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Bruce Clemmensen, Chair
Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes
c/o Anne Gribbon, Secretary
Canadian Codes Centre / National Research Council
Building M-23A
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Re: Energy Efficiency Objective

Dear Bruce:

This letter elaborates on the discussion that took place at the CCBFC Executive Committee meeting held January 14, 2010, concerning the proposed new Code objective for energy efficiency.

As outlined by David Foster during the meeting, the CHBA recognizes the pressing need for work on development of technical requirements related to the proposed objective to move ahead expeditiously.

To this end, it is the CHBA's opinion that the *Option One 01 Objective* and the *Functional Statements* presented in the Interim Report of the Joint Task Group – Energy Efficiency Objective (JTG–EEO) are adequate to support initial work on the development of technical requirements.

The draft Objective presented in the Interim Report is as follows:

01 Energy Efficiency

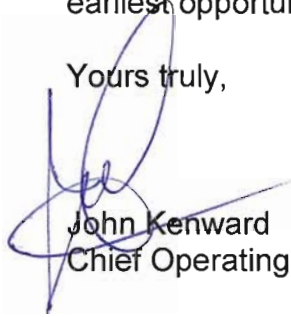
An objective of this Code is to limit the probability that, as a result of the design or construction of the building, energy resources will be used in an unacceptably inefficient manner.

From the CHBA's perspective, this draft Objective could be made more effective if the phrase *energy resources* were shortened to simply state *energy*. We believe such a change would be consistent with the direction provided by the Executive Committee on this matter.

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We would encourage the CCBFC to move forward with development of energy efficiency technical requirements on this basis. As noted in my other letters to you, also sent today, we caution that further policy guidance from the Executive Committee will be required, at the earliest opportunity, to support completion of this work.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Kenward', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

John Kenward
Chief Operating Officer

cc: CHBA Executive Board