

COMMENTS ON COMMERCIAL HEAT PUMP PROPOSAL

Council Members,

My name is Marc Sullivan. I live on the Olympic Peninsula, near Sequim. I was a member of the Building Code Council from Jan., 1986 until the end of 1989. In 1988 and 1989 I served as chair of the SBCC, elected by my fellow members.

I was especially pleased and proud that, in 1989, the Building Code Council, with legislative support, enacted the Northwest's most forward-looking residential energy code, the first in the region to meet the standard proposed by the four-state NW Power and Conservation Planning Council. Importantly, in addition to increasing insulation levels and tightening structures against leakage, the code also provided for positive ventilation in these tighter homes. It was both an energy-efficiency and a healthy homes code.

Today, the Council has before it a parallel opportunity in the commercial sector – an opportunity to make commercial buildings energy- and climate-smart, while responding to the growing understanding that gas-fired equipment is a real and significant indoor air quality issue.

I encourage you to seize the opportunity.