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RE: Request for Information (RFI) on Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products, Docket. No. EERE-2017-BT-STD-0062-0001

Dear Mr. Cymbalsky,

The Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), and National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) (collectively, the Joint Commenters) request that the comment period for the RFI on Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products, Docket No. EERE-2017-BT-STD-0062-0001 be extended an additional 30 days from February 16, 2018.

On December 18, 2017, the Department of Energy (DOE) released the RFI seeking comments and information in identifying potential modifications in the "Process Rule." On January 9, 2018, a public meeting was held for interested parties to provide input on potential improvements to the "Process Rule."

The Joint Commentators attended the public hearing and provided oral statements. The Joint Commentators also indicated that additional written comments would be forthcoming and verbally requested an extension to the comment period.

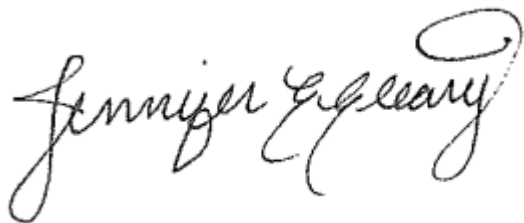
The Joint Commentators recognize their experience and unique perspectives can add value to Process Rule discussion as a whole. The Joint Commentators and its members support DOE in their efforts to improve the Process Rule. The Joint Commentators are committed to seeing a Process Rule that is fair and functional and values expediency, efficiency balanced with accountability and transparency. The RFI requests comments on specific issues that require the Joint Commentators to conduct a thorough review and proper engagement with its members. Given the significance of these issues and its future impact on DOE rulemaking and stakeholder involvement, the Joint Commentators need additional time to draft thoughtful and substantial comments that will assist DOE in developing an ideal Process Rule.

The Joint Commentators are requesting an additional 30 days added to the comment period with a new due date of March 16, 2018 for the submission of written comments. We request your immediate attention to this request. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact us.

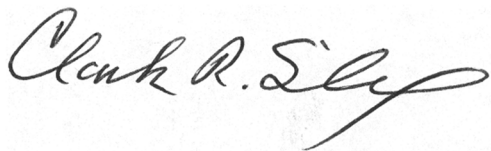
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