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Subject: RE: Provide your thoughts about the IECC

Hello Mr. Pfeiffer:

New Mexico considers the current process acceptable for updating the energy Code. However, updating the national template more frequently would be beneficial. I have been involved in adopting energy codes in New Mexico since 1983. I would like to make the following points.

1. In my experience citizens or consumers of the benefits of energy codes are not at the table in most cases to express their concern. Government entity participation helps to represent the public interest.
2. Government entities provide technical assistance in adoption, training and implementation. Homeowners and builders benefit.
3. The industry has a very strong influence on the adoption process and are always preventing requirements that add to the construction cost. There is very little concern about the energy savings, cost savings and comfort benefits of new codes.
4. A standard can easily be eliminated from a requirement in the code adoption process. Generally, builders do the minimum.
5. Energy codes are extremely more important to humanity now that we are dealing with Climate Change.
6. Energy codes need to be aggressive to get to Net Zero. The technology is available to get to Net Zero.
7. Updating energy codes more often than every 3 years would help keep up with new technologies. A 2 year frequency may be better.
8. Moving to a Standards is not the solution. There is no guarantee that the standard would be updated more often to keep up with technology changes and that it would be adopted by reference like other standards.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the suggested changes.

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