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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: Public Hearing Regarding
Proposed Regulatory Amendments to
the State Energy Conservation
Code Regulations

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DNREC Richardson & Robbins Building 89 Kings Highway Dover, Delaware 19901

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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BEFORE: Theresa Newman, Hearing Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Underwood, DNREC Jessica Quinn, DNREC

-- Transcript of Proceedings --

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1 MS. NEWMAN: We are going to start 2 tonight's proceedings. Please allow the 3 record to reflect the time is now 6 p.m. on 4 Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Thank you all for taking the time 5 out to be here with us today. 6 7 We are here this evening to provide a formal platform for the State of Delaware 8 Department of Natural Resources and 9 10 Environmental Control to receive public 11 comment on the Proposed Regulatory Amendments 12 to 7 Delaware Admin Code 2101, Regulations 13 for State Energy Conservation Code. 14 My name is Theresa Newman, and 15 Secretary Garvin has appointed me to serve as the hearing officer for tonight's formal 16 17 proceeding. 18 There is a sign-in sheet in the back of the room. For those who have not 19 20 signed in, I ask that you do so, as it is 21 mandatory to have an accurate log of all attendees. 22 23 Also, please indicate on the 24 sign-in sheet whether you wish to submit



1 comment at tonight's hearing. Those persons offering comment will 2 3 be given an opportunity to do so following 4 the brief presentation given by the department. 5 Those individuals will be 6 7 recognized by the hearing officer in no particular order from the sign-in sheet. 8 With regards to the public comments 9 10 wishing to be offered tonight, there are, as 11 in all cases with DNREC public hearings, 12 formal protocols which must be adhered to 13 this evening. Please be advised of the following 14 15 rules which are in place for tonight's formal 16 proceeding: Please mute or turn off all cell 17 18 phones for the duration of the proceedings to avoid any disruption. 19 All comment must be limited solely 20 21 to the subject matter of tonight's hearing, which is, again, the Proposed Amendments to 7 22 23 Delaware Admin Code 2101, Regulations for 24 State Energy Conservation Code.



Each person will be granted a total of three minutes to offer comment. There will be a visual timer in place to help everyone be aware of the remaining time while commenting.

If you have brought written comments with you tonight, I would ask that you present that to me when you have been recognized so the same can be entered into the record.

If you have brought another person's comment with you and you wish to speak to their comment, you may do so. However, that will be a part of the three-minute time allotment you have with your own comments, as well.

Your three-minute time allotment may then be used to offer a brief summary of the comments verbally for the benefit of those in attendance today.

There will be no yielding of time from one commenter to another. I ask that you respect the time of each person and be respectful and considerate of all comments

1 offered, even though some of those comments may differ in your opinion. 2 3 Also, there will be no Q and A 4 session permitted during the course of tonight's formal proceeding. 5 Myself and DNREC staff are present 6 7 to facilitate the receipt of public comment 8 and to participate in the proceedings. 9 Lastly, pursuant to the subject 10 matter of this hearing, all comments 11 pertinent to the aforementioned amendments 12 will be incorporated into the formal hearing record being generated in this matter. 13 14 There is only one authentic record 15 of formal proceeding tonight, and it is the 16 official court reporter's verbatim 17 transcript. 18 The verbatim transcript is being created to memorialize tonight's formal 19 hearing by the court reporter. 20 21 She can only accurately hear one In order to ensure 22 person at a time. 23 accuracy of this transcript and to be mindful 24 of the above protocols in this formal



proceeding, please do not speak while another person is speaking, and do not call out from the audience for any reason.

It is important to note that no decision has been made by the Department, nor will any decision be made tonight.

A record consisting of the transcript, verbal comments given tonight, all written comments submitted prior to the hearing, all exhibits, and my report will be viewed by the Secretary.

The Secretary will ultimately issue an order, following that review process, containing his decision of the proposed amendments and the reasons therefore.

The hearing record being generated in this matter will close 15 days from tonight's hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

All comment, whether offered verbally tonight or submitted prior to December 18th in writing, will bear the exact same weight and will be all considered equally by the Secretary prior to making a

1 final decision in this matter. With that being said, I am going to 2 3 hand it over to Jessica Quinn, who is going 4 to do the Division's presentation. 5 MS. OUINN: Good evening. My name is Jessica Quinn. I'm a planner with the 6 7 Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy. 8 The purpose of the Department's 9 proposed regulatory action is to update the 10 State Energy Conservation Code, as the 11 Department is directed by the Delaware Energy 12 Conservation Code Act in Title 16, Section 7602. 13 14 During this presentation, I will 15 review the Department's proposed regulations, 16 promulgation schedule, and enter the 17 Department's exhibits into the record. 18 After my presentation, the public will have an opportunity to provide comment. 19 The proposed regulation has been 20 21 made available for public review in the Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy 22 23 Office in Dover and in the November 1, 2019 24 Delaware Register of Regulations.



1 A legal notice regarding the 2 availability and publication of the proposed 3 regulation and the schedule of today's public 4 hearing was published in the News Journal and 5 the Delaware State News on Sunday, November 10, 2019. 6 7 Following tonight's hearing, the public record will remain open for comments 8 9 until close of business on Wednesday, 10 December 18. 11 The Department anticipates 12 promulgating the final regulations sometime in March, the spring of 2020. 13 14 The new Energy Conservation Code 15 will take effect six months after the final 16 promulgation. 17 The Energy Conservation Codes 18 establish the minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency in the 19 building sector, contributing to protecting 20 21 the health, safety, and comfort of building 22 occupants and owners. 23 Delaware currently requires ASHRAE 24 Standard 90.1-2010 and a version of the 2012



IECC that has Delaware-specific amendments.

Delaware's Energy Conservation Code
Act directs the Department to evaluate for
adoption the most recent or highest-available
version of the IECC and ASHRAE standard on a
triennial basis.

Delaware last adopted updated

Energy Conservation Codes in 2014 and began
review of the available versions of ASHRAE
and IECC in January of 2017.

Updating the Statewide Energy Code has been under consideration since January of 2017. The Department is proposing to amend Regulation 2101 to adopt by reference the 2018 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2016 in their entirety.

To reach this proposal, the

Department staff evaluated the available

versions of the IECC and ASHRAE standard,

evaluated the energy conservation codes that

are in use in other states and municipalities

in the Mid-Atlantic and northeast region, and

collected information and input from the

Delaware Energy Code Coalition, numerous

1 stakeholders, and technical experts. 2 The Delaware Energy Code Coalition 3 was convened and met 11 times between 4 March 2017 and January 2019 so the Department 5 could collect input on the available versions of the IECC and ASHRAE standard. 6 The coalition includes 7 representatives from the Delaware 8 Homebuilders Association, commercial 9 10 builders, local enforcement officials, 11 Delaware ASHRAE chapter staff, technical 12 experts from the Northeast Energy Efficiency 13 Partnerships, or NEEP, and the Building Codes 14 Assistance Project, or BCAP, and other 15 stakeholders. 16 The Department found that the 17 impacts associated with updating to the 2018 18 IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 pass cost-effectiveness tests and accrue energy 19 cost benefits to building owners and 20 21 occupants over the life of the buildings 22 constructed under these energy standards. 23 The higher energy codes save 24 Delawareans money through reduced energy



1 costs, improve building safety and comfort, and reduce environmental impact in the 2 3 building sector. 4 Adopting the current version of the IECC and ASHRAE Energy Conservation Codes 5 will increase building sector energy 6 7 efficiency, bring energy cost savings to 8 building owners and occupants, increase occupant comfort, and reduce emissions in 9 10 Delaware. 11 As such, the Department is 12 proposing to adopt the 2018 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2016 in their entirety. 13 14 The Department is presenting 17 15 exhibits provided. Here is the list of the I have them in a binder to be 16 exhibits. 17 presented to our hearing officer. Exhibit 1 is the Start Action 18 Notice 2019-04, Regulations for the State 19 Energy Conservation Code, signed on April 4, 20 21 2019. Exhibit 2 is the Delaware Energy 22 23 Code Coalition meeting agendas from March 22, 24 2017 through January 23, 2019.



Exhibit 3: Comments received by the Department between January 2017 and February 2019 from stakeholders sharing their opinions on updating the Statewide Energy Conservation Code.

Exhibit 4: A memorandum from Matt Socks of Optimal Energy, the Department's technical consultant, to Rob Underwood of DNREC dated March 20, 2019, analyzing the cost and energy impacts associated with adopting the 2018 IECC without weakening the air-tightness requirements in the Code.

Exhibit 5 is a copy of the preliminary energy costs and savings estimates of the 2018 IECC residential requirements published by the Pacific Northwest National Labs in April of 2019.

Exhibit 6: A memorandum from

Matthew Tyler of the U.S. Department of

Energy to Jessica Quinn dated October 2, 2019

regarding the preliminary results of the U.S.

Department of Energy's cost-effectiveness

study for ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 for the

State of Delaware.

1 Exhibit 7 is a memorandum from Z. 2 Todd Taylor of the U.S. Department of Energy Pacific Northwest National Labs to Jessica 3 4 Quinn of DNREC dated October 3, 2019. Exhibit 8 is a copy of the State 5 Energy Code Tracking Table published by the 6 7 Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships showing the status of Energy Code adoption in 8 the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states, 9 10 updated in October of 2019. 11 Exhibit 9 is a notice of this 12 public hearing as it appeared in the State of 13 Delaware Public Meetings Calendar, posted 14 November 1, 2019. 15 Exhibit 10: A copy of the legal 16 notice regarding the proposed amendments to 17 Title 7 of the Delaware Admin Code, Section 18 2101, as posted in the main entryways of the DNREC's Richardson and Robbins Building. 19 And Exhibit 11 is a copy of the 20 21 legal notice regarding the proposed amendments to Title 7, Delaware Admin Code, 22 23 Section 2101, as posted on DNREC's public 24 notices website starting on November 10,



1 2019. Exhibit 12 is a copy of a 2 November 6, 2019 e-mail from Jessica Quinn 3 4 sent blind copy to individuals on the State Energy Conservation Code regulations 5 Interested Parties list and the Delaware 6 7 Energy Code Coalition members, which included information from the legal notice on the 8 public hearing and procedures for submitting 9 10 public comments on this matter. 11 Exhibit 13: Affidavit of 12 Publication from the Delaware State News dated November 10, 2019 for the legal notice 13 14 advertising tonight's hearing. And Exhibit 14, an Affidavit of 15 Publication from the News Journal dated 16 17 November 10, 2019 for the legal notice advertising tonight's hearing. 18 19 Exhibit 15 is a copy of the Register Notice, proposed strike-through 20 21 language, and the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and Impact Statement Form as it 22 23 appeared in the November 1st Delaware 24 Register of Regulations.



1	Exhibit 16: Comments on the
2	proposed regulation as published in the
3	November 1, 2019 Delaware Register of
4	Regulations, received through December 3,
5	2019.
6	And Exhibit 17, the Department
7	presentation for the December 3 public
8	hearing.
9	This completes the Department's
10	presentation on the proposed amendments to
11	the Delaware Regulations governing the State
12	Energy Conservation Code.
13	And we will take the public
14	comment.
15	MS. NEWMAN: Does this conclude the
16	Department's remarks?
17	MS. QUINN: It does.
18	MS. NEWMAN: Okay. Do you have the
19	binder?
20	MS. QUINN: Yes. (Handing)
21	MS. NEWMAN: Thank you.
22	Let the record reflect that
23	Exhibits 1 through 17 as identified by the
24	Department are hereby entered into the formal



1	hearing record.
2	As the Department has no further
3	remarks, I will now open it up to public
4	comment by calling on those individuals who
5	have signed in and marked that they would
6	like to provide comment.
7	Please keep in mind there is a
8	three-minute timer for each person, and we
9	have provided a visual, as well.
10	And if you have any written
11	comment, please hand those to me at the time
12	that you are called.
13	I'm going to start with Thomas
14	Marston.
15	MR. MARSTON: And just for
16	clarification, will that be my timer?
17	MS. NEWMAN: Yes. You will see
18	three bars coming, and then you'll know your
19	time is up by the time it goes down to the
20	red bar at the end.
21	MR. MARSTON: Okay. I will pay
22	attention.
23	Good evening. My name is Thomas
24	Marston. I'm representing myself. I live at



1	986 Nabbs Creek Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland,
2	21060.
3	I was a resident of Delaware and an
4	energy expert, energy rater in Delaware, for
5	20 years.
6	And so I speak tonight on the code
7	that you plan to adopt.
8	I sat on the Code Development
9	Committee in the process of developing the
10	2018 Code, so I consider myself an expert for
11	this particular topic.
12	And I stand tonight to present the
13	code amendment to the 21 Code that has been
14	accepted and will be part of the 21 Code,
15	RE96-19.
16	The purpose of RE96-19 is to
17	provide modification to the blower door
18	requirement without minimizing or diminishing
19	the value or the intensity of the code.
20	Air leakage should be considered a
21	prescriptive path item to allow for the
22	adjustment.
23	In this amendment, the blower door
24	is allowed to be at five air changes.



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1	Although engineered consideration requires it
2	to be calculated based upon three air
3	changes, that is the stated value in the 2018
4	code.
5	The difference in building leakage
6	is made up through more intensive insulation,
7	more efficient furnace and air conditioning
8	equipment, or anything else that's already in
9	the prescriptive path of the '18 code.
10	So this is a code-neutral amendment
11	and should be considered.
12	Let's consider Exhibit Number 8,
13	other states in the region.
14	Pennsylvania has adopted five. It
15	does not consider three in their code.
16	Maryland has adopted the '18 Code
17	with roughly this amendment, so three is
18	design; five is a mandatory.
19	Jersey and Virginia do not mandate
20	a blower door and assume five air changes as
21	maximum.
22	So other states are not holding the
23	'18 Code as rigidly as Delaware may propose.
24	Therefore, I strongly recommend RE 96-19 as



I'm submitting tonight.
Thank you very much.
MS. NEWMAN: Thank you.
MR. MARSTON: (Handing document)
MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. As
Mr. Marston has handed me a document, I will
mark this as Marston Exhibit 1.
Laura Baker?
MS. BAKER: Good evening. I'm
Laura Baker from Responsible Energy Codes
Alliance.
I am here to express our support
for Delaware's adoption of the unamended 2018
IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016.
Updating Delaware's Energy Codes
will provide economic and financial benefits
to Delaware citizens, as well as technically
sound and critical updates to Delaware's
building standards.
The updated code will help Delaware
meet its climate and efficiency goals and
bring energy cost savings for building owners
and occupants.
ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 will



1 bring Delaware an additional 15.8 percent 2 savings, energy cost savings, as compared to 3 the current code. 4 The improvement to ASHRAE 90.1 include improved (inaudible) efficiency and 5 more efficient heating, cooling, water 6 7 heating, and line equipment. Updating from the 2012 to the 2018 8 IECC will bring Delaware 3 percent energy 9 10 cost savings. The improvement to the IECC 11 include more efficient stration, include 12 envelope leakage testing, and more efficient 13 lighting. 14 Delaware will also benefit from 15 increased flexibility under the new ERI 16 compliance panel. 17 These improvements benefit Delaware citizens for the lifetime each of these 18 buildings are built under the new code; thus 19 we support the Division in adopting the 20 21 unamended 2018 IECC and ASHRAE standards 90.1-2016. 22 23 I would also like to briefly 24 address Mr. Marston's comments. We believe



that getting to three air changes per hour is
very doable and is very there are a lot of
states in the area that are actually
enforcing three air changes per hour, as
Mr. Marston knows.
But we do support, if the Division
wants to move to a kind of compromise, we
would support RA96, although we do think
three air changes per hour is doable and the
preferred path.
And oh, I forgot to give my
address. My address is 1850 N Street
Northwest, Suite 600, Washington, D.C.,
20036. Thanks. (Handing document.)
This is just a copy of the comments
we e-mailed.
MS. NEWMAN: Sure.
MS. BAKER: Thanks.
MS. NEWMAN: Please allow the
record to reflect the document just handed to
me by Mrs. Baker as Baker Exhibit 1.
Next we have BJ
MR. CAREY: Carey.
MS. NEWMAN: Carey. Okay. Thank



1	you.
2	MR. CAREY: Yes. My name is BJ
3	Carey. I live at 67 Clark Court in Dover,
4	Delaware, 19901.
5	I did have the pleasure of serving
6	on the Building and Energy Code Coalition.
7	I attended a good portion of the 11
8	meetings in person and attended the rest by
9	phone, I believe.
10	My main purpose tonight is just to
11	comment on the kind of the process.
12	Throughout that process, the
13	coalition worked together, and it was a very
14	eclectic group. There was quite a few of
15	the you know, NEEP was in there. There
16	was builders in there. There was raters in
17	there. There was code officials in there.
18	And we worked through three
19	amendments that were pretty much energy
20	neutral that we thought would give the
21	builders and, you know, the raters some
22	flexibility.
23	What the lady before me said is
24	correct. Delaware does we make three air



changes per hour all the time on moderate-sized houses.

The problem is when you go to smaller houses, and particularly slab-on-grade houses, it's very difficult to get that three air changes per hour.

So we proposed -- one of the amendments we proposed was energy neutral, which said, hey, if you can't get those three air changes per hour, if you increase your HVAC efficiency, you know, it's going to make up the difference, and you're going to be able to accomplish, you know, the same energy efficiency without penalizing these guys that are building super-small houses that, you know, three air changes per hour on a 1,000 square foot slab-on-grade house is, you know, less than 400 CFMs. It's not a lot of air to lose.

We also added pan returns went in a conditioned space. Again, energy neutral, if it's within the conditioned space, whether the return is panned or it's ducted, there is no energy difference. You're still returning



the same condition there.

Then the other one concerned the installation of waterlines.

Those three amendments, we talked about them for over a year. Everybody was in agreement.

Then, at the very last minute, somebody at DNREC who never attended a single meeting throughout those amendments, and just decided to go with the code unamended.

So I just want to express my displeasure with that process.

I mean, if you had 15 people that, you know, devoted probably 25, 30 hours each to this coalition, then whoever was going to make that final decision should have at least come in and explained their thought process on why they were marking that decision and kind of talked through that with us, or at least hear some of the other — the other sides of the story, so to speak, rather than just relying on the letters that were sent by a lot of the insulation companies and the insulation companies and the



1	Thank you.
2	MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. Joe
3	Gordon.
4	MR. GORDON: Another Delawarean up
5	here. Joe Gordon, 22906 East Trap Pond Road,
6	Georgetown, Delaware, 19947.
7	I wanted to concur with BJ. We
8	actually had more than 11 meetings. We went
9	back to 2016 on this particular code cycle.
10	We had 14 meetings and with various experts
11	working out these three amendments.
12	Seventy hours spent in good faith.
13	That's two hours in time meeting, an hour and
14	a half back and forth to my office, a half
15	hour prep, and a half hour and that's not
16	even including like, you know, corresponding
17	with your associations and the rest of that.
18	That's totally separate.
19	I know I spent at least 70 hours
20	just in the meetings for this.
21	Why is it important? The
22	amendments are important I'm going to
23	outline one, the blower door specifically.
24	To use air exchanges per hour under 50



1 Pascals does not work. It's mathematically 2 biased against smaller houses. 3 Taking a 2D measurement and 4 performing a 3D calculation on it doesn't work out. 5 That 3D is our denominator. 6 And so 7 we take a measurement, right, and then we use the 3D to divide that measurement. 8 9 Well, the problem is 2D and 3D have 10 an exponential relationship. 11 A quick example, because I've got 12 the time: A 2,000 square-foot house, it's 200 feet by 10-foot. Right? We go from 13 14 eight-foot ceilings to nine-foot ceilings. 15 We've added 2,000 cubic feet to our 16 denominator, that which divides our 17 measurement. Right? 18 How much opportunity for leakage, square footage wise, have we added to that 19 200 plus ten plus 200 plus ten is 420 20 house? 21 square feet of opportunity for leakage; so there is an exponential relationship there 22 23 between the opportunity for leakage and 24 your -- the volume of the house.



What does it mean? It means that if you add up all the cracks in the house to try to find out what size hole we are trying to get to -- right -- so in a small house, you're going to have an eight-inch hole is failing and a six-inch hole is passing, where in the 3,000 square foot house on a 9-foot basement, you're going to have a 2-foot hole is failing, and then a foot and three-quarter is passing.

It's mathematically biased against smaller houses.

You don't have to put that much air seal at all in a huge house, whereas in a 981-foot square foot house on an unconditioned crawlspace with an 8-foot ceiling, it's damn near impossible to get it to three air exchanges per hour and 50 Pascals.

I really would appreciate it if you guys would have a look at the amendments that we all spent so much time working out, because that's just one. There is a lot of thought that went into those amendments and a

1	lot of people's time.
2	Thank you.
3	MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. Okay.
4	I'm going to try to say this, and I
5	apologize if I don't say it correctly. Is it
6	Bahareh?
7	MS. VANVOEKHOLV: Bahareh
8	Vanvoekholv.
9	MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. Could you
10	please restate your name and spell it for the
11	record?
12	MS. VANVOEKHOLV: Sure. It's
13	Bahareh Vanvoekholv. It's B-A-H-A-R-E-H,
14	last name Vanvoekholv, V-A-N-V-O-E-K-H-O-L-V.
15	I'm the co-chair of Delaware
16	Committee of Green Building United. We are
17	the local organization, local group of the
18	organization named Green Building United,
19	which is a non-profit organization active in
20	Kent County, including Delaware County,
21	Delaware Valley, and also Lehigh Valley.
22	We are here to support the adoption
23	of Code RECC 2018 and ASHRAE Standards of
24	90.120-16 unamended.



We submitted our comments via e-mail today, and I'm going to submit a hard copy today, as well.

We basically kind of support that it should be amended. It's really important. Delaware, under statute, we had achieving two net zero by 2025 for commercial, 2030 for residential. And to get there, this is the first step. We have to raise the floor.

But I want to use this opportunity to actually address some of my really good colleagues' comments here, Mr. Marston, BJ, and Joel.

And I had the pleasure of working with them in different capacity. We all -- in Delaware, that's the joy, that we all work together, and we all actually want to make it the best. And it's nice to see everybody is actually so invested.

I want to say I agree. I agree that it's hard. But I'm a parent. If my children come to me and they say it's hard, I will say, "I know. Go try harder, because I want you to do better."

1	I want to say that in Delaware,
2	Delaware State Housing Authority put on the
3	requirement to kind of meet Energy Star and
4	code exchange you know, three code
5	exchangers.
6	And low-income, multifamily
7	building built with the minimum financing
8	meet the three air exchanges for holes that
9	are up to 900, affordable multifamily.
10	Yes, builder have to try hard.
11	They have to check things. Again, it wasn't
12	easy, but it is possible.
13	Old Lady of Grace, another
14	low-income multifamily building, units
15	between 700 square foot to 1,200 square foot,
16	they are also built to three air exchanges
17	and less.
18	So I want to say it is hard, but it
19	is possible. They are building it ten
20	minutes from here. They are building it in
21	New Castle County.
22	And it takes some training, and it
23	takes some willing and hard work.
24	I think there are resources



1 available to provide the training and make 2 sure that people are actually building to 3 those standards. 4 It's really important to get the 5 air tightness here. We reiterated that we would like 6 7 DNREC to consider adopting the code as it is with no loosening of air tightness, because 8 9 it affects the health and safety and air 10 quality of the residents. 11 That's what I want to kind of 12 close. And I want to add our organization, Green Building United, secured funding in 13 14 considering to provide training for builders 15 so they can build better homes and higher 16 standards. 17 Nobody says it's easy. Nobody 18 says, you know, they can do it now. But it's 19 possible. They are doing it. And for Mr. Marston, above New 20 21 Jersey there are different code compliance 22 paths in New Jersey. You have three 23 different compliance paths. 24 So kind of simplifying and saying



1	they don't check may not do the justice.
2	Other jurisdictions are holding to
3	higher standard. Delaware can do it. We are
4	the first state. We have high goals. We can
5	do it.
6	We want our builders to be in par
7	with other builders. We want them to provide
8	the resources for them. We want to train
9	them. We want to empower them.
10	So even though it's hard, I agree,
11	and I agree that we are all working, we want
12	to be able to build these better homes that
13	we are all proud of.
14	So, with that, I want to state my
15	address. I live at 5 Jackson, Newark,
16	Delaware. And we would like to be part of
17	the solution to provide training to support
18	builders to build to higher standards.
19	Thank you for the opportunity.
20	MS. NEWMAN: Okay.
21	Mrs. Vanvoekholv, is this the same letter
22	that was submitted via e-mail?
23	MS. VANVOEKHOLV: Yes.
24	MS. NEWMAN: Okay. So we have



1	already your document marked as a part of the
2	record and the Department's Exhibits Number
3	16, I believe. Yes. So I will take this as
4	a copy, but we have already marked it into
5	the record.
6	Is there anybody else who has
7	signed in that would like to provide comment
8	at this time that marked no?
9	Is there anybody who did not sign
10	in that would need to sign in? Okay.
11	MR. MARSTON: A point of protocol.
12	I have had two people reference me
13	specifically.
14	May I speak to their statements
15	regarding me, my comments to this code
16	adoption?
17	MS. NEWMAN: We cannot, because
18	there is no yielding of time between one
19	commenter to another commenter.
20	If you already did your three
21	minutes of your comment, that's all you are
22	allowed.
23	However, you are able to submit a
24	written comment to whatever you would like



1	to, and that is either you can handwrite it
2	or submit it to our electronic e-mail in-box.
3	Okay. In addition to the comments
4	that were received by the Department, I do
5	have two additional comments that I would
6	like to mark into the record that were not
7	a part of the comments presented by Jessica.
8	So we have exhibit, Yerkes Exhibit
9	Number 1, comment received, and Lacey
10	Exhibit 1, comment received.
11	Okay. So, with no further comment
12	being received by the public, let the record
13	reflect it is now 6:34, and the hearing is
14	adjourned.
15	(Concluded at 6:34 p.m.)
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1	CERTIFICATE
2	I, Lorena J. Hartnett, a Notary Public and
3	Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that
4	the foregoing is an accurate and complete transcription
5	of the proceeding held at the time and place stated
6	herein, and that the said proceeding was recorded by me
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8	constitutes a true record of the testimony given by said
9	witnesses.
10	I further certify that I am not a relative,
11	employee, or attorney of any of the parties or a
12	relative or employee of either counsel, and that I am in
13	no way interested directly or indirectly in this action.
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15	hand and affixed my seal of office on this 8th day of
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