



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

Final Standard Revision

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Note: Amendment #2015-01f finalizes interim Amendment #2015-01i that was in effect as of July 6, 2015.

Justification:

Section 204.1.3.1 requires that HERS Rater candidates and existing certified RESNET HERS Raters must pass the new RESNET Rater Simulation Practical test. Currently the standard requires that after January 1, 2016 new HERS Rater candidates must pass the test and that existing certified HERS Raters must pass the test by January 1, 2017.

Due to the need to properly educate the rating industry on this requirement and make some technical modifications to the practical simulation test, the effective date for new raters needs to move to July 1, 2016 and for existing raters to July 1, 2017.

This is a request for an “interim” amendment that will be followed by a formal standard amendment request. RESNET Standard Manager provided the following guidance on addressing this issue:

... amending the standard is the correct approach. The way to do that quickly is the “interim” addendum/ amendment that is to be followed up with a conventional amendment. The interim amendment just requires a simple majority vote of the responsible SDC followed by approval of the SMB. No public review or comment is required for the interim amendment. That is to be followed up within 120 days with a normal amendment to make the action permanent. See the Policy and Procedures Manual section 10.11.

I think this could be handled quickly and efficiently with a single ballot that has two questions. The first approval of an interim amendment and submittal to the SMB for final approval. The second approval of a proposed (regular/“preliminary draft”) amendment and submittal to the public for comment. That way the SDC doesn’t have to keep seemingly addressing the amendment over and over.

204.1.3.1 The effective date for RESNET Rater Simulation Practical Test is July 1, 2016. Raters who were certified prior to ~~January~~ July 1, 2016 shall pass the RESNET Rater Simulation Practical Test ~~by on-January~~ July 1, 2017.