

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

EO 20-04
Implementation:
Energy Code
Stakeholders

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August 19, 2025
1:30pm-2:30pm



Agenda

Topic	Lead	Action	Time
Intro	ODOE Staff	Share meeting description	1 min
Directives Summary	BCD Staff	Executive Order 20-04 and HB 3409 (2023)	3 min
Timeline	BCD Staff	2026 ORSC Adoption Draft Timeline	5 min
Working Group	BCD Staff	Working Group Summary	5 min
Current Draft	BCD Staff	2026 ORSC - Chapter 11 Draft	5 min
Proposal Requirements	BCD Staff	2026 ORSC – Proposal Requirements	15 min
Q & A	ALL	Question & Answer Period	25 mins
Wrap-up	All	Next meeting – November 2025	1 min

2026 ORSC Code Development

Oregon Residential Specialty Code – Chapter 11

- [Executive Order 20-04](#) and HB 3409 (2023)
 - Set 2029 ORSC target from 2005 ORSC
 - 60% reduction of regulated, site energy load
 - Weighted average of prototype homes
 - 2023 ORSC
 - Approximately 51% reduction
 - 2026 ORSC – Chapter 11 Base Code Draft
 - BCD Draft Results - 57-59%

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2026 ORSC Adoption Draft Timeline

- RMSB Approved Committee members – August 5
- ***Proposal Period – July 22 thru Sept 7 – Today's meeting purpose***
- RMSB Committee Meetings – Approx. Mid-September thru November
- RMSB Approvals - January 2026
- CIEB & Mechanical - February & March, respectively

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Energy Working Group Summary

- Nearly 100 invitations sent, 18 volunteered
 - **Diverse Group** - Homebuilders (4), Gas Utilities (3), Program Admin (3), Building officials (2), Electric Utilities (1), Energy Code Advocacy (1), REEO (1), HVAC Contractor (1), Union (1), Solar (1)
- Two Meetings
 - May 8 – History, Principles, Process, and Big Ideas
 - May 15 - Discussed BCD “Base Draft” for 2026 ORSC - Chapter 11

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2026 ORSC – Current Chapter 11 Draft

- **Key Concepts**

- Must select **two** measures
 - ❖ Buried ducts: Three measures and required testing
- Small Home pathway: 1,350 SF or less. One or two measures*
- When split system cooling provided: *First stage* = Heat Pump*
- Renewable energy added to 'Additional Measures' table
- ERI values lowered to match 2024 IECC
- New performance path created (similar to 2024 IECC)

**Current draft reflects Working Group feedback*

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2026 ORSC – Proposal Requirements

- Timeline – Tuesday, July 22 thru Sunday, Sept 7
- Four Main Proposal Requirements:
 - Code amendment language is in the proper format (Track changes)
 - Proposal is for “technical and scientific matters within the scope of the specialty code”, not administrative changes
 - Proposal criteria questions have been answered: Problem being solved, enforcement, fiscal impact, and impacted stakeholders
 - Additional ORSC energy efficiency proposal information is required

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2026 ORSC – Ch 11 Proposal Requirements

- Two Main Chapter 11 Proposal Requirements
 - Modeled estimated energy savings
 - ❖ 1,200-square-foot, single-family home
 - ❖ Inputs & Assumptions on [2026 ORSC Adoption page](#).
 - Increased construction costs
 - ❖ Costs above those of the base code (the incremental cost)
 - ❖ Labor, materials, overhead, profit
 - ❖ Includes alterations, repairs, change of use, or change of occupancy

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QUESTIONS?

Meeting Wrap-up



- Recording will be available
- Action items identified and distributed
- Next meeting date – November 2025
- Any questions, please send to:

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- Meeting materials:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Get-Involved/Pages/Energy-Code-Stakeholder-Panel.aspx>

- BCD:

<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/index.aspx>