

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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| Rulemaking to Update |) | Docket No. 16-AAER-01 |
| and Amend the Appliance |) | Order No. 16-0113-06 |
| Efficiency Regulations |) | |
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ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING PROCEEDING

I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY OF THE PROCEEDING

The California Energy Commission (“Commission”) hereby institutes a rulemaking proceeding to update and amend the Commission’s Appliance Efficiency Regulations, which are contained in Article 4 (commencing with Section 1601) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

We take this action under the authority of Public Resources Code (PRC) sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), and 25402.11, and CCR, Title 20, sections 1220-1225.

II. SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

This rulemaking shall focus on updating and amending the Appliance Efficiency Regulations to ensure consistency with federal and state law, including consistency with the California Building Energy Code (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 24, Parts 1, 6, and 11), and changes in technology or terminology that make some language obsolete or redundant. The rulemaking shall also update section 1606 to harmonize with the improved certification processes in the online Modernized Appliance Efficiency Database System. The rulemaking shall amend the scope of the battery charger system standards to remove rechargeable batteries and battery charger subsystems contained completely within a larger product that are not capable of providing normal operation of the parent product when the main AC power is removed.

Finally, this rulemaking may make other clarifying and administrative changes to improve the readability and functionality of the Appliance Efficiency Regulations. This rulemaking will not make changes to the underlying energy and water efficiency standards or result in any changes in the estimated energy and water savings from those standards.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commission encourages public participation in this proceeding. Any person present at any workshop or hearing will have a reasonable opportunity to make oral comments on the subject matter. Petitions to intervene are not necessary. The Executive Director, in conjunction with the Public Adviser, will ensure that this order and any notices of hearings and workshops are distributed to all interested persons and that drafts of the regulations are made available sufficiently in advance of workshops, interim hearings, and final adoption by the Commission to allow timely participation.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on January 13, 2016.

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Tiffani Winter,
Secretariat