

**Efficiency Lead Meeting Agenda Item
CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL OF
SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF INTERIM APPROVAL PERIOD FOR
NONRESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL ATTCP PROGRAM**

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Time Needed: 10 minutes

Action Requested: Energy Commission approval of the maximum amount of time allowable, six months, to extend the Interim Approval period one time for Nonresidential Mechanical ATTCP from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Business Meeting Date: November 17, 2014

Background:

When the Industry Certification Threshold (Threshold) requirements in Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Section 10-103-B(b), of the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Standards) have not been met, Section 10-103-B(e)(5), allows the Energy Commission to determine it necessary to extend one time, up to six months, the interim approval period for Nonresidential Mechanical Acceptance Test Technician Certification Providers (ATTCPs).

Currently, two entities have received interim approval pursuant to Section 10-103-B(e)(2) of the Energy Standards. The two Interim-Approved Nonresidential Mechanical ATTCPs are the National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) and the Testing Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB). Neither NEBB nor TABB have submitted a Certification Provider Report to assist the Energy Commission in finding that the Section 10-103-B(b) Threshold requirements have been met. The Energy Commission has not made such a determination on its own volition.

Neither NEBB nor TABB have completed the application process to become fully approved ATTCPs under Section 10-103-B(f). However, with the assistance of the National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC), TABB has submitted the third and final volume of an application to become a fully approved ATTCP. This application is currently under review pursuant to Section 10-103-B(f).

Justification for Action Requested:

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the interim approval period as a necessary step to enable the interim-approved Mechanical ATTCPs to continue to train and certify technicians so that the Threshold requirements can be met, for the interim-approved ATTCPs to obtain approval under Section 10-103-B(f) if they so desire, and to maximize availability to the market of certified technicians. An

extension for the maximum amount of time of six months would cause the interim approval period to expire on June 30, 2015.

Pros and Cons:

Staff has discussed the proposed extension with the approved Interim Mechanical ATTCPs and has their support. However, unrelated actions to this proposed extension at recent business meetings may provoke other parties interested in the ATTCP approval process to intervene.

What Happens Next:

Staff has placed this item on the consent calendar for the November 17 Business Meeting.