



March 23, 2015

Steve Baden
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Re: Adoption of an Energy Rating Option for use with the 2012 IECC

Dear Mr. Baden,

In response to your query regarding our experience with our adoption of the energy rating option please find the following:

- 1) We adopted the energy rating option concurrent with our adoption of the 2012 IECC which became effective 1/1/2013.
- 2) Our SOP adopting the program states that the purpose is to provide an alternative compliance path that will allow home builders to take advantage of cost reductions associated with both subsidies from utilities and minimizing testing requirements through RESNET sampling methodology.
- 3) The alternative compliance path potentially saves the builder time by only having to schedule one inspection of the energy elements.
- 4) Very little staff training was required. The program operates very much like our existing special inspection program whereby third party certified individuals inspect certain code requirements. A note is added to model plans and a condition added to every home permit in the program that the permit will not be in "final" status until a one page report prepared by a HERS rater is submitted. (Pima County does not issue residential C of O's, therefor "final" is the last permitting status.)
- 5) We were successful in working with the other five jurisdictions within Pima County to have all adopt the same program.

We believe that the HERS rater inspections, their QA requirements and RESNET protocols provide for a more thorough inspection of the energy elements than we would be able to provide with our current staffing level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Franz-Ünder". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rich Franz-Ünder
Green Building Program Manager



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