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FOREWORD

Addendum b limits the use of Section 7.4.1.1.2, “Alternate Renewables Approach: Reduced On-Site Renewable Energy Systems and Higher-Efficiency Equipment” to building projects that are fewer than 25,000 ft² (2300 m²). This threshold is the same as that for the simplified mechanical system approach for compliance with ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1. Larger buildings will be able to comply with the standard by following either the prescriptive requirements for on-site renewables in Section 7.4.1.1.1 or the performance approach described in Section 7.5.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striketrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

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Modify Section 7.4.1.1 as shown.

7.4.1.1 On-Site Renewable Energy Systems. *Building projects shall comply with either the Standard Renewables Approach in Section 7.4.1.1.1 or the Alternate Renewables Approach in Section 7.4.1.1.2. Section 7.4.1.1.2 shall apply only to building projects where the sum of the gross conditioned and semiheated floor areas of the building project are less than 25,000 ft² (2300 m²).*

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