Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation - Amendment 7 Consultation

Background

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (the Ministry) is responsible for the British Columbia Energy Efficiency Act (EEA). The Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation (EESR) lists the energy efficiency requirements for products under the EEA. The EESR sets standards for devices that use, control, or affect the use of energy such as windows, appliances, space heaters, water heaters, lighting and some industrial equipment. The Ministry consults stakeholders on proposals for new standards and updates to existing standards on a regular basis. There have been six major amendments to the EESR since 2006.

Amendment 7

The Ministry is proposing new and updated standards for residential windows, residential and commercial gas boilers, and computers and monitors. The amendment package also includes regulatory upkeep changes for general service lighting and commercial fenestration standards. Public review and stakeholder consultation will be open for six weeks, ending October 4, 2019. Stakeholder consultation will be followed by regulatory drafting and submission of the regulatory proposal to Cabinet for approval.

The proposed amendment delivers on commitments in CleanBC to make every building more efficient by increasing efficiency standards, and the Ministry’s 2019/20-2021/22 Service Plan to implement standards to advance energy efficiency in the built environment. The standards also support the Energy and Mines Ministers’ Conference Market Transformation Roadmap for Energy Efficient Equipment in the Building Sector.

Questions

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