

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 08-HERS-2
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Proposed Amendments –)	NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING
<i>Phase II Home Energy Rating System</i>)	RE: California Home Energy Rating System
<i>Program Regulations</i>)	Program, Phase II Proposed Regulations
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NOTICE OF EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE HEARING

The California Energy Commission proposes to adopt changes to the California Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Program contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Chapter 4, Article 8, Sections 1670 to 1675. The Energy Commission's Efficiency Committee (Commissioner Arthur Rosenfeld, Ph.D., Presiding Member, and Chairman Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Associate Member) will hold a public hearing on the following date to receive public comments on the Express Terms (45-Day Language) of the proposed amendments:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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The Efficiency Committee hearing is to gather information and comments only. The Express Terms will be adopted by the full Commission at a subsequent noticed hearing.

Audio for the October 15, 2008 Efficiency Committee hearing will be broadcast over the Internet. For details, please go to:

[\[www.energy.ca.gov/webcast\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/webcast)

If you do not have computer access and wish to participate in the meeting by phone, please call 1- 888-282-0366 by 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
Passcode: HERS Call Leader: Helen Lam

The Energy Commission has prepared a Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) and an Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) regarding the need for the proposed amendments. These two documents will be published and accessible online on **October 3, 2008**, at the Energy Commission's website specified below.

The NOPA will announce the availability of the Express Terms (45-Day Language) of the proposed amendments to the existing HERS Program regulations, including the HERS Technical Manual that is incorporated by reference. The Express Terms, including the HERS Technical Manual, can be obtained on September 30, 2008, from the contact person designated

below or from the Energy Commission's website at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/index.html)

Background

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25942 directs the Energy Commission to adopt a statewide HERS program for residential dwellings. Phase II rulemaking of the HERS program will put in place the following remaining elements of PRC Section 25942 necessary to extend the HERS Program to whole-house energy ratings of existing and newly constructed homes:

- Consistent, accurate, and uniform ratings based on a single statewide rating scale;
- Reasonable estimates of potential utility bill savings, and reliable recommendations on cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency; and
- Labeling procedures that will meet the needs of home buyers, homeowners, renters, the real estate industry, and mortgage lenders with an interest in home energy ratings.

Phase I of the HERS Program was adopted in 1999 and established the basic operating framework of the program, including training and certification procedures for raters, quality assurance procedures, and data collecting and reporting requirements for raters who are performing field verification and diagnostic testing services for demonstrating compliance with Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Phase II will extend Phase I of the HERS Program to include methodologies for calculating a California HERS Index and analyzing utility bills and cost-effectiveness of energy efficiency measures. Phase II will further address whole-house energy ratings and certification of individuals who would be involved in the California HERS Program, including raters, energy auditors, energy inspectors, energy analysts, and building performance contractors.

Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments by **October 14, 2008**, to be considered at the Committee hearing. However, the Energy Commission appreciates and encourages the submittal of written comments at the earliest possible date. All written comments must specify **Docket No. 08-HERS-2** on the document. Send your written comments to:

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The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail. When comments are sent electronically on behalf of an organization, the comments should be a scanned copy of the original on the organization's letterhead and include a signature of an authorized representative. E-mail written comments to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us) and [\[hlan@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:hlan@energy.state.ca.us).

Written comments will also be accepted at the Efficiency Committee hearing provided that the comments are received by 10:00 a.m. on **October 15, 2008**.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you need information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

Designated Contact Persons

As stated above, the specific information regarding the subject matter of this hearing will be contained in the NOPA that will be released on October 3, 2008. For administrative or procedural questions in the interim, contact Helen Lam, Project Manager, at (916) 651-3007 or by e-mail at [hlam@energy.state.ca.us]. For technical questions regarding the subject matter of this notice, contact Rashid Mir, Mechanical Engineer, at (916) 654-4109, or by e-mail at [rmir@energy.state.ca.us].

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