

## Draft PDS-01 MINHERS Addendum 43 Implementation of MINHERS Standards

***Modifications to the chapters are shown below in underline/strikeout format. Red print indicates added/deleted text. Green print indicates existing text moved to a new location.***

***Revise section 103.3 as follows:***

### 103.3 Rating Software Changes

When a new version of an Approved Software Rating Tool is released, the new version shall be used for Ratings on Dwelling Units or Sleeping Units with a Building Permit Date on and after the earliest of the following timelines:

- i. The 6-month anniversary of the software release date,
- ii. If the software version was released in response to an amendment, the Transition Period End Date determined pursuant to section 502.3.2,
- iii. A date specified by the RESNET Board of Directors.

When the Building Permit Date is unavailable, the date of the HERS Rater or RFI's first site visit is permitted to be used.

***Revise section 502 as follows:***

### 502 Revisions and Amendments

RESNET Standards shall be continuously maintained and updated for circumstances including, but not limited to the following:

- i. Periodic reviews of rating program needs by RESNET
- ii. Changes in law
- iii. Technical innovations
- iv. Proposals for change from interested parties

## 502.1 Continuous Maintenance Proposals to Revise Standards

502.1.1 RESNET will accept proposals to change the Standards on an ongoing basis. All proposals that meet the criteria set forth in this section shall be accepted for consideration and evaluation.

502.1.2 Proposals to change these Standards shall be submitted in writing using the online amendment form on the RESNET website.

502.1.3 Proposals to change these standards shall include the following:

502.1.3.1 Title of Proposed Amendment:

502.1.3.2 Proponent(s) full name(s),

502.1.3.3 Organizational affiliation(s) or representation(s),

502.1.3.4 E-mail address(es),

502.1.3.5 Daytime phone number(s),

502.1.3.6 Specific proposed revisions to the standards, presented in a format that clearly identifies the manner in which the standards are to be changed.<sup>1</sup> Failure to include a specific proposed change(s) is grounds for the proposal to be rejected and returned to the proponent.

502.1.3.7 Substantive reason(s) or justification for each proposed change. The lack of substantive justification for a proposed change may result in the return of the proposals to change to the proponent(s).

502.1.3.8 Supporting documentation that may be needed for the reasoned evaluation of the proposal.

502.1.4 Proposals to change these standards shall be considered and evaluated at least annually.

## 502.2 Standards Revision Process.

502.2.1 Revision of these standards shall be conducted in accordance with the RESNET Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual for Non-“ANSI/RESNET” Standards.

## 502.3 Publication of Standards.

502.3.1 These standards shall be published in the Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating System (MINHERS) Standard, which is posted on the RESNET website. The MINHERS Standard is the official standard for the RESNET Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and shall be updated continuously as amendments are approved.

~~502.3.2 Each amendment shall be posted online following approval for publication by the Standards Management Board with its Publication Date, Effective Date, Transition Period, and Transition Period End Date, and the public shall be notified. Each amendment shall be posted online, and the public shall be notified, following approval for publication by the Standards Management Board with the following dates defined:~~

- Publication Date - The date on which an amendment is officially approved for publication with a title and/or reference number. This date indicates that an amendment is final, but it shall not be used until the Effective Date.
- Effective Date – The date on which an amendment approved for publication shall be first allowed, but not required, to be used on any Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit. ~~For an amendment that requires a change to Approved Software Rating Tools, the date by which updated Approved Software Rating Tools shall be approved and listed.~~
- Transition Period – The period of time beginning on the Effective Date, during which an amendment shall be allowed, but not required, to be used for any Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit.
- Transition Period End Date - The date that concludes the Transition Period. An amendment shall be required to be used for a Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit whose Building Permit Date is after this date. When the Building Permit Date is unavailable, the date of the HERS Rater or RFI's first site visit is permitted to be used.

502.4 Defining the Effective Dates for an Amendment. The Effective Date for each amendment shall be defined by the Standard Management Board in accordance with the following schedule.

502.4.1 The default Effective Date for an amendment shall be the earlier of the January 1 or the July 1 following its Publication Date or, if that date is less than 30 days after its Publication Date, then the January 1 or the July 1 that follows.

502.4.2 A non-default Effective Date is permitted to be defined under the following circumstances:

502.4.2.1 The Effective Date of an Interim RESNET Standard or Addendum is permitted to be before the default Effective Date.

502.4.2.2 The Effective Date of an amendment that is optional in nature and does not disallow existing methods or procedures<sup>2</sup> is permitted to be before the default Effective Date.

502.4.3 For amendments that require Approved Software Rating Tools to be updated and accredited, the Effective Date is permitted to be after the default Effective Date at the discretion of the Standards Management Board, ~~and shall not be less than 60 days after the Publication Date.~~

502.5 Defining the Transition Period for an Amendment. The Transition Period for each amendment shall be defined by the Standards Management Board in accordance with the anticipated magnitude of preparation required to implement the amendment. The Transition

Period is permitted to be as little as zero days for an amendment that does not require preparation and shall typically not exceed six months.

1. (Informative Note) For example, underline/strikeout format or equivalent.

2. (Informative Note) For example, when an amendment adds an additional compliance path for meeting a requirement without modifying or removing existing compliance paths.

**Revise Appendix B as follows:**

## **Appendix B Glossary of Terms**

**Add to and revise definitions:**

*Approved Software Rating Tool* – Shall mean a RESNET-accredited HERS® Rating Tool that has been tested and approved in accordance with RESNET Publication No. 002 and that is listed in the RESNET National Registry of Accredited Rating Software Programs  
[http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/energy\\_rating\\_software](http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/energy_rating_software).

*Building Permit Date* – The date on which the permit authorizing the construction of a building is issued by the authority having jurisdiction to issue such permits.

*Dwelling Unit* – A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

~~*Effective Date*—The date on which an amendment approved for publication shall be first allowed, but not required, to be used on any Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit. For an amendment that requires a change to Approved Software Rating Tools, the date by which updated Approved Software Rating Tools shall be approved and listed.~~

*Interim RESNET Standard or Addendum* – A time-critical standard or addendum published by RESNET in accordance with its Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual or its Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual for Non-ANSI/RESNET Standards ~~Section 10.11., which requires immediate implementation prior to completion of the final standard development process.~~

~~*Publication Date*—Following approval by the Standards Management Board, the date on which an amendment is officially published with a title and/or reference number. This date indicates that an amendment is final, but it shall not be used until the Effective Date.~~

*RESNET Accredited Software* – See Approved Software Rating Tool

*Sleeping Unit* – A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a Dwelling Unit are not sleeping units.

~~*Transition Period*—The period of time beginning on the Effective Date, during which an amendment shall be allowed, but not required, to be used for any Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit.~~

~~*Transition Period End Date*—The date that concludes the Transition Period. An amendment shall be required to be used for a Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit whose Building Permit Date is after this date.~~