Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430


RIN 1904–AC22


ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This document announces a reopening of the time period for submitting comments on the framework document to establish energy conservation standards for the use of electricity for purposes of circulating air through duct work of residential heating and cooling systems (“furnace fans”). The comment period closed on July 6, 2010. The comment period is reopened from July 15, 2010 until July 27, 2010.

DATES: Comments, data, and information relevant to the furnace fan rulemaking will be accepted until July 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE–2010–BT–STD–0011 and/or Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1904–AC22, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• E-mail: FurnFans-2010-STD-0011@ee.doe.gov. Include docket number EERE–2010–BT–STD–0011 and/or RIN 1904–AC22 in the subject line of the message.


Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents, a copy of the transcript of the public meeting, or comments received, go to the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, Sixth Floor, 950 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 586–2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards first at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiated a rulemaking to consider establishing new energy conservation standards or energy use standards for furnace fans on June 3, 2010 by publishing a notice in the Federal Register (75 FR 31323). The notice informed interested parties of the availability of a framework document that detailed the expected analytical approach and scope of coverage for the rulemaking, and identified several issues on which DOE is particularly interested in receiving comment. DOE held a public meeting on June 18, 2010 to discuss and receive comments on its analytical approach and associated issues. (A transcript of the public meeting is currently available on the DOE Web page at the following URL: http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/residential/furnace_fans_framework.html) DOE announced in the Federal Register notice and at the public meeting that it would accept written comments through July 6, 2010.

The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) requested an extension of the time to submit comments. In its request, AHRI stated that because many AHRI members will be attending the ASHRAE meetings, and considering the 4th of July holiday, industry would not have adequate time to appropriately respond to all the questions and issues raised by DOE in the framework document.

Based on the number and scope of questions and issues raised in the DOE framework document (and during the public meeting), DOE believes that reopening the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments is appropriate.

Therefore, DOE is reopened comment period until July 27, 2010 to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit comments. DOE will accept comments received no later than July 27, 2010 and will consider any comments received between July 6, 2010 and July 27, 2010 to be timely filed.

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10 CFR Part 431


RIN 1904–AC19

Energy Conservation Program: Reopening of the Public Comment Period for Commercial Refrigeration Equipment


ACTION: Proposed rule: Re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 6, 2010, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Public Meeting (NOPM) in the Federal Register to announce the availability of the framework document for commercial refrigeration equipment and provide notice of a public meeting. The NOPM provided for the submission
of comments by June 7, 2010, and comments were also accepted at a public meeting held on May 18, 2010. This document announces that the period for submitting comments on the framework document for commercial refrigeration equipment is to be re-opened from July 15, 2010 to July 30, 2010.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the framework document for commercial refrigeration equipment received between July 15, 2010 and July 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the framework document for commercial refrigeration equipment, and provide docket number EERE–2010–BT–STD–0003 and/or RIN number 1904–AC19. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

* E-mail: CRE–2010–STD–0003@ee.doe.gov. Include docket number EERE–2010–BT–STD–0003 and/or RIN number 1904–AC19 in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

Further Information on Submitting Comments

Under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: one copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include:

1. A description of the items, (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry, (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources, (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality, (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure, (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time, and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

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RIN 1904–AB86

Energy Conservation Program: Re-Opening of the Public Comment Period for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers


ACTION: Proposed Rule: re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 5, 2010, the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Public Meeting (NOMP) in the Federal Register to announce the availability of the technical support document for walk-in coolers and freezers and a public meeting on May 14, 2010. On April 14, 2010, DOE published a correction notice to change the date of the public meeting to May 19, 2010 and extend the deadline for the submission of comments to May 28, 2010. This document announces that the period for submitting comments on the preliminary technical support document for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers is to be re-opened from July 15, 2010 to July 30, 2010.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the preliminary technical support document for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers received between July 15, 2010 and July 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the preliminary analysis for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers, and provide docket number EERE–2008–BT–STD–0015 and/or RIN number 1904–AB86. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods: