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SUBJECT: RTAR# 2005-56, "THE IMPACT OF COMMISSIONING ON COMFORT"

At their recent fall meeting in Atlanta, the Research Administration Committee (RAC) reviewed the subject Research Topic Acceptance Request (RTAR) and voted to return it. The reasons given are:

- What will be included in the definition of commissioning? Excluded? Will this focus on one type of building, such as schools, or several building types?
- What is the value of this research to Society membership? Justification is not convincing yet-- 'research shows', which research? Please cite this research in RTAR under references
- Can enough buildings be sampled so that statistically significant data is obtained? Difficulties include: there are numerous other variables besides commissioning that will affect thermal comfort; continuum nature of commissioning; even in non-commissioned buildings there are user and operator adaptations that affect thermal comfort - thermostat adjustment, opening/closing curtains & blinds, etc. All of these things boost the required sample size, probably to astronomical levels.

Please address the above comments with the help of your Research Liaison 7.0, Wayne Reedy, (e-mail address suppressed – contact [Shipley@marbek.ca](mailto:Shipley@marbek.ca) if you want to contact him) if the TC decides to resubmit this research topic for possible inclusion in the Society's 2005-2006 Research Plan next August.