

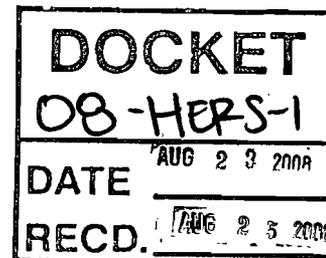
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Public Comments Response

Dear Commissioners

The California Energy Commission has done a terrific job in designing a system that confirms the quality of the installation of energy conservation measures in California. CEC has spent time and effort to insure a very important concept exist within HERS industries and practices and that is integrity. At this moment there is a complaint filed with you and the State regarding a large national company violating in essence this concept that is so vital to the success of the HERS program.

I believe it is critical to maintain the integrity of the HERS system now and in the future. The citizens of this State want to know that their homes are inspected and rated by companies with no ulterior motives. They do not want to have companies installing products when there is no independent HERS verification. I believe the CEC valued this concept of integrity and independence to the point that an individual had to decide to become a Provider or a Rater but they can not do both. The CEC realize there is a conflict of interest by being both a Rater and a Provider.

In the current investigation the CEC has alleged that a Company can not install energy conservation products and test them for HERS verification on the same project. If all of this is true then why would the CEC even entertain the idea of the Building Performance Contractor doing the HERS rating and installation of what they rate?

If you allow this to become part of the HERS system then you are throwing away all the hard work the CEC has done in creating a system that is admired throughout the country and hated by the people with less integrity.

I respectfully request that you do not allow Home Inspectors or Building Performance Contractors to perform HERS ratings on any Building in California.  
Sincerely

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