County of Santa Barbara

emPowerSBC Program

Explanation of
Authorization to Obtain Energy Use Information

Attached is an Authorization form to give permission to the electric, natural gas, fuel oil, and propane (including LPG or other bottled gas) company or companies that supply energy to you to provide energy usage information to the County of Santa Barbara for confidential use in connection with the emPowerSBC Program.

This information will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program and of the energy upgrades made to your property including the difference between your contractors' predicted energy savings and actual energy savings achieved. The data is being collected to measure program efficacy. The data will help measure the success of the County of Santa Barbara's emPowerSBC Program and assist the County of Santa Barbara in making improvements to this program.

Financial information such as payment history will **not** be requested by the County of Santa Barbara. All Utility usage information collected under the Authorization will be treated as confidential and not disclosed to any party outside of the County other than the Department of Energy, subject to applicable laws and the Privacy Act Statement set forth below.

Instructions for Completing the Authorization to Receive Customer Information form (attached):

1. Complete all customer information fields on page 1.
2. Initial next to highlighted fields on pages 1 and 2.
3. Sign and date form on page 2.

Please return the completed form to your Lender with all other required documents at the time you close the loan (after project completion).

Lender Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Fax: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 6861 of title 42 of the United States Code and 10 C.F.R. § 440.25 authorize the collection of this information. The primary use of this information is to assist the County of Santa Barbara in evaluating the energy and cost savings that result from the work of the emPowerSBC Program, and to improve the Program's future efficiency.

This information may be put to the following routine uses. It may be shared with other Federal agencies for statistical, auditing, or archiving purposes It may be shared with law enforcement agencies investigating, prosecuting, or enforcing a violation of civil or criminal law or with other agencies for the purpose of implementing a statute, rule, or order. It may be shared with Congressional offices and auditing firms. And it may be released in response to a court subpoena or a request from appropriate parties pursuant to a discovery request or similar process.