ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING PROCEEDING

I. PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING

The California Energy Commission ("Commission") hereby institutes a rulemaking proceeding to consider amendments to the Commission's Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 1601-1609). Specifically, the Commission will consider establishing efficiency standards, test procedures, marking & labeling requirements, and other regulations for a variety of appliances that consume a significant amount of energy or water. The goal of this rulemaking is the reduction of excessive energy and water consumption by appliances used in the state.

This action is taken under the authority of Public Resources Code Sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), and 25402(c), and Sections 1220-1225 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations.

II. SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

This rulemaking is in addition to, and does not replace, the rulemaking activities identified in Order 12-0314-16. This rulemaking shall consider efficiency standards, test procedures, marking and labeling requirements, and other regulations for the following appliances:

- Commercial and industrial fans and blowers;
- Compressors (including air compressors);
• Hearth products;
• High color rendering index linear fluorescent lighting;
• Portable air conditioners; and
• Uninterruptable power supplies.

This rulemaking may also include additional matters as determined by the Lead Commissioner, as well as minor changes to improve the clarity of the regulations.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commission encourages public participation in this proceeding. Any person present at a hearing or workshop will have a reasonable opportunity to make oral comments on the subject matters. Information will be posted on the Commission’s webpage: www.energy.ca.gov/appliances. Anyone who would like to participate in this proceeding should register with the Commission’s Appliance Efficiency Standards Listserver at: www.energy.ca.gov/listservers (under “Efficiency Lists,” select “appliances – Appliance Efficiency Standards”). All who are registered will receive automated email messages with information regarding hearings, workshops, and updated documents.

To foster public participation in these proceedings, the Executive Director, in conjunction with their Public Adviser, shall ensure that information regarding this order and notices of hearings and workshops are distributed to all interested persons via the Appliance Efficiency Standards listserver and posted on the Commission’s website. The Executive Director shall also ensure sufficient advance public notice prior to consideration or adoption of final regulations by the Commission.

For additional information, please contact the Commission’s Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at (800) 822-6228, or via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission 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 California Energy Commission held on January 17, 2018.

AYE: [List of Commissioners]
NAY: [List of Commissioners]
ABSENT: [List of Commissioners]
ABSTAIN: [List of Commissioners]

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