Proposed Amendment: Revision of RESNET Standards

Proponent:
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Proposed Amendment

Chapter Five

501.4.3.1.1 – Amend as follows:

RESNET shall appoint three (3) representatives of the home energy rating industry and three (3) representatives of state energy offices to serve staggered, three-year terms on the Standards Procedure Revision Evaluation Committee. The Revision Evaluation Committee The RESNET Board of Directors shall be responsible for conducting the periodic evaluation and the annual evaluation of proposals to change through a consensus process, whereby both consenting and the non-consenting opinions are documented and incorporated as comments into each report or proposal to change.

501.4.3.1.2 – Amend as follows:

Following initial evaluation by the Revision Evaluation Committee RESNET Board of Directors, proposals to change shall be posted on the RESNET Web Page for a period of not less than 30 days during which public comment shall be accepted.

501.4.3.1.3 – Amend as follows:

Following the public comment period, the Revision Evaluation Committee RESNET Board of Directors shall meet to reconcile public comments with the initial comments of the Revision Evaluation Committee RESNET Board of Directors and, if changes are determined necessary, a final set of recommended changes with consensus comments that considers public comments shall be prepared on each proposal for change.

501.4.3.1.4 – Amend as follows:

Proposals for change receiving two-thirds majority support from the Revision Evaluation Committee after public comment shall be incorporated into a set of proposed revised amendments that will be submitted to the RESNET Board of Directors for final approval.
501.4.3.1.5 - Amend as follows

After public comment proposed revisions from the Revision Evaluation Committee shall be approved by a simple majority of the RESNET Board of Directors. Rejection of proposals from the Revision Evaluation Committee shall require a two-thirds majority of the RESNET Board of Directors. Upon approval by the RESNET Board of Directors, the changes shall be incorporated into a set of revised standards. If a proposed revision fails to receive either a simple majority vote for approval or a two-thirds majority vote for rejection, it will be referred back to the Revision Evaluation Committee for further consideration.

Justification

The Revision Evaluation Committee with its composition of the rating industry and state energy offices served as a transition from the home energy rating technical standards from the National Association of State Energy Officials to RESNET. It has been over six years since the technical standards were transferred to RESNET. RESNET now has a formal standing committee structure and process for amending the standards. As the policy body for RESNET elected by its members it is appropriate that the RESNET Board have the responsibility of revising the standards.