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Standard for Determining and Expressing Building Energy Performance
in a Rating Program

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FOREWORD

There are many commercial entities that are rating buildings utilizing a number of different building rating systems yielding varying results. ASHRAE Standard 214 is a noncommercial consensus standard that provides uniformity in the building energy labeling and disclosure process and can be used in international, national, and regional legislation, policy making, and regulation activities.

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1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide a standardized approach and methodology for determining and expressing building energy performance in a rating program.

1.2 The purpose of this document is to standardize the content of the label associated with the energy component of a rating program and to establish minimum requirements for rating program documentation.

2. SCOPE

2.1 This standard applies to the following:

- a. New and existing buildings.
- b. The building site or campus on which the buildings are located and any accessory and appurtenant structures, energy-using systems, and equipment located on the building site.

2.2 This standard establishes requirements for the following:

- a. Disclosure of building energy use via a rating and supporting summary documentation.
- b. Modeling of buildings and building sites to estimate or predict building energy use for an asset rating.
- c. Determining energy use, with metered data, of buildings and building sites to establish an operational rating.
- d. Acceptable credentialing criteria for individuals applying this standard and reporting building energy use.
- e. Format and content of the rating disclosure, the label, and supporting documentation.

2.3 This standard is intended to be used with one or multiple energy performance metrics.

2.4 This standard applies to only the energy component of a rating program.

3. DEFINITIONS

authority having jurisdiction (AHJ): the agency or agent responsible for enforcing this standard.

building use type: the classification of a building based on its intended use as determined by the use and occupancy classification for the building that has been established by the AHJ.

certificate: a document issued by the rating program.

label: a symbol or other identifying mark of a third party, independent of the building owner, that is attached to the building. The label signifies that the building complies with the requirements of the rating program.

normalization parameter: a factor or parameter that allows for the normalization of energy use by the factor or parameter (e.g., Btu/student-yr or kWh/widget-yr) chosen to allow for expression of energy performance.

verification: the process by which specific documents, components, equipment, assemblies, systems, and interfaces among systems are confirmed to comply with the criteria described in the rating program. (**Informative Note:** See <http://www.ashrae.org/terminology> for additional terms and definitions.)

4. SCOPING OF THE PROGRAM

4.1 Parameters. The rating program shall

- a. define the parameters and methodology used to predict or measure energy use in a building,