

# HOME ENERGY TRACKERS

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Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**RE: Docket No. M-2010-2152691**  
**Training Certifications for Weatherization Installations and Audits**

Home Energy Trackers appreciates the opportunity to offer comments to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) regarding training certifications for Weatherization installations and audits.

Home Energy Trackers is a newly established sole proprietorship dedicated to creating regional improvements in energy efficiency by conducting whole-house performance audits on private residences and making recommendations for corrective action by the owners. As owner and principal analyst of Home Energy Trackers, I acquired universally recognized credentials for this work by satisfactorily completing training courses offered by the Building Performance Institute ("BPI") and the Residential Energy Network ("RESNET") at my own expense.

Through obtaining these credentials I have become qualified as a provider of home audit and inspection services within the PA Home Energy Program, funded by the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund and managed by Performance Systems Development. PA Home Energy is an official sponsor of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR New Homes programs in Pennsylvania.

Private-sector training companies and community colleges in Pennsylvania have invested in the ability to deliver energy efficiency training in accordance with the BPI and RESNET standards. I believe that these training organizations and educational institutions should be encouraged to train contractors for long-term

transformation of the home improvement market in Pennsylvania. Requiring the use of state-funded training centers would very significantly compromise the ability of the private sector to deliver these training services to their previously established markets.

It is important that Pennsylvania comply with national standards in order that our residents may easily take advantage of both national and state sponsored programs and opportunities. Adding a new layer of required training or certification can only impede progress in Pennsylvania. Both the Weatherization Program's training centers and those institutions that are training to the national RESNET/BPI standards have considerable experience in residential energy efficiency. I believe that the contributions and expertise of both groups should be recognized by the PUC.

Several Federal agencies have supported the development of the national certifications of BPI and RESNET. The U.S. Department of Energy is working on the creation and/or adoption of a common national standard that is expected by September of 2010. I feel that Pennsylvania and all other states should adopt or align with the national standard. New national programs, including Home Star and Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance, will reference national standards, not state standards. Pennsylvania's contractors and consumers could face delays and unnecessary burdens in accessing national funding if they abandon national certification standards. Pennsylvania should not create a standard that will isolate its workers from the ability to work outside the state and to participate in national programs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stanley Sattinger", is placed on a light green rectangular background.

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