



**California Energy Commission
August 14, 2024 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR): Minimum Efficiency
Standards for Televisions and Displays.**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available as described below:

1. Proposed Order, attached below.

For the complete record, please visit: [California Energy Commission : Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-AAER-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-AAER-01>

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

***☞ Rulemaking to Adopt Appliance
Efficiency Regulations for
Televisions and Displays***

**Docket No.: 24-AAER-01
Order Instituting Rulemaking for
Televisions and Displays**

I. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), and 25402(c), and Sections 1220 - 1225 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, the California Energy Commission (CEC) is directed to “prescribe, by regulation, standards for minimum levels of operating efficiency [...] to promote the use of energy- and water-efficient appliances whose use, as determined by the commission, requires a significant amount of energy or water on a statewide basis.” The California Energy Commission previously adopted minimum efficiency standards for televisions, based on a state-specified method of test. The U.S. Department of Energy subsequently adopted a federal test standard for televisions, which impacted manufacturers’ ability to certify to the CEC’s database that their products comply with existing state efficiency requirements.

California therefore published a regulatory advisory acknowledging this limitation and indicating the intent to open a future rulemaking action to establish new efficiency standards under the new federal test regime. Products outside the scope of the federal test, including outdoor products and signage displays, remain subject to existing state standards for efficiency.

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff therefore recommends that the Commission consider, via a public rulemaking proceeding, amendments to the CEC's Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1601 - 1609) re-establishing minimum efficiency standards for televisions consistent with the relevant federal test procedure.

In this proceeding, the CEC will consider establishing efficiency standards, test procedures, marking requirements, certification requirements, and any other appropriate

regulations for televisions and similar devices, including outdoor and signage displays. The goal of this rulemaking is to reduce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy and, if applicable, water consumption in the state of California. Additional changes to the CEC's appliance efficiency regulations may also be considered as necessary.

The CEC has considered the application of CEQA to the proposed Order and concluded that adoption of this Order Instituting Rulemaking is not a project under CEQA¹.

The proposed regulations, once developed and if adopted, will establish minimum levels of operating efficiency for specified appliances based on feasible and attainable efficiencies or feasible improved efficiencies that will reduce energy consumption growth rates.

III. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

1. California Public Resources Code Section 25402(c)(1)(A)(i) directs the Commission to adopt regulations that prescribe "standards for minimum levels of operating efficiency [...] to promote the use of energy- and water-efficient appliances whose use, as determined by the commission, requires a significant amount of energy or water on a statewide basis." Prior rulemakings have documented that televisions meet the criteria for consideration of standards.
2. California Public Resources Code Section 25402(c)(4) additionally states that the CEC may "(A) Increase the minimum level of operating efficiency in an existing standard [...] up to the level established in a [...] nationwide consensus standard," or "(C) Adjust the minimum level of operating efficiency in an existing standard in order to reflect changes in test procedures that the standards require manufacturers to use in certifying compliance, if the minimum level of operating efficiency remains substantially the same." Rulemaking is an appropriate public proceeding and forum for describing feasible alternatives for minimum operating standards for televisions and for identifying a preferred or recommended alternative.
3. The CEC confirms staff's recommendation and finds that the requirements to initiate rulemaking consistent with California Public Resources Code Sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), and 25402(c), and Sections 1220 - 1225 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations are met.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Commissioner J. Andrew McAllister is Lead Commissioner for this proceeding. The CEC delegates the authority to and directs staff to take, on behalf of the CEC and under

¹ The direction for staff to investigate the topic, engage in public discussion and provide recommendation to the Commission will not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

the direction of the Lead Commissioner, 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 (CEQA). Adoption of any changes to the CEC's regulations pursuant to this OIR will be by vote of the CEC at a noticed Business Meeting.

IT IS SO ORDERED

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC 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 CEC held on MM DD, YYYY.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated:

Kristine Banaag
Secretariat