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Climate zone 1 (north coast/Eureka) has virtually no air conditioning load so air conditioning is rarely installed. Even if space heating is being done with a heat pump, which also happens to include an air conditioning capability, it is virtually impossible using EnergyPro to achieve the 30% reduction in cooling energy required for Tier 2. A 30% reduction in heating energy use is very feasible.

For these reasons, in climate zone 1, the 30% reduction in cooling energy should be dropped as a requirement for Tier 2 energy efficiency for NSHP.

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