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Mr. Roland Risser, Director
ATTN: Building Technologies Office (BTO)
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-5B
U.S. Department of Energy,
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0121

Re: Certification of Building Codes Regarding Energy Efficiency

Dear Mr. Risser:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention previously sent a letter, dated July 18, 2013, to the U.S. Department of Energy certifying that it had adopted the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) for one and two family dwellings and townhouses and non-State owned commercial buildings, and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1-2007 for State buildings. These referenced standards were adopted through the formal rulemaking process pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Tennessee Secretary of State, and became effective on June 27, 2010. See TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0780-02-02-.01(1)(d) and 0780-02-23-.02(1)(b).

In the aforementioned letter, the State of Tennessee sought an extension until March 31, 2015, to review and to consider adoption of updated editions of the IECC and ASHRAE standards in order to comply with the certification requirements of Section 304(C) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA). However, due to the current political environment and coinciding circumstances, the State of Tennessee requests additional time, specifically December 1, 2015, in which to adopt the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2010 editions of the energy standards.

This extension will afford the state an adequate length of time to provide notice, conduct applicable public hearings and receive public comments regarding the adoption of energy standards for residential and commercial buildings. The state will utilize the additional time to complete the formal rulemaking process required by state law in order to obtain compliance with the EPCA in adopting updated energy standards.

The State of Tennessee intends to continue making significant progress toward its certification obligations under 42 U.S.C. 6833(c). It is our goal to initiate the formal rulemaking

process by May 1, 2015, and to complete the entire adoption process later this summer. With the continued assistance of the U.S. Department of Energy, Tennessee will sustain the progress reached to date and will endeavor to improve our energy efficiency standards for our citizens.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Gary L. West, Deputy Commissioner for Fire Prevention, at (615) 532-5747 or Gary.West@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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