Electrify Everything (except for...)

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## Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Why Exceptions?
How and Where Do Exceptions Fit?
Electric Fireside Chat
Small Group Exercise
Summary and Wrap-Up

## Meet Our Team



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## Why Focus on Exceptions?

Increase understanding of the implementation/enforcement experience and practical impacts of policies

- All-electric reach codes required more exceptions than previous cycles
- Existing buildings present unique challenges


## How Exceptions Fit in the Reach Code Process



## Exceptions in Existing All-Electric Reach Codes

## Specific Exceptions

Critical Facilities
Industrial / Manufacturing Process Loads
Research Labs / Institutions
Commercial Cooking / Food Processing
Electric Readiness When Gas Equipment Allowed

## General / Discretionary Exceptions

Infeasibility
Hardship
Public Needs / Public Benefits
Code-related Challenges

## How Do Exceptions Really Work?

## Specific Exceptions

Easy to assess and process
Little flexibility
Can become "targets"

## General / Discretionary Exceptions

Provides avenue to process unknowns
Flexible - can accommodate unusual or difficult site conditions

Requires (sometimes extensive) analysis to determine specific application


