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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

**GSR HERS Provider Certification and
Residential Data Registry
Applications under the 2022 Energy
Code**

Docket No.: 22-HERS-01

**ORDER TO (1) CERTIFY GSR AS A
HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM
PROVIDER AND (2) APPROVE GSR'S
RESIDENTIAL DATA REGISTRY FOR
THE 2022 ENERGY CODE**

I. BACKGROUND

The Warren-Alquist Act directs the California Energy Commission (CEC) to establish criteria for a statewide Home Energy Rating System (HERS) program. The CEC's California HERS program regulations establish requirements for home energy rating services offered by providers (including the providers' training and certification of raters) and for the CEC's certification of providers. The regulations define a provider as an organization that administers a California HERS program.¹

The 2022 Energy Code requires field verification and diagnostic testing (FV&DT) of specified residential energy efficiency measures to demonstrate compliance with the Energy Code.² This testing must be performed by raters who are certified by a CEC-approved HERS provider. Additionally, the 2022 Energy Code describes the approval process and functional and technical requirements for a residential data registry. Therefore, to be a compliant HERS Provider, the Commission must find that the applicant has met the requirements in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 20, sections 1670 et seq, and all applicable requirements in the Energy Code.³ Although the requirements mandate separate applications, the CEC may consider them together.

National Energy Testing Institute, doing business as Golden State Registry (GSR), has applied for certification as a California HERS program provider to administer the California HERS program, which includes training, certifying, and overseeing HERS

¹ California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1671.

² California Code of Regulations, title 24, part 1, section 10-103(a).

³ Requirements specified in more detail within the Energy Code include those in California Code of Regulations, title 24, Reference Appendices, JA7.8.

raters to conduct FV&DT for Energy Code compliance. GSR has also applied for approval of its residential data registry under the 2022 Energy Code. The HERS provider and data registry applications specify a scope of approval limited to prescriptive compliance of single-family residential space conditioning system alterations under the 2022 Energy Code. This order makes findings on both of GSR's applications.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

On January 27, 2023, GSR submitted an application to the CEC requesting to be approved as a HERS provider and have its data registry approved under the 2022 Energy Code. In March 2025, GSR subsequently submitted revised application exhibits in response to CEC staff inquiries.

Staff determined the data registry application to be complete pursuant to CCR, title 24 section 10-110(b), and a public notice was posted to docket number 22-HERS-01.⁴ The notice provided an opportunity for public comment, and any comments received by March 5, 2025, were considered.

Staff concluded that GSR met the requirements specified in the 2022 Energy Code as it pertains to GSR's data registry application.

Additionally, the applicant submitted documentation showing how it had met each regulatory requirement within the scope of the proposed approval request to become a HERS Provider. Submissions included training manuals, quality assurance program details, conflict of interest attestations, etc. Staff found that GSR met the requirements of CCR, title 20, section 1674 for certification as a HERS provider.

On April 14, 2025, the CEC's Executive Director concurred with these conclusions and signed a recommendation to approve the GSR data registry and certify GSR as a HERS provider. A copy of the recommendation was sent to GSR on April 15, 2025, which was at least fifteen business days before the next scheduled business meeting as required by 20 CCR section 1674(c)(5). Staff also posted the recommendation to docket number 22-HERS-01.

III. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

1. 24 CCR section 10-109(a) requires the Commission to approve a data registry application. 10-109 also provides the requirements for a complete application, which include a description of the data registry's functional capabilities, a certification statement and evidence that the requirements within JA7.8 are met, as well as inclusion of a data registry user manual. GSR has submitted an application seeking Commission approval for its data registry under the 2022 Energy Code.

⁴ Available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-01>

2. 20 CCR section 1674(a) requires an entity wishing to be certified as a Provider to submit an application to the Energy Commission. GSR has applied to become a provider and submitted an application.
3. Pursuant to 24 CCR section 10-110(a), the executive director shall determine whether an application submitted pursuant to 10-109 is complete within 75 days of receipt. The combined application was determined complete on February 14, 2025.
4. 24 CCR section 10-110(b) allows the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed modifications once an application is determined complete. A public notice was posted to docket number 22-HERS-01. The notice provided an opportunity for public comment, and any comments received were considered as of March 5, 2025.
5. 20 CCR section 1674(c) requires the executive director to provide a copy of their evaluation to all interested persons and provide the applicant and the Energy Commission a written recommendation that approves or denies the application. Additionally, 24 CCR section 10-110(f) requires the complete application package, any additional information considered by the executive director, and the executive director's recommendation to be considered at the next business meeting after submission of the recommendation. On April 14, 2025, the executive director recommended GSR's data registry and HERS provider certification be approved. On April 15, 2025, a copy of the recommendation was sent to the applicant as required by 20 CCR 1674(c)(5).
6. The Energy Commission confirms the executive director's recommendation and finds that the requirements of 20 CCR 1674 and 24 CCR sections 10-109 and 10-110 have been met. Therefore, GSR has met the requirements to be certified as a HERS provider and register single-family residential space conditioning system alterations compliance documents under the 2022 Energy Code.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC hereby certifies GSR as a HERS provider and approves GSR's residential data registry with a scope of approval limited to prescriptive compliance of single-family residential space conditioning system alterations under the 2022 Energy Code.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on May 8, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: May 9, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kristine Banaag
Secretariat