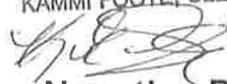


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**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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**Project Title:** Appliance Efficiency Rulemaking for Computers, Computer Monitors, and Signage Displays.

**Lead Agency:** California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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**Project Location:** Statewide

**Document Type:** Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration

**Local Action Type:** The Energy Commission's mandate is to promote energy efficiency through a variety of means, including efficiency standards for appliances based on the provisions in Public Resources Code Section 25402.

In the rulemaking proceedings, the Commission is proposing to adopt new efficiency standards for Computers and Computer Monitors, and to clarify the scope of existing standards for signage displays and battery charger systems. The Commission is proposing changes to the appliance efficiency standards as an action to support its mandate.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) requires public agencies to identify and consider the potential environmental effects of their "projects," as that term is defined, and when feasible to mitigate any related adverse environmental consequences. The proposed adoption of regulations is a considered project under CEQA, as it is a discretionary action which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the Commission prepared an Initial Study to assess the potential significant effects of the proposed regulations on the environment and determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project may cause a significant adverse impact on the environment.

**Development Type:** The proposed standards requires Computers and Computer Monitors to meet minimum energy efficiency standards and clarifies the scope of existing standards for signage displays and battery charger systems, which will reduce electricity demand throughout the state.

**Funding:** N/A

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:** Air Quality, and Energy, Cumulative Effects and Mandatory Findings of Significance

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** The Commission's mandate includes (Public Resources Code section 25402) promoting energy efficiency through cost effective, feasible standards in product design. The standards include provisions intended to reduce statewide energy use. Content of the standards includes mandatory minimum efficiency levels, certification as well as general provisions on the scope of the regulations and definitions.

**Project Description:** The project encompasses amendments to state appliance efficiency regulations that establish levels of efficiency and operating requirements for newly manufactured Computers and Computer Monitors sold in the state and clarifies the scope of existing standards for signage displays and battery charger systems. This project is available at the Commission's website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-AAER-02>.

**Schedule:** Comments should be submitted by October 24, 2016, by 5:00 p.m.

**Public Review Period:**

Starting Date: September 14, 2016

Ending Date: October 24, 2016

**Documents:**

All relevant documents are available at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-AAER-02>.

**Public Meetings and Adoption:**

A Hearing to discuss the content of the standard amendments and the finding of the initial study will occur on:

October 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

An adoption hearing by the full Commission will be held on:

November 9, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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