

**MINUTES**  
**of the NRS 701.220 Regulation Hearing of the**  
**NEVADA STATE OFFICE OF ENERGY (NSOE)**

**November 10, 2011**

The Nevada State Office of Energy (NSOE) held a public hearing on November 10, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the following location:

City of Elko, City Hall, Council Chambers, 1751 College Avenue, Elko, Nevada.

The hearing was also available by telephone conference call.

**1. Call to order**

The hearing was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Stacey Crowley, director of the Nevada State Office of Energy.

Present in Elko with Director Crowley were Cassandra Joseph, deputy attorney general and Emily Nunez, NSOE management analyst.

Also present in Elko were Richard Bartholet, UNR-BEP and Ken Baker, Kenergy.

Present via telephone conference was Jim Meyers, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP)

Members of the public were asked to sign in.

**2. Director's Opening Statement**

Director Crowley started the meeting by announcing that the hearing was being conducted in Elko, Nevada and pursuant to NRS 701.225(5) to afford all interested parties a reasonable opportunity to comment upon proposed regulation R024-11 regarding the adoption of the 2009 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Director Crowley provided an explanation of the process, including the goal to adopt the 2009 IECC with an effective date of July 1, 2012, and to achieve 90 percent compliance by 2017. She stated that code books have been provided for public review at county libraries throughout Nevada; a public workshop was conducted on May 26, 2011 to solicit comment on the proposed regulation; and two hearings were held, the first in Las Vegas on October 7, 2011, and another in Carson City on October 18, 2011. She also stated that the NSOE has offered and will continue to offer additional training sessions related to the 2009 IECC throughout the next four months. She encouraged code officials and building industry professionals to attend the free trainings while they are still available.

Director Crowley then stated that pursuant to NRS 701.220 subsection 5, the director must conduct at least three hearings in different locations in the state, after giving 30 days notice, before adopting any regulations pursuant to this section. She stated this is the director's final hearing and she intends to finalize the regulations by December 2011 with the proposed effective date of July 1, 2012. She then described the handouts provided at the hearing as follows:

- Hearing notice
- LCB file number R024-11
- Exhibit A: Proposed Amendments to LCB File Number R024-11
- NRS 701.220
- Instructions for submitting written comments
- A list of libraries where 2009 IECC code books and training DVDs can be found
- A training schedule and description for future trainings
- A copy of all written comments received as of the May 26, 2011 workshop

### **3. Statement by the Deputy Attorney General representing the NSOE**

Cassandra Joseph, deputy attorney general, representing the NSOE, stated that NRS Chapter 701.220(1) states that the director must adopt the most recent version of the International Energy Conservation Code. The NSOE provided 30-day written notice in advance of this hearing to inform the public of the general topics to be discussed, namely, adoption of the 2009 International Code. Ms. Joseph stated that this is the final hearing in the adoption process. The minutes of the hearing will be posted within 30 days to allow members of the public to review them. Ms. Joseph then stated that after this hearing, the director will be submitting the final proposed changes to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for inclusion into the code and final adoption.

As for the hearing today, Ms. Joseph stated that written comments may also be submitted in addition to or in lieu of speaking. She also clarified that the director will accept written comments regarding the proposed regulation throughout the hearing.

### **4. Public Comments and Discussions**

Director Crowley again stated that the hearing is being held in Carson City, Nevada to propose the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations pertaining to Chapter 701 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and relating to the adoption of regulations for the conservation of energy in buildings, including manufactured homes, namely adoption of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 701.220.

Director Crowley then opened for public comments and asked if anyone in Elko or on the phone would like to comment on the proposed regulations.

There was no response. Director Crowley called for a 10 minute recess to allow time for additional people to appear in person or to call in to the teleconference.

## **5. Adjournment**

Director Crowley reconvened the hearing. Again she asked if there was anyone in Elko or on the telephone who would like to provide comment on the proposed regulation R024-11. There was no response. Director Crowley then stated for the record that having conducted three hearings, held a workshop, several stakeholder meetings and trainings for the public, the NSOE has given ample opportunity for public comment throughout this process and the proposed amendments set forth in Exhibit A. Director Crowley then stated that she hereby adopt R024-11 with the proposed amendment set forth in the document marked as Exhibit A and she adjourned the hearing at 1:35 p.m.