**2.1 Code Baseline [PROPOSED CHANGES FROM T2WG 4/11]**

A Code baseline is determined by an activity or installation that would take place absent the

energy efficiency program – either as required by code, regulation, or law, or expected to occur

as a standard practice – that would provide a comparable level of service as the energy

efficiency measure. An activity or installation used to establish a code baseline must:

A. Meet the minimum requirements of California Building Energy Efficiency Standards

(Title 24 – Part 6) applicable to the baseline installation / activity

B. Adhere to applicable existing approved Industry Standard Practice guidance document

made publicly available by the CPUC or Program Administrator

C. Comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations or requirements that are

relevant to the baseline activity / installation

D. Be a normal practice or otherwise viable option that meets the anticipated functional

needs of the customer, building, or process

The correct vintage of a code or standard is established by the date of project approval or at

the date of permit issuance. The vintage of the second baseline is set by the end date of the

RUL of the installed measures and should reflect any approved standards that are scheduled

for implementation prior to the end of the RUL.

The protocols and practices associated with defining Industry Standard Practice are subject to

review and revision, subject to a collaborative working group process that is underway and

expected to conclude in early 2017. The outcomes of this working group process could result in

refinements to Code and subsequent revisions to this document.