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Karen Douglas
Commissioner
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Docket number 10-BSTD-01 "Proposals For Certification of Acceptance Testing Field Technicians For Mechanical Systems and Lighting Controls"

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

We recently became aware of a proposal to establish new restrictions on those who are eligible to perform acceptance testing for mechanical systems and lighting controls.

Because of the limited time available to the construction industry and building owners to comment on these two proposals, we would urge the Commission to delay the commencement of a rule making. As you will agree, these are very complex issues and we are concerned that a rush to adopt these proposals may result in unwarranted action by the Commission.

Furthermore, we are quite frankly concerned that the Commission is even contemplating restricting this work to, in the case of lighting controls – to graduates of a single entity – CALCTP. I assume CEC has carefully investigated CALCTP but there are, in our mind, many unresolved questions about the need for the regulation, the suitability of the CALCTP program and its relationship with ICF International to name but three.

As you undoubtedly know, we have a long-standing interest in construction and energy issues and would support efforts to reduce energy consumption by commercial users; however, these proposed regulations under consideration by the CEC seem, at best, premature.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and we would be happy to arrange an opportunity for further discussions of these proposed changes. Again, we request that the CEC delay the commencement of a rule making pertaining to certification of acceptance testing for mechanical systems and lighting controls.

Sincerely,

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TOM BERRYHILL
Senator, 14th District

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BILL EMMERSON
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