



In the matter of:)	Docket No. 12-HERS-01
)	
Regulation of Home Energy Rating)	Staff Workshop
Programs for Residential Dwellings)	RE: HERS Program Field
)	Verification and Diagnostic Testing
)	Issues

Notice of Staff Workshop on Home Energy Rating System Program Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing Issues

The California Energy Commission will conduct a staff workshop on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Program under the HERS Order Instituting Informational (OII) Proceeding, Order No. 12-1114-6. The purpose of the OII is to collect necessary information to identify potential procedures and other actions to improve the HERS Program. During this workshop staff and stakeholders will begin refining and further exploring issues related to Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing (FV/DT) in order to begin developing recommendations for Commission consideration in a future rulemaking.

The workshop will be held on:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
1st Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
Wheelchair Accessible

Remote Access Available by Computer or Phone via WebEx™
(Instructions below.)

Purpose and Agenda

On March 10, 2015, the Energy Commission conducted a staff webinar to request additional information to improve the HERS Program. Comments from the webinar are due no later than 5 p.m., April 10, 2015. The purpose of the staff workshop is for Energy Commission staff and stakeholders to begin refining and exploring issues identified within the OII and resulting from the webinar. The scope of issues relate to processes and actions needed to improve the HERS Program relating to Field Verification and

Diagnostic Testing. Through the workshop, input was sought from HERS Providers, HERS Raters, contractors, and members of the public on specific questions relating to the following six topics:

- Provider Quality Assurance Programs
- HERS Rater Disciplinary Process
- HERS Rater Companies
- Conflict of Interest
- Permissible HERS Provider Certification Categories
- Energy Commission Oversight of Providers

To date, stakeholders have participated in the HERS OII proceedings and provided valuable input to the record. Official notices, transcripts, and comments are available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/12-HERS-01/documents/>.

Energy Commission staff will use the input from this workshop and comments to begin development of recommendations for Commission consideration in a future rulemaking.

Background

Public Resources Code Section 25942 directs the Energy Commission to establish criteria for a statewide home energy rating system program. The Commission's regulations implementing this program are the California Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Regulations, Title 20, Cal. Code Regs, Section 1670 et seq. The Energy Commission approves and regulates HERS Providers who train and certify Raters. These certified Raters verify that contractors have properly installed the required energy efficiency measures.

The overall goal of the HERS program is to ensure that when an energy efficiency upgrade is made to a building, that it not only meets the Building Energy Efficiency Standards but also that the systems installed are operating at a level of performance that reflects the value of the Standards to the consumer. The HERS program is a consumer protection service designed to ensure that homeowners receive properly installed energy efficiency measures.

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments made during this proceeding may become part of the public record.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on June 12, 2015. 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, and email) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number [12-HERS-01](#) and indicate [HERS FV/DT OII](#) in the subject line. Send comments to:

docket@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 12-HERS-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489 (toll free at (800) 822-6228).

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Rachel MacDonald at Rachel.MacDonald@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4862.

Remote Attendance

You may participate in this meeting through WebEx, the Energy Commission's online meeting service. Presentations will appear on your computer screen, and you may listen to audio via your computer or telephone. Please be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

To join a meeting:

VIA COMPUTER: Go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the unique meeting number: 920 141 276. When prompted, enter your name and the following meeting password: meeting@9

The “Join Conference” menu will offer you a choice of audio connections:

1. To call into the meeting: Select "I will call in" and follow the on-screen directions.
2. International Attendees: Click on the "Global call-in number" link.
3. To have WebEx call you: Enter your phone number and click "Call Me."
4. To listen over the computer: If you have a broadband connection, and a headset or a computer microphone and speakers, you may use VoIP (Internet audio) by going to the Audio menu, clicking on “Use Computer Headset,” then “Call Using Computer.”

VIA TELEPHONE ONLY (no visual presentation): Call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the unique meeting number: 920 141 276. International callers may select their number from <https://energy.webex.com/energy/globalcallin.php>.

VIA MOBILE ACCESS: Access to WebEx meetings is now available from your mobile device. To download an app, go to www.webex.com/overview/mobile-meetings.html.

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/12-HERS-01/documents/>.

March 15, 2015

//original on file//

Dave Ashuckian, P.E.
Deputy Director

Mail Lists:
Building Standards