



Red Rock Software Powers the Department of Energy's COMcheck Software

Free Energy Compliance Software Receives a New, Platform Independent User Interface Programmed Entirely in Java

SALT LAKE CITY and RICHLAND, WA., September 21, 2004 - Red Rock Software and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory today announced the release of a new Java version of COMcheck-EZ™ - a free computer software application provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) which streamlines the energy code compliance and approval process for those in the commercial building industry. The new Java version provides platform-independent user interfaces allowing the software to run on either Windows® or Macintosh® computers.

"We've worked with Red Rock Software on previous projects and their extensive experience with Macintosh programming and the Java language made them an ideal candidate for updating COMcheck," said Krishnan Gowri, senior research engineer at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. "With Red Rock's new Java interface, not only are we able to offer COMcheck to a larger audience, we have a single UI code base for both the Windows and Macintosh versions."

COMcheck-EZ provides a simple, easy-to-use application for designers, builders, and those who enforce building codes an efficient means for demonstrating energy code compliance. The latest software version, release 3.0, includes a new user interface and adds the enforceable provisions in commercial building energy codes based on IECC 2003. The software also includes provisions based on ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1989/1999/2001 and IECC 1998, 2000 and 2001 that are applicable to commercial and high-rise residential projects, including building envelope, lighting, HVAC, and service water heating requirements.

"We are very enthusiastic about our work with COMcheck," said Craig Hopson, CEO of Red Rock Software. "With Java, we are able to open the doors to many users on alternative platforms. And with the increase in COMcheck users, it is gratifying to know that we are helping to reduce energy cost and save money for potentially millions of people throughout the United States."

About The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Through its Building Energy Codes Program, DOE seeks to advance and advocate energy-efficient and environmentally sound buildings throughout the nation. Operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the Building Energy Codes Program offers a range of services and products that make it easy to update implement and enforce residential and commercial energy codes. DOE's REScheck™ and COMcheck-EZ™ compliance products include software and accompanying user's guides, videos, training materials and compliance manuals. Additional resources include technical support for energy codes users through the Building Energy Codes website at www.energycodes.gov



About Red Rock Software

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, Red Rock Software (www.redrocksw.com) has been collaborating on the specification, design and delivery of high-quality custom applications since 1994. In addition to their consulting services, Red Rock Software is the developer of Red Rock DeltaGraph 5.x for both Macintosh and Windows – an award-winning data analysis, charting and graphing application. Red Rock offers a comprehensive set of software design, engineering and management services and has produced custom desktop, Web and enterprise-level applications for companies and government agencies in the science, medical, publishing, multimedia and office automation fields throughout the United States.

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