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March 8, 2005

Mr. Rob Hudler, Energy Specialist  
California Energy Commission  
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RE: La Quinta Application for Early Adoption

Dear Mr. Hudler:

At the request of John Eash (see his e-mail response to me dated 2/23/05, with copies to you and Mr. Pennington), please find enclosed my letter to Mr. Therkelsen as formal application for early adoption of the 2005 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

It is the intent of the City of La Quinta to adopt and enforce the 2005 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, effective August 1, 2005. However, it is unclear to me whether I am to wait for approval from the Energy Commission or just press forward with our legislative approval process.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need any additional information on this matter.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Robert L. Therkelsen, Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-39  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Therkelsen:

Please consider this letter as an application for early adoption of Part 6, Title 24, California Code of Regulations (locally adopted energy standards), pursuant to Part 1, Title 24, C.C.R., Section 10-106(b). In fulfillment of those requirements, we hereby submit the following documentation.

1. The proposed local energy standards.

It is the intent of the City of La Quinta to adopt and enforce the California Energy Commission's adopted, unabridged 2005 *Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings* (Publication Number P400-03-001F).

2. A study with supporting analysis showing how the local agency determined energy savings.

Energy savings were determined by studies made by the California Energy Commission. Since the stated mission of the Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency & Demand Analysis Division is "to make California's businesses, homes, and appliances more energy efficient" through the development and implementation of energy efficiency building standards, it follows that any new energy standards developed by the Commission would result in an energy savings. It is the assertion of the City of La Quinta that early implementation of these standards will result in energy savings sooner than would otherwise be possible.

3. A statement that the local standards will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

Since the proposed local standards *are* Part 6, the local standards will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

4. The basis of the agency's determination that the standards are cost-effective.

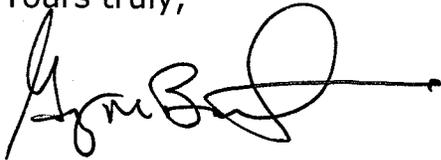
The cost-effectiveness of the proposed standards were determined by studies made by the California Energy Commission in developing the 2005 Standards.

Adopting the 2005 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards on the same date as the 2004 California Electrical Code will create less confusion for the design community and the code enforcement community. Consequently, the public will be better served.

Therefore, it is the intent of the City of La Quinta to adopt and enforce the 2005 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, effective August 1, 2005.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need any additional information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Butler', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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