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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 19-04

CODE: 2015 Washington State Energy Code, Residential

SECTION: Table R406.2

QUESTION: Due to the overlapping requirements of Energy Credits 1a, 1b, 1c, and

1d, is it correct that only one of the four listed options may be selected? It appears the intent of the code is to only permit the selection of one credit per category. However, as footnote a is only provided upon option 1d, it is being contested that selection of 1a and

1b is appropriate.

ANSWER: Yes, the intent is that only one of the options under the Efficient

Building Envelope category may be applied per building. The one category where this is not true in the 2015 code is the Efficient Water Heating category, where it is possible to include 5a and/or

5d with one of the other options.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Richland