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Notice of Public Comment Period Docket No. 15-BSTD-03

Application for Locally Adopted Energy Standards by the City of Palo Alto in Accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1

The California Energy Commission staff will review and evaluate the proposed application as it relates to the 2013 California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106. The review of the application is to determine if the application is complete with all the supporting information and meets the requirements of section 10-106. During this review process Energy Commission staff will also be accepting public comments. The public comment period is 60 calendar days, starting from the posting of the application package.

Purpose

At its regular meeting on April 20, 2015, the Palo Alto City Council conducted a public hearing and approved a local energy ordinance in accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1. The second reading was held on May 11, 2015. At its meeting, the City Council made the determination that mandating the ordinance was determined to be cost-effective.

The City of Palo Alto submitted its application with the following:

- Signed Ordinance 5326 and staff report including requirements for a local energy ordinance beyond the baseline energy code. The attachments include statements and analyses that conclude the proposed standards are cost-effective and will not require buildings to consume more energy than permitted by the current California Energy Code and includes evidence that the ordinance was approved on the first reading at a noticed public meeting; and
- Cost-effectiveness study with supporting analysis showing how the city determined the energy savings and that the proposed standards are cost-effective.

Background

The California Code of Regulations (Title 24, Part 1) Section 10-106, allow for the Energy Commission to approve locally adopted energy standards for newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations and repairs to existing buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6. The Energy Commission is directed by Public

Resources code section 25402.1 to approve locally adopted energy standards that are submitted and that meet the requirements stated in section 10-106.

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposal should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2015. All comments will become part of the public record of this matter. Additionally, comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for this matter.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail and electronic submission, up to 5 MB. Please include your name and organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at:

www.energy.ca.gov/dockets/documents/2011_Standing_Order_for_Documents.pdf.

Please include the docket number 15-BSTD-03 and indicate "City of Palo Alto, Proposed Local Ordinance" in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 15-BSTD-03
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Please note that your written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participation in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov.

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If you have question on the technical subject matter, please call Peter Strait at (916) 654-2817.

The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded here www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2013standards/ordinances/.