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Washington, D.C. 20585-0121

Re: State Certification of Commercial Building Codes
Regarding Energy Efficiency

Dear Mr. Risser:

In response to the U.S. Department of Energy's July 20, 2011 notice of determination in the Federal Register regarding ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007, Alabama certifies that it has reviewed and adopted the provisions of its Alabama Energy and Residential Code to include the requirement for non-state-funded buildings to comply with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, and by reference ASHRAE 90.1-2007. The Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board adopted this code on March 12, 2012. The code was advertised and a public hearing held. The code was formally included as part of the *Alabama Administrative Code* in May of 2012 and became effective October 1, 2012. The Alabama Building Commission also adopted ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007 for all state-funded buildings. This code became effective September 1, 2010.

In response to the U.S. Department of Energy's October 19, 2011 notice of determination in the Federal Register regarding ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2010, Alabama requests a twelve-month extension until July 2014 to certify that the provisions of the Alabama Energy and Residential Code regarding energy efficiency meets or exceeds this standard. Alabama has only recently adopted the first *mandatory* energy codes in the state. An extension would allow jurisdictions the time needed to develop implementation and enforcement protocols under the currently adopted code before having to adjust to an updated version.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Heather Goggin at 334-242-5330 or heather.goggin@adeca.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

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