

ACTION: Notice of Virtual Public Forum for EAC Standards Board.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 11, 2011, 9 a.m. EDT through Friday, July 22, 2011, 5 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: EAC Standards Board Virtual Public Forum at http://www.eac.gov/virtual_public_forum.aspx. Once at the main page of EAC's Web site, viewers should click the link to the Virtual Public Forum. The virtual public forum will open on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 9 a.m. EDT and will close on Friday, July 22, 2011, at 5 p.m. EDT. The site will be available 24 hours per day during that 12-day period.

PURPOSE: The EAC Standards Board will review and provide feedback on the EAC's Status Resolutions Update, which is an update on actions taken regarding Standards Board resolutions.

The EAC Standards Board Virtual Public Forum was established to enable the Standards Board to provide comment in an efficient manner in a public forum, including being able to review and discuss draft documents when it is not feasible for an in-person board meeting. The Standards Board will not take any votes or propose any resolutions during the 12-day forum of July 11–July 22, 2011.

This activity is open for public observation. The public may view the proceedings of this special forum by visiting the EAC Standards Board Virtual Public Forum at http://www.eac.gov/virtual_public_forum.aspx any time between Monday, July 11, 2011, 9 a.m. EDT and Friday, July 22, 2011, 5 p.m. EDT. The public also may view the resolution status update, which will be posted on EAC'S Web site beginning July 11, 2011. The public may file written statements to the EAC Standards Board at STANDARDSBOARD@EAC.GOV and by copying Sharmili Edwards at SEDWARDS@EAC.GOV. Data on EAC'S Web site is accessible to visitors with disabilities and meets the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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Gineen M. Bresso,
Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Offshore Renewable Energy; Public Meeting on Information Needs for Resource Assessment and Design Conditions

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting for interested parties to provide DOE information on existing needs for acquiring meteorological and oceanographic information to support cost-effective deployment of offshore renewable energy plants, particularly wind and marine hydrokinetic (MHK) technologies.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, June 23, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, June 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Calvert at stan.calvert@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for DOE to obtain input regarding the development of accurate meteorological and oceanographic information for evaluating the energy potential, economic viability, and engineering requirements of offshore project sites. The meeting is an opportunity for participants to provide, based on their individual experience, individual information and facts regarding this topic. It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus. Rather, the Department is seeking as many recommendations as possible from all individuals at this meeting.

The public meeting will consist of an initial plenary session in which invited speakers will survey information availability and needs for various applications related to offshore renewable energy. For the remainder of the meeting, breakout groups will be used to provide participants an opportunity to present to DOE information on the specified areas regarding existing gaps in observations and computational products. These groups will be an opportunity to provide comment on information needs for the following applications:

1. Forecasting

Initialize, constrain, and improve appropriate forecast models addressing periods of hours to days ahead for winds, waves, and currents.

2. Energy Projections/Performance Monitoring

Estimate energy to be produced by an offshore renewable energy plant. Once plants are in place, information would also be required to evaluate the plants actual production and determine causes for changes in its performance.

3. Technology Design and Validation

Design and validate energy devices for the marine environment that would predictably withstand physical loads on energy devices in the marine environment while operating at optimum efficiency.

4. Facility Design

Effectively design offshore energy plants as a whole, including designs that would account for interactions among individual devices and for siting issues.

5. Operations Planning/Site Safety

Effectively schedule and execute O&M activities, including safe facility access and response to extreme events. The meeting is intended to hear from experts involved in planning, deployment, operation, and regulation of offshore wind and marine hydrokinetic energy, experts involved in meteorological and oceanic disciplines relevant to offshore energy, as well as the interested public. However, the meeting will not focus on environmental impact or management issues, which are being addressed by separate efforts. While participation is open to all interested parties, the breakout structure of the meeting will limit its overall size to about 100 participants. When the meeting is fully subscribed, registration will be closed.

To register, please visit http://www.sentech.org/Offshore_RADC_Meeting/.

Tentative Agenda (Subject To Change)

Day 1

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Registration and continental breakfast
8:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Welcome and plenary session
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

First breakout sessions

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Second breakout sessions
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Break
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Plenary session—breakout reports

Day 2

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.
Continental breakfast
8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Third breakout sessions
10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
Break
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Closing plenary: breakout reports and closing comments

Registration and Accommodations

A room-block for meeting participants has been established at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. The room block is limited and is not guaranteed after Friday, June 10.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 7, 2011.

Mark A. Higgins,

Acting Program Manager, Wind and Hydropower Technologies, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. CAC-029]

Energy Conservation Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver to Daikin AC (Americas) Inc. From the Department of Energy Commercial Package Air Conditioner and Heat Pump Test Procedures

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Decision and Order.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Decision and Order in Case No. CAC-029, which grants Daikin AC (Americas) Inc. (Daikin) a waiver from the existing DOE test procedures applicable to commercial package air-source central air conditioners and heat pumps. The waiver is specific to the Daikin VRV III-PB variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split commercial heat pumps. As a condition of this waiver, Daikin must use the alternate test procedure set forth in this notice to test and rate its VRV III-PB variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split commercial heat pumps.

DATES: This Decision and Order is effective June 14, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 431.401(f)(4), DOE provides notice of the issuance of the Decision and Order set forth below. In this Decision and Order, DOE grants Daikin a waiver from the existing DOE commercial package air conditioner and heat pump test procedures for its VRV III-PB multi-split products. DOE also requires the use of an alternate test procedure for this equipment. The cooling capacities of Daikin's VRV III-PB multi-split heat pumps in its waiver petition range from 72,000 Btu/h to 360,000 Btu/h. Daikin must use American National Standards Institute/Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (ANSI/AHRI) Standard 1230-2010, "Performance Rating of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Multi-Split Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment" to test and rate the specified models of VRV III-PB variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split commercial heat pumps, identified below, with cooling capacities less than or equal to 300,000 Btu/hr. Daikin must use the alternate test procedure specified in its interim waiver to test and rate the specified models of VRV III-PB variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split commercial heat pumps, identified below, with cooling capacities above 300,000, except that for consistency with the testing required by ANSI/AHRI 1230-2010, tests of both ducted and non-ducted indoor units must now be conducted. 76 FR 19069 (April 6, 2011).

Today's decision prohibits Daikin from making any representations concerning the energy efficiency of these products unless the product has been tested consistent with the provisions and restrictions in the alternate test procedure set forth in the Decision and Order below, and the representations fairly disclose the test results. (42 U.S.C. 6314(d)) Distributors, retailers, and private labelers are held to the same standard when making

representations regarding the energy efficiency of these products. *Id.*

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 7, 2011.

Kathleen Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Technology Development, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Decision and Order

In the Matter of: Daikin AC (Americas) Inc. (Daikin) (Case No. CAC-029).

Background

Title III, Part C of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), Public Law 94-163 (42 U.S.C. 6311-6317, as codified) established the Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment, a program covering certain industrial equipment, which includes the VRV III-PB variable refrigerant flow (VRF) commercial multi-split heat pumps ("VRV III-PB multi-split heat pumps") that are the focus of this notice.¹ Part C specifically includes definitions (42 U.S.C. 6311), test procedures (42 U.S.C. 6314), labeling provisions (42 U.S.C. 6315), energy conservation standards (42 U.S.C. 6313), and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers. 42 U.S.C. 6316. With respect to test procedures, Part C authorizes the Secretary of Energy (the Secretary) to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results that measure energy efficiency, energy use, and estimated annual operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2))

For commercial package air-conditioning and heating equipment, EPCA provides that "the test procedures shall be those generally accepted industry testing procedures or rating procedures developed or recognized by the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute [ARI] or by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers [ASHRAE], as referenced in ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1 and in effect on June 30, 1992." (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(A)) Under 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(B), the statute further directs the Secretary to amend the test procedure for a covered commercial product if the industry test procedure is amended, unless the Secretary determines, by rule and based on clear and convincing evidence, that such a modified test procedure does not meet the statutory criteria set forth in 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2) and (3).

¹ For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part C was re-designated Part A-1.