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Building Energy Codes Program
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-2J
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0121

Dear Sirs:

Re: State Certification of Residential and Commercial Building Energy Codes - Louisiana

In response to Assistant Secretary Kathleen Hogan's letter of May 31, 2013, we are submitting this certification of the following actions that were taken by the state of Louisiana. These actions meet the statutory requirements related to adoption of the residential and commercial building energy codes.

These certifications relate only to 2009 IECC and Standard 90.1-2007.

- 1. Review 2009 IECC and Standard 90.1-2007:
 - a. The energy code for one- and two-family residential structures in Louisiana is Part IV: Energy Conservation of the 2006 IRC. 2009 IECC is currently being enforced in low-rise, multifamily residential structures.
 - b. ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007 is currently enforced for commercial construction.
- 2. Provide public notice and a opportunity for public comment:
 - a. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council is responsible for residential codes and holds public meetings and sends a notice of intent to modify the code to the Louisiana Senate and House committees on Commerce for oversight.
 - b. The Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal is responsible for commercial codes and provides notice and opportunity for public comment through publication of its regulations in the Louisiana Register.
- 3. Update Louisiana's commercial energy code to meet or exceed Standard 90.1-2007:

- a. The Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal has adopted Standard 90.1-2007 effective July 20, 2011.
- 4. File a certification statement with DOE on 2009 IECC:
 - a. This letter certifies that Act 390 of 2013 has been signed by the Governor, and it will update Part IV: Energy Conservation of the 2009 IRC effective January 1, 2014.
- 5. File a certification statement with DOE for Standard 90.1-2007:
 - a. This letter certifies that ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007 is the code currently enforced by the Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal for commercial construction.

As a State, we are committed to a robust energy efficiency program. In anticipation of the requirement to certify to DOE on the 2012 IECC and the certification for standard 90.1-2010, we are notifying the Louisiana State Fire Marshal, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and the Louisiana State House and Senate Committees on Commerce of DOE's determinations.

Sincerely,

Governor Bobby Jindal