WASHINGTON, DC — The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a decision and order today to allow the use of an alternate test procedure for the energy consumption of particular commercial package air conditioning and heat pump equipment, including equipment manufactured by Fujitsu General America, Inc.

The decision and order amends a previous Department Order to allow the use of an alternate test procedure for equipment manufactured by Fujitsu General America, Inc., which DOE had requested in a previous Notice of Proposed Test Procedure. The change is intended to simplify the test procedures for the energy efficiency of this equipment.

The alternate test procedure is similar to the recently issued procedure previously prescribed to Fujitsu to use AHRI 1230 as the alternate test procedure for the same type of equipment, and AHRI 1230 is very similar to the alternate test procedure previously prescribed to Fujitsu, but will provide a more conservative estimate of the energy consumed by this equipment. The waiver requires Fujitsu to use AHRI 1230 to test and rate specified models from its Airstage V–II multi-split equipment line.

Today’s decision requires Fujitsu to make representations concerning the energy efficiency of this equipment consistent with the provisions and restrictions of the alternate test procedure in the Decision and Order below, and the representations must fairly disclose the test results.

DECISION AND ORDER

This Notice publishes the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Decision and Order in Case No. CAC–040, which amends the current waiver applicable to Fujitsu’s Airstage V–II products to require the use of Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute 1230 (AHRI) as the alternative test procedure.

DATES: This Decision and Order is effective March 5, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE issues notice of this Decision and Order in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 431.401(f)(4). In this Decision and Order, DOE amends the current waiver applicable to Fujitsu’s Airstage V–II equipment to require the use of AHRI 1230 as the alternative test procedure. Amendment is appropriate in this specific circumstance because DOE has recently issued waivers to other manufacturers using AHRI 1230 as the alternate test procedure for the same types of equipment, and AHRI 1230 is very similar to the alternate test procedure previously prescribed to Fujitsu, but will provide a more conservative estimate of the energy consumed by this equipment. The waiver requires Fujitsu to use AHRI 1230 to test and rate specified models from its Airstage V–II multi-split equipment line.

Today’s decision requires Fujitsu to make representations concerning the energy efficiency of this equipment consistent with the provisions and restrictions of the alternate test procedure in the Decision and Order below, and the representations must fairly disclose the test results. (42 U.S.C. 6314(d)) The same standard applies to distributors, retailers, and private labelers when making representations of the energy efficiency of this equipment. Id.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 28, 2012.

Kathleen B. Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Decision and Order

In the Matter of: Fujitsu General America, Inc. (Fujitsu) (Case No. CAC–040).