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Mr. George A. Athans
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Re: 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Athans:

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 2013, requesting a moratorium on the *2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards*. While we will take your suggestion into consideration, we must point out that the *Building Energy Efficiency Standards* were adopted following a three-year public participation process that included the participation of construction industry representatives. They implement a number of laws, statutes, and policies vital to the future of California, including requirements that the *Building Energy Efficiency Standards* be cost-effective and that the state significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, and including goals for new nonresidential buildings to be "net zero energy" by 2030.

Please be advised that the action you requested is one that must be taken by the full California Energy Commission as a rulemaking proceeding. If you wish to file a petition to institute such a proceeding, please refer to the requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Section 1221.

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Sincerely,

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