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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration Availability of the Initial Study and Start of the Public Comment Period

Proposed 2016 Revisions to the Nonresidential Lighting Alteration Provisions of the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 24, PART 6, SECTIONS 141.0(b)2I, J, K, and L

California Energy Commission
Docket No. 15-BSTD-01

The California Energy Commission is considering adopting revisions to the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards), codified in Title 24, Part 6, Sections 141.0(b)2I, J, K, and L of the California Code of Regulations. The Standards (also known as the California Energy Code) establish minimum levels of energy efficiency for newly constructed buildings and for additions and alterations to existing buildings.

Energy Commission staff prepared an Initial Study to document the potential impacts of the proposed revisions to these Sections and has analyzed the potential environmental impacts that are likely to result if the revisions are adopted. Staff considered air emissions, water use, indoor air pollution, and changes in materials use, finding the impacts in these areas to be less than significant.

In addition, implementing the proposed lighting alteration provisions of the 2016 Standards will reduce statewide annual electricity consumption, and consequently reduce criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, staff recommends that the Energy Commission approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration based on its contents.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period for this Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration will be from July 10, 2015, through 10:00 a.m. on August 10, 2015.

Written comments must be emailed to Docket@energy.ca.gov or mailed or delivered to the following address (emailing is preferred):

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Comments may also be made at the adoption hearing occurring at the regular Energy Commission Business Meeting on August 12, 2015, which will be noticed separately.

All written comments must contain the official number of the proceeding "Docket No. 15-BSTD-01" prominently displayed on the first page (or subject line if emailed). When comments are emailed on behalf of an organization, the comments should be a scanned copy of the original on the organization's letterhead and include a signature of an authorized representative.

Public Availability of Documents

Parties wishing to review and comment on the Initial Study may obtain the document, and all supporting documentation, from the Energy Commission's website at: www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards/rulemaking/documents/.

The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is also available by contacting the Energy Commission's Buildings Standards Office. For physical copies of the Initial Study/ Negative Declaration, contact Adrian Ownby at (916) 651-3008 or by email at adrian.ownby@energy.ca.gov.

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