

# 2024 IECC

NBI has submitted proposals into the ICC process to advance the 2024 IECC. The proposed amendments cover a wide range of measures and improve the code by adding additional efficiency, clarifying requirements, and creating greater flexibility for code users and local jurisdictions. Learn more at [newbuildings.org/code\\_policy/2024-iecc-national-model-energy-code-base-codes](https://newbuildings.org/code_policy/2024-iecc-national-model-energy-code-base-codes).

## Code Change Title: Grid Integrated Water Heating CEPI-125-21

**Summary:** Requires grid-integrated controls on electric storage water heaters (37-120 gallons/ “residential style”).

### Add new definition as follows:

**GRID-INTEGRATED CONTROL.** An automatic control that can receive, automatically respond to demand response requests from and send information back to a utility, electrical system operator, or third-party demand response program provider.

### Add new text as follows:

**C404.11 Grid-integrated water heating.** Electric storage water heaters with a storage tank capacity between 37 and 120 gallons shall be provided with *grid-integrated controls* that comply with ANSI/CTA-2045-B Level 2.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Water heaters that provide a hot water delivery temperature of 180°F (82°C) or greater
2. Water heaters that comply with Section IV, Part HLW or Section X of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
3. Water heaters that use 3-phase electric power

### Add new standard as follows:

**CTA**

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Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
<u>ANSI/CTA-2045-B</u>	<u>Modular Communications Interface for Energy Management . . . . .</u>	<u>. . . . . C404.11</u>

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*With increasing penetrations of intermittent renewable energy, volatile wholesale power prices, and subsequent growth in dynamic rates/demand response programs, grid-interactive end uses present an opportunity to help homes manage their bills, participate in programs, and support efficient grid operations. Water heaters can provide many services to the grid, including generation, transmission, and distribution capacity, energy arbitrage, and ancillary services.*

*As electricity systems transform to include more variable wind and solar energy, demand flexibility becomes increasingly critical to both grid operation and further transformation. Building systems that can use energy when it is abundant, clean, and low-cost not only help decarbonize the entire energy system, they also insulate their owners from future increases in demand charges and peak hour energy rates – a current and accelerating trend. Water heaters offer an unparalleled opportunity for load shifting: tanks full of hot water are inherently energy storage devices. Including the controls necessary to take advantage of this opportunity is relatively simple and affordable in new construction. Compared to other energy storage technologies such as batteries, smart, grid-integrated water heater controls can deliver substantial dispatchable (that is, reliable to the grid operator) energy flexibility. The controls specified by ANSI/CTA-2045-B ensure negligible risk of occupant disruption (that is, the hot water will not run out). Water heaters provide a particularly attractive option as they have inherent thermal storage that allows energy consumption to be shifted with little to no impact to the end user. This capability has been demonstrated in several contexts, most recently through regional demonstrations conducted by EPRI and BPA.*