. We had one
- 10 behavior study conducted in our university with the
- 11 residential area, so what we found out in that study is
- 12 we collected a lot of information, but the information
- 13 somehow cannot be easily understood by the users; for
- 14 example, when we presented data to them, a kilowatt hour,
- 15 that's the typical unit we used, and the user was asked
- 16 the question, "Kilowatt hour? Kilowatt what?" They said
- 17 they do not understand that unit. When we explained to
- 18 them one kilowatt hour equivalent to a double cheese
- 19 hamburger, 860 calories, and your home is eating more
- 20 hamburgers, they understand it. So the question here is
- 21 how do we really present the information to the users so
- 22 that it can be easily understood. And we have lots of
- 23 sense of technology and Smart Meters, and so on, the
- 24 information how to present the information, and the user
- 25 can use that information as a way to make actionable

- 1 information, and they can make decisions, and so far we
- 2 have not reached that level yet. We are at the very
- 3 beginning of really solving the problem, so that's why I
- 4 think it's having the consortium and industry, utilities,
- 5 and Energy Commissions, and universities, and so on, we
- 6 work together. And I think, especially if we're talking
- 7 to the K through 12 students, that is the opportunity for
- 8 us, they are the angels, they are the agents of change,
- 9 and somehow if we present the information in a way they
- 10 understand, so "a hamburger is obesity," and "there is an
- 11 obesity issue in our society," and they can understand
- 12 that. They can personalize that information. And we
- 13 have not done the work yet. So I think this is a really
- 14 tremendous opportunity for us to really embark on that
- 15 problem, and it will also create new markets for all of
- 16 us.
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Thank you, Dr. Li. I think from
- 18 our perspective at the Energy Commission, one of our
- 19 challenges is in this era of resource constraints,
- 20 budgetary constraints, we're really focused on our core
- 21 activities of developing Standards, ensuring compliance
- 22 with those Standards, and enforcing those Standards. And
- 23 I think the area where we're venturing into is the need
- 24 for collaborative approaches to do education and
- 25 outreach, and that is certainly an area where we would

- 1 like to do a lot more, but again, we're challenged by
- 2 resource constraints. So, let me ask this question, and
- 3 one of the things I think we should be looking at are,
- 4 what are the opportunities out there to establish
- 5 collaboratives, to work on outreach and education?
- 6 MR. WILLIAMS: So I'll jump in and at the risk of
- 7 this sounding awfully self-serving, from a computing
- 8 perspective, you know, two percent of the global carbon
- 9 emissions have been attributed from outside analysts to
- 10 information in computing technologies, right? Leaving 98
- 11 percent among the wide other sectors, but the data has
- 12 also shown that every one additional kilowatt hour
- 13 associated with computing leads to a 10X increase in
- 14 energy efficiency in kind of reductions in other
- 15 computing, you know, referencing your slides, you show
- 16 the medical technologies and, you know, the emergence of
- 17 those, what are the -- and you hit on, I think, the exact
- 18 issue -- how do you measure the energy savings that are
- 19 delivered because more people are able to get care at
- 20 home? Right? You know, we think they're tremendous. I
- 21 think there's a lot to be learned, not just from a
- 22 healthcare cost savings perspective, but keeping cars off
- 23 the road, keeping people out of hospitals, keeping people
- 24 in their home where there's a greater likelihood that
- 25 they won't need urgent care and tap into all kinds of

- 1 additional costs associated with that. But studying
- 2 these kinds of emerging technologies, having the data, is
- 3 something we struggle with and, if we're struggling with
- 4 it, I can imagine that regulators are struggling with it
- 5 significantly. Right? So I do think there's a
- 6 tremendous opportunity to work more closely with the
- 7 private sector to understand where we are going and where
- 8 the technology is going. I liked your line, as well, you
- 9 know, the pace of change in the industry continues to
- 10 surpass the ability to keep up via regulation. Right?
- 11 It's just really hard to do that. We understand that.
- 12 I've seen that my entire career at Intel. The idea,
- 13 though, that we could work more closely together to
- 14 understand, you know, the significant accomplishments
- 15 that have been made through energy efficiency and where
- 16 the critical mass may lie, outside of the traditional
- 17 energy efficiency models, right? Because we think the
- 18 pace of energy efficiency in the computing industry has
- 19 been extremely rapid, you know, estimates as much as
- 20 3,000 percent increases in energy efficiency over the
- 21 last 30 years for computing. There's no other industry
- 22 in the world that can match the computing industry when
- 23 it comes to energy efficiency. The gains and the savings
- 24 have just been completely enormous. So that being said,
- 25 how do we take the power of computing to deliver energy

- 1 savings across the broader industry? That's actually, I
- 2 think, the most exciting challenge that we've been
- 3 looking at internally. And we've done some very good
- 4 work with the CEC, we've done some very good work through
- 5 PIER, we think there's tremendous opportunities through
- 6 the initiatives that are being established and absolutely
- 7 would like to work more closely with this agency to help
- 8 understand where we're going.
- 9 DR. ARMEL: I had a response to the question
- 10 posed -- I don't know if somebody wants to respond to
- 11 that, but I was going to respond to a question posed by
- 12 the moderator --
- MR. LEAON: Yes, go ahead.
- 14 DR. ARMEL: -- about you had mentioned
- 15 collaboratives that could be established to make better
- 16 user leveraged funds. And I had a question, perhaps this
- 17 is an inappropriate place to mention this, and forgive me
- 18 if it is, but my understanding is that the Public
- 19 Utilities Commission provides repair dollars in three-
- 20 year cycles to use utilities for utility programs related
- 21 to energy efficiency, and I've done a little bit of
- 22 inquiring as to how those funds get allocated and stuff,
- 23 but it seems like, at least I'm finding it sort of
- 24 complex and difficult to figure out, you know, how that
- 25 works, and I wonder if perhaps -- I don't know if there's

- 1 anybody there from the PUC, or whether folks from CEC
- 2 have some insight on this, but whether some of that
- 3 funding could actually be potentially opened up for
- 4 research or other initiatives that might kind of expand
- 5 the scope beyond the more traditional utility programs.
- 6 MR. LEAON: Let me ask our utility reps if they
- 7 can respond to that.
- 8 MR. HIGA: I'm not sure if I completely
- 9 understand the question. Its funding for doing more than
- 10 the traditional incentive programs or ...?
- 11 DR. ARMEL: No, I think this is funding that is
- 12 typically earmarked and there's three-year cycles, and I
- 13 guess we're about half way through one currently, and
- 14 there's talk of having a lag time of about a year when
- 15 this cycle ends, before the next cycle begins, and
- 16 there's discussion now between the utilities and the PUC
- 17 about for the next cycle where those funds should get
- 18 allocated for a utility program. I apologize that I
- 19 don't have a way of referring to it as a specific type of
- 20 program, I'm not -- the process is somewhat enigmatic to
- 21 me. This is for marketing dollars, education dollars
- 22 related to energy efficiency.
- 23 MR. HIGA: Right, well, there is, I think, I'm
- 24 not sure if you heard some of the previous presenters
- 25 from the CPUC, but there's a Workforce Education and

- 1 Training Program that currently exists that does address
- 2 a lot of these training types of issues. That being
- 3 said, you know, the next program cycle has -- the
- 4 planning for that has not begun yet, so I think any input
- 5 that you have to what the Workforce Education Training
- 6 Program consists of and what are its program elements,
- 7 I'm sure that there will be, you know, input would be
- 8 welcome. I'm sure there will be upcoming workshops that
- 9 will be noticed, you know, in the upcoming future, and I
- 10 don't know if there's anybody from the CPUC on the line
- 11 right now that also wants to address that.
- MR. STRAIT: Cathy Fogel did have her hand
- 13 raised, she may have some contribution to this subject.
- MS. FOGEL: Can you hear me?
- MR. STRAIT: Yes, we can.
- 16 MS. FOGEL: Yeah, thanks for your question,
- 17 Carrie. I can give a brief response and I'm happy to
- 18 meet with you separately, as well. Yeah, I work at the
- 19 CPUC and I find the whole process fairly confusing, as
- 20 well, so you know, I'm joking a little bit, but it is
- 21 something that is a problem because it's so challenging
- 22 for people who aren't deep into it to understand this,
- 23 but as Randall mentioned, we are beginning to plan for
- 24 our sort of guidance that the CPUC will be providing for
- 25 the next program cycle, and most of the what's called

- 1 "Record Development" needs to take place in about the
- 2 next nine months for that, which means new ideas, report
- 3 information, data that would inform the Commissioners
- 4 guidance need to get formally into our proceeding record
- 5 in that time, so it's really what the previous speaker
- 6 was talking about, how the marketplace moves just much
- 7 more quickly than the regulatory framework is really able
- 8 to accommodate, and this issue of, you know, particularly
- 9 the behavior programs, which is really just kind of
- 10 exploding what's possible coupled with competing
- 11 technology. You know, I think it's a challenge for us to
- 12 figure out how to get these innovative programs assessed
- 13 and funded, whether that's via the utility programs, or
- 14 via third-party programs, or via some other mechanism,
- 15 there's also potentially -- research could potentially be
- 16 conducted on behavior-based programs in the utilities'
- 17 emerging technologies programs.
- 18 And I kind of had a question back for Carrie,
- 19 although I don't want to dominate the conversation of how
- 20 are some of these behavior change programs -- how do the
- 21 researchers currently see them to be best implemented?
- 22 Because utilities, not to mention the regulatory
- 23 agencies, are pretty slow moving beasts, we're not really
- 24 known particularly for innovation over the years, so do
- 25 you foresee these being implemented by utilities, or by

- 1 other third parties? And do you see them mostly as
- 2 marketing and education initiatives, as you mentioned?
- 3 Or getting into this [quote unquote] "savings framework"
- 4 that the CPUC currently has for utilities, in which we
- 5 have adopted goals, savings goals that they have to meet?
- 6 DR. ARMEL: I would think it could definitely be,
- 7 especially with the measurement component, related to the
- 8 work that I mentioned, that work that has a strong
- 9 measurement component could fit into the latter type of
- 10 programs that you referred to. The utilities, I agree
- 11 that they're slow moving, we've had a lot of interactions
- 12 with them and there's been strong interest, but our stuff
- 13 seems a little bit outside the envelope to some, I guess.
- 14 So I don't know, there's been some interest in perhaps
- 15 pilot programs with the utilities, we're independently
- 16 doing kind of direct recruitment to folks, tapping into
- 17 diffusion channels like the Girl Scouts and other
- 18 channels. I think there could be a role for energy
- 19 services companies, or companies like EnerNOC and CPower,
- 20 so I think there's a variety of channels, and I don't
- 21 know whether the PUC funds are tied specifically to the
- 22 utilities, or whether they're open to other channels, as
- 23 well.
- 24 MS. FOGEL: Yeah, they are open to other
- 25 channels, as well. Twenty percent -- currently, the

- 1 policy rules state that 20 percent of the funding needs
- 2 to go to non-utility programs.
- 3 DR. ARMEL: Okay, well, maybe we should continue
- 4 the conversation offline and I would be curious because
- 5 I've come across also some other entities doing really
- 6 interesting stuff that might be useful for you to be
- 7 aware of, maybe we could organize like a lunch meeting
- 8 where I could get some groups together to come up and do
- 9 presentations to expose the PUC, if that would be useful.
- 10 I'm not sure of the best mechanism, but perhaps we could
- 11 have another call and you could make some
- 12 recommendations?
- MS. FOGEL: Sure, that would be great.
- DR. ARMEL: Super.
- 15 MR. LEAON: Okay, thank you. All right, let me
- 16 ask if there are any comments in the room at this point?
- 17 Okay, if you could state your name, organization, and
- 18 please provide a business card for the Court Reporter.
- 19 MR. RAYMER: Okay, thank you. I'm Bob Raymer,
- 20 Senior Engineer with the California Building Industry
- 21 Association. And my comments will focus on plug load,
- 22 but then lapse back into energy efficiency and zero net
- 23 energy. One of the cost concerns that we have right now
- 24 is, under current technologies, there's rather high costs
- 25 projected for reaching Zero Net Energy. And a big chunk

- 1 of that is the size of the PV system that needs to be put
- 2 on the roof to account for the plug load. And so,
- 3 obviously it behooves us over the next eight to 10 years
- 4 to do everything we can to reduce that plug load.
- Now, getting into the energy efficiency
- 6 standards, we're in the middle of probably historically
- 7 large increase in stringency that the CEC will probably
- 8 be proposing quite shortly. And we're seeing out in the
- 9 field compliance with the performance methodology, the
- 10 performance compliance approach for the standards is by
- 11 far the one that is most commonly used. I would have to
- 12 say that probably 98 percent of the homes that comply
- 13 with the Energy Regs use the performance approach.
- One of the things we need when we're looking at
- 15 the Standards is we need compliance options. Now, the
- 16 measures that create that performance budget that we have
- 17 to meet are arrived at through looking at what is put
- 18 into the proscriptive packages for each of the 16 climate
- 19 zones, and I know this kind of gets into the minutiae of
- 20 the Energy Efficiency Standards, but in this particular
- 21 go-round, a great many of the compliance options that
- 22 we've been using for the last three to six years are
- 23 being moved out of the compliance option column and over
- 24 into the proscriptive column. And so, although you can
- 25 still do tradeoffs, there's far less over in the

- 1 compliance option column that we can tradeoff anymore.
- 2 And so, to the extent that the Energy Commission can
- 3 somehow quantify certain benefits of either appliance
- 4 efficiency on things that were not currently regulated,
- 5 or plug load methodology systems, plug load reduction
- 6 devices, there could be a great market right away within
- 7 the next two to two and a half years. In essence,
- 8 industry is going to want to reduce that plug load, it is
- 9 in our best interest from a cost perspective to reduce
- 10 the plug load. And if we can somehow early on through
- 11 the energy efficiency standards somehow get compliance
- 12 credit for tradeoffs with other provisions that we may
- 13 not be able to do for the marketable home, that's going
- 14 to be very helpful. And so there is a marvelous
- 15 opportunity within just the next 24 months. So, with
- 16 that, we'd be very supportive of that kind of effort.
- 17 MR. LEAON: Thank you. Other comments in the
- 18 room?
- 19 MR. NESBITT: George Nesbitt. So plug loads have
- 20 definitely been an ever increasing problem and a
- 21 difficult one to address. Some additional items. Home
- 22 exercise equipment, of course, it's also in places people
- 23 pay to go to, to exercise, so you've got treadmills with
- 24 fans that you can obviously hear running, even though no
- 25 one is on the treadmill and hasn't been on them for a day

- 1 or more, who knows? And also, you know, we now have home
- 2 theaters in every room, so the media centers, the DVRs,
- 3 the TiVos, the satellite boxes, and one is not enough,
- 4 we've got to have one everywhere, so it's a big problem.
- 5 So we need to address it as we can from Title 20, you
- 6 know, basically anything that is plugged in shouldn't be
- 7 using energy when it's not producing anything of value.
- 8 I mean, there's just really no reason. From the
- 9 behavior, or what I sometimes try to refer to as
- 10 "operational" comes to -- none of my plug loads are
- 11 plugged in unless I'm actually doing something with them,
- 12 so if I'm not charging my cell phone, my computer, what
- 13 not, it's usually not plugged in. And that comes down to
- 14 a human choice and a human action, which is harder, but I
- 15 think there's a lot of effort in some of these feedback
- 16 things that will help.
- 17 I think lighting is in some ways residentially an
- 18 under-appreciated increasing load. My house has one
- 19 light fixture in the center of every room, I cannot go
- 20 into a house that's been remodeled that does not have a
- 21 half a dozen recessed lights in the kitchen, or the
- 22 bathroom, or the living room, or the dining room, or the
- 23 master bedroom suite. So, I think as part of the Code
- 24 update, I think there is more wattage in the average
- 25 California kitchen from the survey they did than there is

- 1 total wattage in my whole house. So, I'm 100 percent
- 2 CFL. I haven't figured out how to disable my oven light
- 3 yet, I just haven't been able to get the damn thing apart
- 4 to disable it. And through the day, people have said, to
- 5 get to net zero, we obviously need to consider more than
- 6 just the physical building, it's everything in it.
- 7 So under our definition of "Net Zero," which we
- 8 defined three years ago on HERS 2, we do include the plug
- 9 loads and the lighting. And we need to really make that
- 10 essentially the Code. I mean, we need to roll the rating
- 11 system into the full Code and include those plug loads
- 12 and the lighting and allow tradeoffs. Although,
- 13 currently you get no credit for having an energy
- 14 efficient top loading washing machine. And then we'll
- 15 have to ask the question if non-res has plug loads, but
- 16 there's nothing you can do to gain credit in it as far as
- 17 I know, so then the question will be do we need a way to
- 18 have credits. You know, what kind of technology or
- 19 systems would we allow that would generate some sort of
- 20 credit that somehow hopefully enables you to reduce your
- 21 plug loads? So that really needs to be a part of that.
- I think people think, well, Net Zero is -- it's
- 23 very abstract to everyone right now. My 1923 house
- 24 upgraded will only need about a .9 kilowatt PV system to
- 25 reach Net Zero under our definition, which is not

- 1 humongous, although to get there you've got to be at
- 2 least 50 percent above Code.
- 3 And then I think the other thing, you kind of
- 4 mentioned above Code programs. One of the difficulties I
- 5 think we have as we ratchet up the Code, we've also got
- 6 all these programs that are pushing beyond Code -- Green
- 7 rating, the new CalGreen, various REACH Codes that are
- 8 allowing jurisdictions to adopt even greater levels of
- 9 above Code, and if we're going to ratchet up the Code by
- 10 30 percent, which really means for a lot of people we're
- 11 ratcheting it up by even more, and so at some point there
- 12 is no REACH. Because, like I say, I don't think you can
- 13 get above 75 percent above, I just -- I've done enough
- 14 modeling that at the moment there's just nothing more to
- 15 throw at it to get above that, so there is a limit to how
- 16 far above our current baseline we can get. And at some
- 17 level, we have to have some room above it if we're going
- 18 to have REACH Codes, or maybe then the Code just becomes
- 19 the bare minimum again, although we've just raised the
- 20 bar real far.
- MR. LEAON: Okay, thank you.
- 22 MR. STONE: Nehemiah Stone with Benningfield
- 23 Group. Something you said, Randall, really intrigued me
- 24 because I hadn't thought about it before, but it seems
- 25 pretty obvious; to the extent that California is

- 1 prevented by preemption from going beyond the appliance
- 2 standards, the Federal Appliance Standards, it's going to
- 3 be difficult to get to Net Zero. But it also started me
- 4 thinking, we were preempted from water heater standards
- 5 years ago when it was set really low at .52 energy
- 6 factor, and what we did in the Code, in the Building
- 7 Code, was to say, "Well, yeah, you can put that in, but
- 8 if you do that, you're going to have to put a blanket, an
- 9 insulating blanket on it." And that did not change the
- 10 appliance regulation, but it effectively changed what the
- 11 minimum water heater was that people installed.
- 12 The parallel here that I'm wondering about, if we
- 13 don't ask for any higher levels of efficiency for washers
- 14 and dryers and whatever else, but we do say, "If you're
- 15 going to sell them in California, they need to have
- 16 controls in them, Smart controls that will communicate
- 17 with a building EMS," that allow you to make the choice
- 18 to have it turned off when you don't want it on, then I'm
- 19 wondering if that is not in conflict with the Federal
- 20 preemption because we're not saying anything about the
- 21 efficiency, you can still operate that same efficient
- 22 equipment, it's just in California it has to be able to
- 23 be turned off if you choose to set your system up to do
- 24 that. I'm wondering if you can respond to that, Randall,
- 25 or if that has to be punted to the Energy Commission, and

- 1 particularly maybe to the attorney that is handling
- 2 waivers and preemption issues these days.
- 3 MR. LEAON: This is Mike, yeah, I think we would
- 4 have to look at that. It's an interesting concept and I
- 5 think it's one that is definitely worth investigation.
- 6 MR. HIGA: Yeah, I'll reiterate, you know, the
- 7 example that I had before is that, you know, on task
- 8 lighting, you know, we're trying to figure out a way to
- 9 regulate task lighting in offices and it's hard to do
- 10 that as a plug-in device, but one of the things we
- 11 thought about, and I worked in an office that had this,
- 12 and that is at night time, certain outlets were swept off
- 13 which the test lights were plugged into, so we want to --
- 14 and I just think that's good practice and has been good
- 15 practice for 20 plus years, so I think if we could
- 16 facilitate that type of control in offices in the Code, I
- 17 think that would be an opportunity. So, certainly the
- 18 water heater blanket is a good example. The other one is
- 19 the economize on air-conditioners. We cannot require
- 20 homes to have anything higher than a SEER 13 or you can't
- 21 have a home -- you have to make it comply with the SEER
- 22 13 air-conditioner. And the same goes for larger air-
- 23 conditioners, there's also efficiency limits on where you
- 24 can go, but in California, we could require economizers
- 25 to put on there. So we're looking at other ways of

- 1 retrofitting. As John knows, we're looking at putting on
- 2 variable speed drives on evaporator fans and
- 3 refrigeration units, and things like that. So I think --
- 4 the point, though, is we're looking at all possible ways
- 5 to drive down energy use and not run into preemption
- 6 issues. And I think there are some creative ways we can
- 7 do that, we need to explore that more.
- 8 MR. MCHUGH: Hi. My name is Jon McHugh.
- 9 Actually, some of the things that have just been
- 10 discussed are things that we're looking at right now for
- 11 the Title 24 Standards in regards to plug load controls,
- 12 so either scheduling controls, or other controls where
- 13 you have a single point of control that controls, you
- 14 know, half the plugs in the house. And I think this goes
- 15 back to what Bob is talking about, are that there are
- 16 additional opportunities and potentially tradeoffs. And
- 17 one of the issues with having additional control that I
- 18 think impacts potentially the appliance standards,
- 19 especially for a lot of consumer electronics that are
- 20 currently not covered, is the issue of what Dr. Li
- 21 brought up earlier about the issue of the clock, and the
- 22 issue is, you historically, "Oh, we've got to keep the
- 23 juice to our microwave, otherwise I'm going to have to
- 24 reset the clock and all the settings, and the VCR, and
- 25 everything else." And so, from a perspective of

- 1 appliance standards, I think that's actually a pretty
- 2 ripe opportunity to look at sort of the interaction
- 3 between exterior controls that might be applied through a
- 4 building standard that's actually providing intermittent
- 5 electricity, or intermittent power to the device, and
- 6 that it maintains all of its functions. And my
- 7 understanding is that there is currently a proposal in
- 8 front of Title 20 that removing the standards from
- 9 lighting controls, which used to be in Title 24 into
- 10 Title 20, and those have a series of requirements about
- 11 non-volatile memory that perhaps makes sense for a much
- 12 broader range of appliances beyond just lighting
- 13 controls.
- 14 MR. LEAON: Okay, thank you. Well, we're
- 15 approaching the end here. I would just like to remind
- 16 everyone that -- oh, Pat, I'm sorry, let's get to you
- 17 before I make a closing statement.
- 18 MR. EILERT: I'll be just really quick. You
- 19 know, preemption -- I just want to emphasize this issue
- 20 -- and you look at the example Kosta threw up a little
- 21 while ago which is we're sitting on a 45 lumen per watt
- 22 standard for general service lamps in 2018, that's sort
- 23 of ridiculous, okay, that and you can name sort of a
- 24 dozen other examples where we could go to more stringent
- 25 standards for various appliances and plug loads in the

- 1 state, sooner than that. It's a huge problem long term
- 2 and, you know, sooner or later every major end use is
- 3 going to be covered at the Federal level with sort of,
- 4 again, ties our hands here in California. So, we need to
- 5 develop some sort of collaborative between the State
- 6 utilities industry to figure out what we can do here in
- 7 California to maybe figure out some sort of approach
- 8 that's actually interesting to industry by, you know,
- 9 turning California into some sort of a policy laboratory
- 10 where -- and figure out what's the value to having a
- 11 state like California step out ahead of the nation in
- 12 terms of energy efficiency in more of a general sense and
- 13 not just on a measure-by-measure sense. We need to think
- 14 a little bit more broadly about this issue because, right
- 15 now, you know, we're really stuck, we're not going to get
- 16 to Zero Net Energy in a cost-effective manner and a lot
- 17 of the other state goals are going to be a lot harder to
- 18 reach their preemption, you know, the lighting goals, as
- 19 well.
- 20 MR. LEAON: Thank you, Pat. Okay, I want to
- 21 thank our panel members today, and I want to thank the
- 22 audience, those in the room and those on the phone. I
- 23 thought it was a very productive workshop today. I would
- 24 like to encourage Stakeholders to submit written
- 25 comments, they are due July 29th. The Workshop Notice has

- 1 the directions for how to submit your written comments.
- 2 Electronic comments have to be supported by 10 copies of
- 3 written comments, so take a look at the notice on
- 4 directions on how to do that.
- 5 I would also like to provide the audience a heads
- 6 up that we are -- the Energy Commission will be moving
- 7 forward with a new Scoping Order for developing Standards
- 8 for appliances, we're wrapping up the battery charger
- 9 proceeding, and we anticipate we'll be noticing the
- 10 formal rulemaking sometime next month, start the 45-day
- 11 public comment period for that, and we are also planning
- 12 on holding a Scoping Hearing sometime in August to
- 13 discuss which appliances should be addressed next in a
- 14 proceeding for new Standards. With that, that concludes
- 15 the workshop and, again, thank you everyone for
- 16 participating and -- well, I see we have one more
- 17 question in the room here. So let's go ahead and take
- 18 that.
- 19 MR. STRAIT: Cathy, your hand is still raised.
- 20 Di you have an additional comment you wanted to make?
- MS. FOGEL: No, not me.
- 22 MR. LAEON: All right, just checking. Thank you.
- 23 Okay, that concludes the workshop. Again, thank you,
- 24 everyone, for participating, in particular our panel
- members.

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