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Mr. John Kenward  
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**Re: Addition of an Objective for Energy Efficiency in the  
National Building Code**

Dear Mr. Kenward:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your letters of 5 September 2008, 9 April 2009, 13 May 2009, 14 May 2009, 26 May 2009 and 15 September 2009 in which you inform the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) of the Canadian Home Builders' Association's concerns regarding the addition of an objective for energy efficiency in the National Building Code of Canada (NBC), and the use of a protocol to add an objective to the Codes.

The CCBFC has developed a protocol to add an objective to the codes that calls for input from PTPACC, appropriate regulatory agencies and key stakeholders, and this protocol is being followed for the addition of an energy efficiency objective to the NBC and the National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB).

The implementation of the protocol is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. As part of this process, the Executive Committee received input from the Joint CCBFC/PTPACC Task Group on Energy Efficiency in Houses, including a review of how the various jurisdictions are currently addressing energy efficiency in houses.

In order to assist the Executive Committee in completing Step 3 of the protocol for the energy efficiency objective, the CCBFC has requested the assistance of an external consultant to review all available documentation and recommend the rationale and basis for a policy decision to add energy efficiency as a core objective. The expectation is that the consultant's work will be completed by January 2010.

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Thank you for your ongoing interest in the development of the national construction codes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Clemmensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Clemmensen  
Chair, CCBFC