RULE 1111 HIGH ALTITUDE STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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HIGH ALTITUDE INSTALLATION - KEY ISSUES

Product availability for high altitude installation – Especially for large size and downflow models

High altitude exemption

HIGH ALTITUDE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

■ Manufacturers with 14 ng/J NOx furnaces available for elevations ≥7,500 feet

Goodman ¹	Currently available	All certified models	Condensing and non-condensing (40,000 – 80,000 btu/hr)	7,800 ft without kits
Johnson Controls	Currently available	All certified models	Condensing and non-condensing (60,000 – 100,000 btu/hr)	7,800 ft with or without kits
Lennox	Available by September 30, 2021	All certified models	Condensing and non-condensing (40,000 – 100,000 btu/hr)	7,500 ft with kits
Trane	Currently available	Two certified base models	Non-condensing (60,000 – 80,000 btu/hr)	7,800 ft with kits

¹ Goodman will have all certified weatherized units available for installation at elevations up to 7,800 ft by October 1, 2021

HIGH ALTITUDE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY - DOWN FLOW AND LARGE SIZE MODELS

Downflow Models

- No downflow models for altitude higher than 5,400 ft
- Low priority for development due to its small market

Large Size Models

- Two manufacturers expect to provide large size (100,000 btu/hr) models for high altitude by October 1, 2021
- Low priority for development due to small market
- Manufacturers suggest that with energy efficiency being highly improved, large size furnace would have even less demand

HIGH ALTITUDE EXEMPTION

High altitude installation exemption

 Installers expressed concerns on product availability and requested that furnaces in high altitude areas be exempt due to small emission reductions

Staff response

- The emission reductions forgone would be permanent and cumulative overtime
 - Estimating 0.03 tons per day in 30 years, and 0.05 tons per day in 50 years
- Furnace manufacturers have invested resources to complete high altitude testing
- All manufacturers have made progress and have variety of products at different elevations
- A general exemption raises concerns with equity and compliance
- Staff will continue discussion with manufacturers, distributors, and installers to assist in resolving the disconnect between entities

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE INSTALLATION

- No extension for exemption of condensing and non-condensing furnaces installed in high-altitude areas
- Provide exemption for condensing and non-condensing furnaces installed in highaltitude areas with a downflow configuration
- Will continue to meet with manufacturers, distributors, and installers to resolve any remaining issues

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