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## Memorandum

**To:** Energy Upgrade California Stakeholders **Date:** August 25, 2011  
**From:** **Energy Upgrade California Steering Committee**  
**Subject:** HERS II / IOU Whole-House Program Coordination

This memo serves as notice that the Energy Upgrade California Steering Committee (Steering Committee) will not be requiring as a standard of participation in the Energy Upgrade California Program the completion of a HERS Whole-House Home Energy Rating System (HERS II) rating for the entirety of the current investor owned utility (IOU) funding cycle, which is currently 2010-2012.

The Steering Committee will continue to encourage and facilitate the voluntary use of Independent HERS II Raters and Building Performance Contractor HERS II Raters to accomplish the onsite inspections and diagnostic testing, energy analysis, and documentation that are needed for Energy Upgrade Participating Contractors to qualify projects for IOU whole-house rebates. Additionally, specific local government programs using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds from the Energy Commission are piloting HERS II ratings through education and property owner incentives (\$300 for “test-in” and \$200 for “test-out”).

Under the auspices of Assembly Bill 758 (Skinner, 2009), the Energy Commission will be reviewing HERS II to identify areas of potential regulatory and programmatic improvement, as well as identifying similarities and differences between HERS II and other similar rating systems in use nationally for home retrofits, including but not limited to the Department of Energy’s Home Energy Score and the Energy Performance Score (EPS), developed by the Oregon Energy Trust.

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