



Mr. Andrew McAllister
Commissioner
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Re: Docket No. 15-BSTD-01
Adoption of 15-Day Language for the 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards
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**Cree Comments on 15-Day Language for the 2016
Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

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Dear Commissioner McAllister,

Cree welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Building Energy Efficiency Standards process with the CEC, and to provide our comments on the Proposed Title 24 efficiency recommendations.

Cree (Nasdaq: CREE), headquartered in Durham, N.C., is the leading U.S.-based developer and manufacturer of LEDs and LED Lighting products. Cree is leading the widespread adoption of LED lighting and making energy-wasting traditional lighting technologies obsolete through the use of energy-efficient, mercury-free LED lighting. Cree is a leading innovator of lighting-class LEDs, LED lighting and semiconductor products for power and radio-frequency (RF) applications.

As of June 1, 2015, Cree, Inc. owned or was the exclusive licensee of approximately 1,600 issued U.S. patents and 2,700 issued foreign patents. Cree innovation developed the TW Series LED Bulb that was First to Meet California Energy Commission Quality Lighting Specification in September of 2013, as well as many other industry-leading, high-quality LED products. Cree's product families include LED fixtures and bulbs, LED lighting control systems, blue and green LED chips, high-brightness LEDs, lighting-class power LEDs, power-switching devices and RF devices.

LED Lighting provides California the opportunity to achieve unprecedented energy savings in residential and non-residential applications. Studies commissioned by the U.S. Department of Energy have shown that widespread adoption of LED lighting can remove as much as 10% of the total electrical load in the U.S. Key to realizing these savings is driving adoption, and widespread adoption requires lighting that does not force consumers and businesses to compromise on light quality and their lighting experience.

Cree supports the currently proposed requirements, and believes that by establishing a basis of high-quality light for energy efficient lighting products, California has recognized the importance of meeting consumers' expectations in driving adoption. Gone are the days when consumers had to accept "good enough" in order to save energy. "Good enough" is not good enough.

Regards,

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