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ATTN: Building Energy Codes Program
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In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy's determinations on the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007, the State of South Carolina is submitting its statutorily required certification that we have reviewed and adopted both referenced codes.

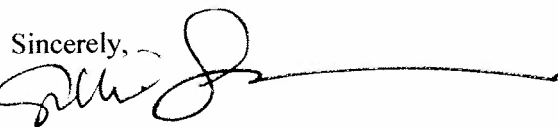
Throughout the Fall of 2010 and calendar year 2011, the SC Energy Office worked in conjunction with the legislatively established Public Utilities Review Committee Energy Advisory Council, which includes representative from the investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, state agencies and the environmental community, along with the SC Homebuilders Association and the SC Chapter of the US Green Building Council, to establish working groups and public hearings for review of the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007. As a result of these collaborative efforts, on April 2, 2012, by Act 143 (H4639) the SC General Assembly updated the SC Energy Standard to the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code/ ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007 for all commercial and residential buildings with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

Since passage and in preparation for implementation, the SC Energy Office has worked with the SC Building Code Council, code inspectors, homebuilders, the Green Building Council, local governments, non-profits, and other stakeholders to provide training and technical assistance for implementation of the new code, to establish marketing protocols to assist with educating real estate brokers, appraisers, lenders, and consumers about the benefits of energy efficient buildings, and to recognize builders that build to standards beyond the recently adopted codes.

As part of these efforts, South Carolina also began a review and analysis of the 2012 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010. Because this review is ongoing and future updated versions must also be adopted by statutory amendment, we are requesting an extension to file the certification regarding ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010 until May 17, 2014 so that it may be filed in conjunction with the certification regarding the 2012 IECC.

As we continue with implementation of the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007 and review of the 2012 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010, we have a significant need for technical assistance and incentive funding to adopt and implement updated codes and to assess compliance with current codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 803-737-9822.

Sincerely,

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