I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

Pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), 25402(c), 25402(f), and 25402.11 and sections 1220-1225 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the California Energy Commission (CEC) hereby institutes a proceeding to consider amendments to the CEC's Appliance Efficiency Regulations located at sections 1601-1609 of Title 20 of the CCR.

In this proceeding, the CEC will consider making various amendments to the Title 20 Appliance Efficiency Regulations. The amendments include updates to align with recent federal appliance regulations, revisions to data submittal requirements for certain appliances, modifications to enforcement provisions, and other administrative and clarifying changes that do not modify the underlying efficiency standards.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Commissioner J. Andrew McAllister is lead commissioner for this proceeding. The CEC delegates the authority to staff, under the direction of the lead commissioner, to take all actions reasonably necessary to present proposed regulations to the CEC for final adoption, including but not limited to, complying with requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. Adoption of any changes to the CEC's regulations pursuant to this Order Instituting Rulemaking will be by vote of the CEC at a noticed business meeting.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The CEC encourages full and free public participation in this proceeding. Any person present at any hearing or workshop shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to make oral comments on the subject matter of the proceeding. Petitions to intervene are not necessary. At present, no workshop or hearing dates have been specifically identified. The executive director, in conjunction with the public advisor, shall ensure that this order
and 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 CEC to allow timely participation. The CEC will establish a date for the receipt of written comments on draft regulations.

The CEC will set forth a deadline for the receipt of written comments in a Notice of Proposed Action, which will be published later in this proceeding. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the proceeding email subscription. To receive these notices, subscribe at CEC Subscriptions, at https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-AAER-04, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document consistent with 20 CCR section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 22-AAER-04 and “2022 Amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations” in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov. A paper copy may be sent to:

Docket No. 22-AAER-04
Docket Unit, MS-4
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814-5512

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC’s public advisor assists the public with participating in CEC proceedings. Please call (916) 957-7910 or contact publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov for assistance.
CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duty and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on September 14, 2022.

AYE:
NAY:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Dated:

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Liza Lopez
Secretariat