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California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
RE: Docket No. 10-BSTD-01
1516 North Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Proposals for Certification of Acceptance Testing Field Technicians for Mechanical Systems and Lighting Controls

Dear CEC:

Later today you will be engaging in a public meeting to discuss the subject topic referenced above. Please consider the following as my personal and professional comments regarding this subject. This letter may or may not represent an endorsement by or on behalf of Syska Hennessy Group.

As a California licensed, professional mechanical engineer who has been engaged in consulting engineering for over 36 years, I have experienced/observed many changes in the way engineering and construction is performed today. Unfortunately, much of what I have experienced/observed over my 36+ years has not necessarily always been accomplished in the best interest of the clients we serve. Too often engineering decisions are made by politicians who know absolutely nothing about engineering.

This proposed certification of acceptance testing field technicians for mechanical systems and lighting controls is one (1) more negative change being proposed.

I completely support and endorse the position of ASHRAE as a professional society (copy attached), a society that maintains the best interests of clients in mind. Every comment made is accurate. Every comment made is legitimate.

Please DO NOT allow the special interest groups of SMACNA and the IBEW to dictate how engineering decisions and the practice of engineering is accomplished in the future. Acceptance of this proposed certification will only weaken the profession of engineering and will put in harms way, every client who relies on engineers for professional service.

As a professional engineer, I took a solemn oath to protect the public welfare. If you allow this proposal to go into effect, you will be fundamentally violating the very oath I promised to maintain. And you will also be sending a strong message to every professional engineer in practice today, that you care nothing about the practice of professional engineer and/or for what we as professional engineers stand.

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Please make the “right choice” and dismiss this mis-guided proposed certification for what it is --- a narrow, special interest group(s) attempt to weaken the profession of engineering, without the appropriate due diligence required to ensure public safety.

Sincerely,

SYSKA HENNESSY GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gerald D. Hartford, Jr.'.

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