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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Adoption of a Negative Declaration for Amendments to the California Appliance Efficiency Regulations.
Energy Commission Resolution #04-1215-07

Background

Section 25402 (c) of the Public Resources Code requires the California Energy Commission to adopt standards for the energy efficiency of appliances whose use, as determined by the Energy Commission, requires a significant amount of energy on a statewide basis. New and upgraded standards must be feasible and attainable and must not "result in any added total costs to the consumer over the designed life of the appliance." The added total cost is obtained by comparing the cost and performance of a typical model that the consumer would be expected to purchase with the proposed upgraded or new standard in effect, to the cost and performance of a typical model that the consumer would be expected to purchase without the proposed upgraded or new standard in effect. The Energy Commission adopted revised Appliance Efficiency Regulations on December 15, 2004. These regulations apply statewide.

Project Description

The adopted amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations consist of three parts:

a) New or upgraded standards for nineteen groups of appliances. The staff report shows that these groups are ones whose use requires a significant amount of energy on a statewide basis, and that the proposed standards are feasible, attainable, and cost effective.

b) New reporting requirements for four additional groups of appliances for which additional information would be useful to consumers and the general public, but for which there is not currently adequate information to justify new or upgraded standards.

c) Several changes for maintenance of the current regulations. These changes consist of revising California regulations to conform to federal regulations, updating of references to test methods, deletion of wording that has become obsolete, and changes to clarify wording or correct errors.

The Negative Declaration and the amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations were adopted by the California Energy Commission on December 15, 2004. The complete text of the Appliance Efficiency Regulations, and Initial Study and Negative Declaration, are available on the Commission's WEB Site at http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/documents/index.html and from both the Commission's Docket Unit (Docket No. # 04-AAER-1) and:

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Energy Commission Determination

The Commission determined that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment, and adopted by Resolution (No. 04-1215-07) a Negative Declaration and is available at all the locations identified above. Because the environmental documentation for the project identified no significant impacts, neither the finding pursuant to Section 15091 nor a statement of overriding considerations were considered or issued.

This Notice of Determination is filed with the State Office of Planning and Research by:

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