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NOTICE OF EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD: 2011 REACH CODE ADOPTION

The division is extending the period for proposing code amendments to the International Green Construction Code, relating to the development of Oregon's first Reach Code

Extended Comment Deadline: May 28, 2010 by 5 p.m. – Comments on the proposed code MUST be submitted by this deadline.

Proposal Process:

March 23, 2010, the Building Codes Division opened the process to adopt Oregon's first Reach Code. During this open comment period, the division received requests to extend the comment period for this rulemaking. As a result of these requests, the division has granted an extension of the comment period for an additional 21 days.

The division will use the 2012 International Green Construction Code Version 1.0 as the model document for the code. The division is requesting code amendment proposals for sections of the 2012 IGCC that relate to energy efficient buildings. Proposals must include a brief explanation of the connection between the proposal and energy. Energy efficiency is defined in the charging legislation as "the use of construction and design standards, construction methods, products, equipment and devices to increase efficient use of, and reduce consumption of, electricity, natural gas and fossil fuels in buildings."

The division may consider provisions peripherally related to energy efficiency as appendices that could be adopted by local jurisdictions. Chapters 4, 5, 9, and 11 are outside the scope of BCD's authority and will not be considered for inclusion in the code. Sections 704-710 fall outside the scope of energy efficiency. The division may address these provisions through the plumbing code adoption process. Sections 804-807 also fall outside the scope of energy efficiency.

The division will utilize the public proposals submitted by the extended deadline of May 28th and discussions from a code committee to develop the Oregon Reach Code to present to the appropriate advisory board or boards by September 2010, for an anticipated code adoption date of April 1, 2011.

All comments must be received in the division's office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010. Written comments may be submitted to the contacts listed below.

Code Change Proposals:

All proposals must be submitted to the division in writing. The division has provided a form that includes the code amendment proposal criteria; the form is available at:

<http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/pdf/2652.pdf>

To view the 2012 IGCC, click on the following link:

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/11reachcode/IGCC_draft1.pdf

To submit comments, please contact:

Completed code change proposals may be sent via email to Dana.C.Fischer@state.or.us or sent to:

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Attn: Dana Fischer
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Contact:

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact Aeron Teverbaugh, Green Building Services Policy Analyst at (503) 373-2160 or aeron.teverbaugh@state.or.us or Gabrielle Schiffer, Green Building Services Coordinator at (503) 373-7418 or gabrielle.m.schiffer@state.or.us.