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RE: State Request of Extension for Passage of Residential Building Energy Codes

Dear Mr. Risser:

In reference to Title III of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA) of 1976, as amended, this letter serves to certify the State of Mississippi's request for an extension of time to adopt a residential energy code which is equivalent to the 2009 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) for low-rise residential buildings. In Mississippi, statewide building energy codes require the approval of the State Legislature. This year, the Mississippi Legislature established ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010 as the statewide mandatory building energy code for commercial and State-owned buildings. This was an update from ASHRAE 90-1975 (voluntary), which was the previous statewide code for all buildings, and remains the code for residential buildings. The State of Mississippi requests an extension of time until July 1, 2015 in order to establish a statewide residential building energy code.

I would like to note that funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is critical for implementation efforts of the ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010, and will be equally vital for Mississippi's efforts in the area of residential building energy codes. It is our hope that support from DOE will continue and possibly expand; this funding is critical to compliance with the new commercial energy building code in the State of Mississippi, and to the future adoption of residential codes. Incentive funding for states that have met and even exceeded commercial or residential adoption targets would provide a valuable tool for increased energy code adoption and compliance by providing the resources for successful code implementation. For states like Mississippi that do not have a robust annual budget, these funds would translate into considerable in-state resources. We greatly appreciate your consideration.

If anything further is required as evidence of Mississippi's compliance with the requirements of Title III of ECPA, please contact Dan Saucier, Energy & Natural Resources Division Policy Bureau Manager, at 601-359-2571 or via email at dsaucier@mississippi.org.

Sincerely,


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