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## **Staff Paper**

### **Data Registry Approval Process: Optional Use of an External Digital Data Source**

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A new California Energy Commission (CEC) staff paper titled *Data Registry Approval Process: Optional Use of an External Digital Data Source* will assist Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Providers who seek to use an external digital data source to exchange information with the Provider's data registry. The CEC's *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* provide an alternative method for HERS Provider data entry using a CEC-approved external digital data source service, which is used to upload data to a HERS data registry for document registration purposes.

This staff paper describes the mandatory requirements for a new application and an amendment to an existing approved application for a data registry. Mandatory requirements may be found in Joint Appendix JA7 of the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, and in California Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 1670 *et seq.*

This staff report includes optional staff recommendations for the form or format of the application and a checklist to assist an applicant when developing an application. These optional recommendations are provided solely for applicants' convenience and are not intended to replace, modify, or interpret any legal requirements. This paper describes the necessary review steps that staff is required to perform, the potential outcomes, and the success criteria that staff will use when reviewing an application. All applications will be reviewed by staff and recommendations for a decision will be submitted to either the executive officer of the CEC or to the full CEC.

This staff paper is available free on the CEC's [Home Energy Rating System Application](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/home-energy-rating-system-hers-program/home-energy-rating-system-hers) webpage at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/home-energy-rating-system-hers-program/home-energy-rating-system-hers>.