



Donald Bliss
Chairman
New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

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RE: Comments of the Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP) in support of New Hampshire's adoption of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (2009 IECC)

Dear Chairman Bliss:

The Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP) supports the adoption of the 2009 IECC as the minimum statewide energy code for residential construction in New Hampshire. BCAP also recommends the separate adoption of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007, a more comprehensive commercial energy efficiency standard, for non-residential construction. We believe that the 2009 IECC and Standard 90.1-2007 – without weakening amendments – should be a fundamental part of the state's energy future.

BCAP strongly urges rulemaking to regulate the code as an effective means for the state to comply with the latest national model energy codes, as well as align it with the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). The successful adoption and implementation of the 2009 IECC and Standard 90.1-2007 will ensure that New Hampshire qualifies for the full \$25.8 million in allotted State Energy Program (SEP) federal stimulus funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (<http://www.energy.gov/newhampshire.htm>). Moreover, the code will benefit the state for years to come by reducing building energy consumption and pollution, increasing utility system reliability, creating a more comfortable living and working environment for New Hampshire's citizens, and saving homeowners and businesses money in reduced energy bills, thereby stimulating the state economy.

Building efficiency should be a central component of New Hampshire's efforts to secure a stable and prosperous energy future. BCAP welcomes the opportunity to work with the New Hampshire Department of Energy and Planning and the New Hampshire Building Code Review Board in any way we can to support the state's incorporation of the 2009 IECC for residential construction and Standard 90.1-2007 for non-residential construction. We offer our assistance to plan training and other implementation activities, should you so desire.

Regards,

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