



Jan. 15, 2024

To:

Kjell Andersen, Energy Code TAG Chair  
Daimon Doyle, Council Vice Chair

cc: Stoyan Bumbalov, Managing Director

Re: TAG reorganization

As the Council prepares to discuss several proposals to reorganize its Technical Advisory Groups during its upcoming Jan. 19, 2024 meeting, WASEIA respectfully requests that these comments be entered into the record.

Before TAG recruitment began for the 2021 code cycle, WASEIA, the trade association representing the distributed solar energy storage industry in Washington, petitioned the Council to add designated solar industry slots to the residential and commercial energy code TAGs. The Council approved the request, and Gavin Tenold (primary) and Jon Lange (alternate) actively served throughout the 2021 cycle as demonstrated by the commercial code change proposal creating the C411 renewable energy systems section that Gavin, Jon and WASEIA members helped craft and carry through the code amendment process

WASEIA sought the dedicated TAG slots to help inform the code from a solar perspective, and to bring our expertise as electrical contractors working directly in matters related to decarbonization to the TAG. Each of our installer member companies are licensed electrical contractors who are every day doing the vital work of full electrical panel changes, service updates, electric vehicle charger installs, and heat pump wiring, in addition to our solar and storage work.

Deployment of distributed solar will continue to accelerate over the next decade and beyond as it is a key tool in reaching the State's decarbonization goals in the residential and commercial building sectors. Moreover, builders will be increasingly using this method for energy code compliance as the code continues to tighten and our industry develops. It's crucial that energy code TAGs membership include solar expertise in the next and subsequent code cycles. WASEIA urges the Council to retain these dedicated solar industry TAG slots.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Borstelmann, President  
WASEIA