

Attachment A
Summary of Rules

TO: Arkansas Legislative Council

FROM: J.D. Lowery, Deputy Director
Arkansas Economic Development Commission

RE: Summary of changes to the Rules for the Arkansas Energy Code for new Building Construction

DATE: March 7, 2014

The attached rule (*choose one*):

- establishes new
- amends existing
- repeals

rules for administering the Arkansas Energy Code for new Building Construction provided under Act 7 of 1981.

Pursuant to Act 7 of 1981, this rule:

- Provides clarification and consolidation of language.
- Updates the minimum energy efficiency standard for residential new constructions.
- Requires all new homes constructed to include a label that informs consumers of the energy efficiency characteristics of the home.
- Requires minimum efficiency levels for windows some other features.

Pursuant to Act 1196 of 2009, this rule updates the date any city or county in Arkansas which issues building permits for new building construction to adopt the 2013 Arkansas Energy Code. The effective dates are:

Residential: 1/1/2015
Commercial: 1/1/2013

Notice of Rule Making

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission Energy Office is in the process of adopting rules for administering Act 7 of 1981. The purpose for this rule is to update the residential energy standard from the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 to International Energy Conservation Code 2009.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is soliciting comments on the proposed rules filed with the Secretary of State on March 6, 2014. A public hearing for the proposed rule will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 18, 2014 at the Jess Odom Community Center, South Room, 1100 Edgewood Drive, Maumelle, Arkansas. Copies of the proposed rule may be found on the Arkansas Energy Office website www.ArkansasEnergy.org or may be obtained by calling (501) 682-7678. Written comments may be submitted through April 9, 2014 by mailing them to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, J.D. Lowery, 900 West Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201 or by faxing them to (501) 682-7499. Comments will also be accepted via email at jlowery@ArkansasEDC.com.