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FOREWORD

Introduction

The first version of this standard was developed in 1989 by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) as a result of efforts by a consortium including the U.S. Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) and the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA). Since that time, the standard has been updated periodically by means of SRCC's standard development process. The consensus process used by SRCC was consistent with ANSI requirements for the development of voluntary consensus standards including balance of stakeholders, transparency and due process.

In 2013, SRCC and ICC agreed to collaborate to develop an updated version of the SRCC 300-2013 standard through ICC's ANSI-approved Standard Development process to seek designation as an American National Standard (ANS). With direction from ICC's Board of Directors and the SRCC Board of Directors, the ICC Standards Council appointed a consensus committee to develop an updated standard to establish minimum performance requirements and rating of solar thermal systems.

Development

This is the first edition of the International Code Council® (ICC®) 900/Solar Rating and Certification Corporation® (SRCC®) 300 *Solar Thermal System Standard*, but it is based substantially on the latest version of SRCC Standard 300, which originated in 1989. This standard was developed by the ICC/SRCC Solar Thermal Standard Consensus Committee (IS-STSC) that operates under ANSI-approved ICC Consensus Procedures for the development of ICC standards.

The meetings of the IS-STSC Consensus Committee were open to the public and interested individuals and organizations from across the country participated. Views and objections were solicited through several public comment periods. All views and objections were considered by the consensus committee and an effort was made toward their resolution. A vote by the consensus committee approved this standard.

The requirements in ICC 900/SRCC 300—2015 are based on the intent to both update the long-established SRCC 300 standard and improve consistency with the latest model plumbing and mechanical codes in use. A task group specifically reviewed the provisions within the standard to eliminate any conflicts with codes and establish common terms and rigor. The resulting document provides appropriate protections for health, safety and welfare while avoiding unnecessary restrictions on the use of new materials, technologies or designs.

Adoption

ICC 900/SRCC 300, *Solar Thermal System* is available for reference and use by jurisdictions in both codes and incentive programs internationally. It represents an update to SRCC Standard 300 and is appropriate for use as a successor to that document. Its use within a governmental jurisdiction is intended to be accomplished through adoption by reference in accordance with proceedings establishing the jurisdiction's law.

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All ICC standards are revised as required by ANSI. Proposals for revising this edition are welcome. Please visit the ICC website at www.iccsafe.org for the official "Call for Proposals" announcement. A proposal form and instructions can also be downloaded from www.iccsafe.org.

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International Code Council Solar Thermal Standard Consensus Committee (IS-STSC)

Consensus Committee SCOPE: The Solar Thermal Standard Consensus Committee (IS-STSC) shall have primary responsibility for minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare along with minimum performance, and evaluation requirements for solar thermal systems. The requirements contained in the *International Codes* pertaining to these situations shall be coordinated with the standards developed by the IS-STSC Consensus Committee.

This standard was processed and approved for submittal to ANSI by the ICC Solar Thermal Standard Consensus Committee (IS-STSC). Committee approval of the standard does not necessarily imply that all committee members voted for its approval.

Representatives on the Consensus Committee are classified in one of three voting interest categories, General Interest (G), User Interest (U) and Producer Interest (P). The committee has been formed in order to achieve consensus as required by ANSI Essential Requirements. At the time it approved this standard, the IS-STSC Consensus Committee consisted of the following members:

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Voting Membership in Each Category

Category	Number
General (G)	4
User (U)	3
Producer (P)	5
TOTAL	12

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CHAPTER 1

APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101 GENERAL

101.1 Purpose. This standard sets forth the minimum criteria for the design and installation of *solar thermal systems*. Furthermore, this standard describes the requirements and methodology for standardized *solar thermal system* design evaluation, including the analytical evaluation of its components.

SECTION 102 SCOPE

102.1 Scope. This standard shall apply to solar energy systems used in applications for heating, cooling, dehumidifica-

tion and co-generation—generally referred to as *solar thermal systems*. This standard shall not apply to utility-scale power generation or loads provided with fluid heated by *solar thermal systems*.

SECTION 103 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

103.1 Referenced documents. The codes and standards referenced in this standard shall be considered to be part of the requirements of this standard to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Chapter 4 contains a complete list of all referenced documents.