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Mr. Ken Nittler
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Dear Ken:

Re: Our recent discussions and our November 23, 1998 letter to you equating C-HERS and HERS ratings of homes in California with respect to EPA **ENERGY STAR**[®] Home certification.

Just to confirm, I am pleased to inform you that EPA will accept results of MICROPAS6 simulations for certifying EPA **ENERGY STAR**[®] Homes.

The CHEERS 1/7 sampling protocol is equivalent to our sampling protocol and therefore continues to be acceptable to EPA.

We would be interested in seeing the results of your running MICROPAS simulation results through the HERS BESTEST procedure from NREL when you have completed that exercise.

We are supportive of your possible future plans to introduce a "whole USA" version of MICROPAS as a residential energy simulation and rating tool.

We look forward to working with you in the future as rating methodologies are refined, certification thresholds modified and future technical issues resolved. If you have any questions please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn T. Chinery".

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