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Re: Docket Nos. 12-AAER-2A, 12-AAER-2B

The following comments are submitted for the record of the Department's above-captioned rulemaking regarding the **Invitation to Participate** in the above noted dockets. They are submitted on behalf of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance is a non-profit organization working to encourage the development and adoption of energy-efficient products and services. NEEA is supported by the Pacific Northwest region's electric utilities, public benefits administrators, state governments, public interest groups and efficiency industry representatives. This unique partnership has helped make the Northwest region a national leader in energy efficiency.

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) strongly supports the Commission's Order Instituting Rulemaking of March 14th, 2013 for the purpose of considering efficiency standards for the products in these dockets.

In the past, NEEA has been able to effectively leverage the Commission's appliance efficiency standards by introducing and supporting the same standards in the legislatures in Oregon and Washington State. Indeed, many of the Commission's standards are now law in both of these states. As I write, the Commission's television standards and recent battery charger standards are moving through the Oregon legislature in SB 692.

It is our plan to again leverage the Commission's good work in the next round of legislative sessions to adopt all or most of the standards that come out of this docket.

To assist the Commission in its work, NEEA will submit the field data from our recent (2011-2013) Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA) as soon as it is available. We are expecting data availability before the end of June 2013. We hope some of the data will prove to be useful to the Commission staff in their work.

We will also attend workshops as we can, and support the Commission's work in whatever way is appropriate and possible, as our own success in enacting standards in Oregon and Washington substantially depends on the CEC's success.

Thank you for beginning this important rulemaking. We look forward to assisting as we are able.

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