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**Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period****INITIAL STUDY and
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION****PROPOSED 2013 REVISIONS TO THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING
ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS and
GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE****CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 24, PARTS 1, 6 and 11
California Energy Commission
DOCKET NO. 12-BSTD-1
CEC-400-2012-002**

The California Energy Commission is considering adopting revisions to the California Building Energy Efficiency and Green Building Standards, codified in Title 24, in portions of Part 1, Part 6, and Part 11 of the California Code of Regulations. The Building Energy Efficiency Standards (also known as the California Energy Code) establish minimum levels of energy efficiency for newly constructed buildings and additions and alterations to existing buildings. The Green Building Standards are voluntary “reach” standards.

Energy Commission staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of these proposed standards. Energy Commission staff estimates that implementing the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards will significantly reduce statewide annual electricity and natural gas consumption. This will significantly reduce criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to air emissions, staff considered onsite water use, indoor air pollution, and changes in materials use, including mercury, lead, copper, steel, plastic, silicon, gold, aluminum, fiberglass, titanium, glass, and wood.

Staff concluded that the addition of the proposed Standards will not result in any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, Energy Commission staff recommends approval of the Initial Study and adoption of a Negative Declaration.

Public Availability of Documents

Parties wishing to review and comment on the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration may obtain these documents, and all supporting documentation, free from

the Energy Commission's website at:
www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2013standards/rulemaking/documents

Print copies are also available for \$5.00. Please send a request and check or money order made out to the California Energy Commission to:

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Public Comment Period

The public comment period for this Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration will be from March 26, 2012, through 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2012.

Written comments must be e-mailed to Docket@energy.ca.gov or mailed or delivered to the following address (e-mailing is preferred):

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Attention: Docket No. 12-BSTD-1
Dockets Office
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Written Comments may also be filed electronically by e-mailing ryasny@energy.ca.gov or faxing them to (916) 654-4304, as long as they are received no later than April 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

All written comments must contain the official number of the proceeding "Docket No. 12-BSTD-1," prominently displayed on the first page (or subject line if e-mailed). When comments are emailed on behalf of an organization, the comments should be a scanned copy of the original on the organization's letterhead and include a signature of an authorized representative.

Please direct technical questions to Joe Loyer at jmloyer@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4811.

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