



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY

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The Governor's Office of Energy held a public meeting on December 17, 2013, beginning at 1:07 PM at the following locations:

Governor's Office of Energy, 755 North Roop Street,
Carson City, Nevada and video cast to the
Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington St., Las Vegas, Nevada.

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M., by Director Paul Thomsen. Also present were Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General on behalf of the Governor's Office of Energy, Emily Nunez, and Energy Code Ambassadors: Brenda Thompson, Don White, and Eric Simonson. Members of the public were asked to sign in, and the sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes as Exhibit A.

Mr. Thomsen advised that the regulation workshop was properly noticed and is being conducted pursuant to NRS 701.220. He also explained the process for conducting the workshop and submitting written comments regarding the proposed regulation.

2. Public Comment (1st period)

Members of the public may comment on any matter posted on the agenda, which is before the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy for consideration or action. No public comment was received and the agenda item was closed.

3. Review of the proposed amended regulation intended to implement the provision of NRS 701.220, which authorizes the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy to adopt the latest version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Mr. Thomsen explained that that the goal is to adopt the 2012 IECC with an effective date of

July 1, 2015. Handouts were provided to all participants, which included copies of the notices, adopted regulations and the proposed changes in R126-13. The regulation mainly changes reference from the 2009 IECC to the 2012 IECC, revises the cost to purchase a copy of the 2012 code, and the effective date to July 1, 2015.

4. Receive testimony from all interested persons and consider and take action on the proposed adoption of amendments, additions, and deletions to the Nevada Administrative Code pertaining to the Office of Energy.

Comments and discussions were held by the various participants and the following concerns were noted:

- Non-compliance by City of Las Vegas and Mesquite.
- Whether the GOE has plans to strengthen the state law for compliance.
- Is there a way to enforce the code to prevent non-compliance.
- How other jurisdictions across the nation are facing challenges with the code due to costs and trainings, not just Nevada.
- Undue burden to jurisdictions when they have to adopt new codes.
- State Public Works Division has already adopted the 2012 codes.

Mr. Thomsen read sections of NRS 701.220 into the record. Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General explained that changes to NRS would need to be done legislatively and therefore, decisions regarding compliance could not be made at this time. Mr. Thomsen suggested that the language in NRS 701.220 should be amended to include a timeline for adoption by local government. He also advised that if any amendments were reviewed and accepted by the Governor's Office of Energy, those amendments would be disseminated to all local government building departments. He then closed this agenda item and moved to item 5.

5. 2nd Period of Public Comment and Discussion.

Mr. Ward stated that the Open Meeting Law requires the GOE to have a public comment section at the beginning and conclusion of a meeting. Mr. Thomsen announced that the Reno Hearing would be held on January 9th, and the Las Vegas Hearing will be held on January 15, 2014. No other public comment was received.

6. Adjournment. Mr. Thomsen adjourned the meeting at 2:01 P.M.