



November 21, 2012

Mr. Scott Farmer  
Director of Rental Investments  
North Carolina Housing and Finance Agency  
3508 Bush Street  
Raleigh, NC 27609

Dear Mr. Farmer,

Advanced Energy greatly appreciates the efforts of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, and specifically the efforts you're Rental Investment Team has made to promote energy efficient construction in affordable housing.

We are aware that in the past ENERGY STAR version 2.0 has been specified in appendix B as a requirement, so we are sending this comment to ensure that you are aware that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 the one year provision for affordable housing to meet ENERGY STAR version 2.0 will end. Therefore ENERGY STAR version 2.0 will no longer be recognized as valid by the ENERGY STAR Program. We would like to be sure you are aware of the extensive changes that have been made to the Energy Star program and the unintended consequences that may occur if version 2.0 remains referenced, which include market confusion and the inability to receive certificates of completion which are backed by the EPA.

Advanced Energy is actively supporting the EPA's rollout of ENERGY STAR 3.0, but we also understand the hurdles that it may pose to developers participating in your program. We're happy to discuss this further and provide any support that may be needed in considering options that will work well for your developers.

Again, thanks for your ongoing commitment to energy efficiency in North Carolina and feel free to contact me if Advanced Energy may be able to offer assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Coble". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Coble  
Director of Applied Building Science