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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 16-ATTCP-01
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ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE TO HOME)	NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS))	
RATER NONRESIDENTIAL DUCT)	RE: Public Comment Period for the
LEAKAGE TEST VERIFICATION)	Staff Report of the Proposed
_____)	Alternative Procedure

Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on the Staff Report Regarding an Alternative Procedure to Home Energy Rating System Rater Nonresidential Duct Leakage Test Verification

The California Energy Commission is requesting comments on the Staff Report regarding an *Alternative Procedure to Home Energy Rating System Rater Nonresidential Duct Leakage Test Verification*. Comments will be considered as part of the Commission's possible adoption of this alternative procedure.

The staff report is available on the Energy Commission website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/special_case_appliance/.

Background

The Home Energy Rating System Program was established by the Energy Commission on June 17, 1999. As part of that effort, the Commission established the requirements for field verification and diagnostic testing services performed by Home Energy Rating System Raters to show compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Generally, a Home Energy Rating System Rater is limited to residential buildings, but there are instances where the Home Energy Rating System Rater is required to perform verifications on nonresidential system installations.

The *2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* require that air ducts installed in nonresidential buildings be tested to determine if they leak into spaces that are not intended for occupancy by people. This testing is only required for smaller nonresidential installations that are generally similar in size and design to residential installations. The *2013 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards* require that these air duct leakage tests be performed by the technician that installed the heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system and then verified, using the same test procedures, by a Home Energy Rating System Rater.

This alternative procedure will allow a certified acceptance test technician to perform the appropriate air duct leakage test and satisfy the *2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* and the *2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards*.

Public Comment

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2017. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

For this proceeding, the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. Visit the website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/special_case_appliance/. Click on the "Submit e-Comment" link in the Proceeding Information box. From the drop down menu, please select docket number 16-ATTCP-01.

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