

## **BBRS Official Interpretation No. 2014\_04**

**Date:** May 13, 2014

**Subject:** 8th Edition 780 CMR 115AA (Stretch Code)

**Background/Discussion:**

The BBRS has adopted the *International Energy Conservation Code 2012* as the base energy code effective July 1, 2014. Questions concerning this action and how for example it may impact the Stretch Code have arisen. The purpose of this official interpretation is to provide guidance on what code is effective.

**QUESTION:** Which version of the *International Energy Conservation Code* does the Stretch Code utilize?

**ANSWER:** The IECC 2009. Note that the Stretch Code remains unchanged on July 1, 2014 and it applies to certain buildings, portions thereof and additions. (Refer to 115.AA, Section 101.2, "Scope".)

**QUESTION:** Which version of the *International Energy Conservation Code* applies for buildings, portions thereof, and additions **not** expressly regulated by Stretch Code?

**ANSWER:** The IECC 2012 with Massachusetts amendments. The IECC 2012 applies to **all** buildings not regulated by the Stretch Code throughout the Commonwealth, in Stretch Code communities and non-Stretch Code communities alike.