building codes. Today’s action would not impose a Federal mandate on State, local or tribal governments, and it would not result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of $100 million or more in any one year. Accordingly, no assessment or analysis is required under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

G. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 1999

Section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 105–277) requires Federal agencies to issue a Family Policymaking Assessment for any rule that may affect family well-being. Today’s action would not have any impact on the autonomy or integrity of the family as an institution. Accordingly, DOE has concluded that it is not necessary to prepare a Family Policymaking Assessment.


Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516, note) provides for agencies to review most disseminations of information to the public under guidelines established by each agency pursuant to general guidelines issued by OMB. OMB’s guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (Oct. 7, 2002). DOE’s guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (Oct. 7, 2002). DOE has reviewed today’s action under the OMB and DOE guidelines and has concluded that it is consistent with applicable policies in those guidelines.

I. Review Under Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211, “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use,” 66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001), requires Federal agencies to prepare and submit to the OMB a Statement of Energy Effects for any proposed significant energy action. A “significant energy action” is defined as any action by an agency that promulgates or is expected to lead to promulgation of a final rule, and that: (1) Is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, or any successor order; and (2) is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, or (3) is designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) as a significant energy action. For any proposed significant energy action, the agency must give a detailed statement of any adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use, should the proposal be implemented, and of reasonable alternatives to the action and their expected benefits on energy supply, distribution, and use.

Today’s action would not have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy and is therefore not a significant energy action. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

J. Review Under Executive Order 13175

Executive Order 13175, “Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249 (Nov. 9, 2000)), requires DOE to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.” “Policies that have tribal implications” refers to regulations that have “substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.” Today’s regulatory action is not a policy that has “tribal implications” under Executive Order 13175.

DOE has reviewed today’s action under Executive Order 13175 and has determined that it is consistent with applicable policies of that Executive Order.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF–022]

Publication of the Petition for Waiver From Sanyo E&E Corporation From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure


ACTION: Notice of re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 2, 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published the Sanyo E&E Corporation (Sanyo) petition for waiver from the residential refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedure. Comments were required to be submitted by May 2, 2012. This document announces that the period for submitting comments on the Sanyo petition for waiver is re-opened until June 18, 2012.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the Sanyo petition for waiver received no later than June 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the Sanyo E&E Corporation petition for waiver, and provide case number RF–022. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

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

• Email: AS Waiver Requests@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number [Case No. RF–022] in the subject line of the message.


Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, visit the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20024, (202) 586–2945, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 2012, DOE published the Sanyo petition for waiver from the residential refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer, and freezer test procedure in the Federal Register (77 FR 19654). The notice provided for the submission of comments by May 2, 2012. After the notice of petition for waiver was published, Sanyo provided DOE with
clarifications on certain items in its original petition, and requested that the comment period for its petition for waiver be extended so that commenters would have an opportunity to comment on the petition with those clarifications included. DOE is publishing Sanyo’s request in its entirety. The request contains no confidential information. The request includes a suggested alternate test procedure to determine the energy consumption of Sanyo’s specified hybrid refrigerators. To provide all manufacturers of domestically marketed units of the same product type additional time to submit comments on the additional information provided by Sanyo, DOE has determined that re-opening of the public comment period is appropriate and is hereby re-opening the comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by June 18, 2012 and deems any comments received between May 2, 2012 and June 18, 2012 to be timely submitted.

Further Information on Submitting Comments

Under 10 CFR part 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.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on May 9, 2012.

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

BEFORE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Washington, DC 20585

In the Matter of: SANYO E&E Corp., Petitioner.

Case Number: RF–022

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE

SANYO E&E Corporation (“SEE”) submits this Request for Extension of Comment Deadline (“Request”) with respect to its Petition for Waiver (“Petition”) filed with the Department of Energy (“DOE”) on June 1, 2011. Notice of SEE’s Petition was published in the April 2, 2012 Federal Register (Vol. 77, No. 63, p. 19654) (“Notice”) and the public comment period is currently scheduled to close on May 2, 2012. SEE respectfully requests that interested parties be granted thirty (30) additional days from the publication of this Request to file comments on SEE’s Petition so that any commenters have sufficient time to provide a response incorporating the clarifications to the Petition SEE provides below. Granting the extension will not prejudice any interested parties, and will promote the efficient resolution of SEE’s Petition.

1. SEE’s Proposed Alternative Testing Method For Its Hybrid Models

As SEE explained in its Petition, which SEE incorporates herein, SEE’s hybrid models contain design characteristics that prevent testing of the basic models according to the test procedures prescribed in 10 C.F.R. § 430, subpart B, appendix A1. Specifically, while the beverage compartment of these hybrid models is capable of achieving temperatures at or below 38 °F, the wine storage compartment of these single-cabinet units can only achieve a minimum temperature of 45 °F. As a result, it is impossible to test these hybrid models under DOE’s current testing procedures, which mandate that energy consumption be measured when each compartment temperature is set at 38 °F.

In order to properly certify and rate these hybrid models, SEE proposed the following two formulas to measure the maximum allowable energy consumption of the wine storage and beverage compartments, respectively:

Energy consumption of the wine storage compartment:

E_{Wine} = \left(ET1 + \left[ET2 - ET1\right] \times (55 ^\circ F - TW1) / (TW2 - TW1)\right) \times 0.85 \times 1

Energy consumption of the refrigerated beverage compartment:

E_{Beverage} = \left(ET1 + \left[ET2 - ET1\right] \times (38 ^\circ F - TBC1) / (TBC2 - TBC1)\right)

As SEE also explained, the K factor from CAN/CSA 300-08 6.3.1.2 and HRF-1-2007 8.7.2.1.1 was used because SEE’s hybrid models will typically have a door-opening usage aligned with household freezers, and thus 0.85 was the employed K factor (correction factor). Further, to evaluate the models in a manner truly representative of their actual energy consumption characteristics, the standard temperature of single wine coolers (55 °F) for the wine storage compartment and the standard temperature (38 °F) for the refrigerated beverage compartment was used.

Applying these proposals, and in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 430, subpart B, Appendix A1, SEE hybrid model MBCM244FW, which would be classified as a compact refrigerator with automatic defrost without through-the-door ice service and which has a total adjusted volume of 5.75 cubic feet, would have a maximum allowable annual energy usage of 436 kWh/year. Similarly, SEE hybrid models JUB248LB, JUB248RB, JUB248LW, JUB248RW, KBCO24LS, KBCS24LS, KBCO24RS, and KBCS24RS, which would also be classified as compact refrigerators with automatic defrost without through-the-door ice service and which have a total adjusted volume of 5.41 cubic feet, would have a maximum allowable annual energy usage of 431 kWh/year.

2. Clarification Of SEE Proposed Alternative Testing Method

In its Notice, DOE stated that “we also note that the energy consumption of the basic models detailed in Sanyo’s...
petition suggests that these products, when tested in accordance with the alternate test procedure Sanyo is requesting to use, would appear to use an amount of energy that exceeds the energy conservation standards for the likely product classes that would apply.” Notice at 19655. See apologizes for any confusion caused by the proposed formulas in its Petition, as SEE did not mean to suggest that 436 kWh/year and 431 kWh/year were the actual energy consumption values for the applicable hybrid models. Rather, SEE was attempting to demonstrate that these energy consumption figures would be the theoretical maximum allowable annual values under SEE’s proposed alternative testing method. In order to avoid further confusion, SEE provides below a more detailed explanation as to how it derived these maximum allowable values.

With respect to basic model MBMC24FWBS, the total adjusted volume of the beverage compartment is 2.8 cubic feet, while the total adjusted volume of the wine storage compartment is 2.95 cubic feet, for a total adjusted volume of 5.75 cubic feet. To calculate the maximum allowable annual energy consumption figure, however, SEE first calculated the maximum allowable energy consumption of this model as if it were entirely governed by the current CAN/CSA–C300–08 type 20 wine chiller:

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\text{Annual energy consumption} = \frac{2.8}{5.75} \times 355 \text{ kWh/year} = 424 \text{ kWh/year}
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\text{Combined standard:} \quad (424 \text{ kWh/year} \times 2.8/5.41) + (438 \text{ kWh/year} \times 2.61/5.41) = 431 \text{ kWh/year}
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Thus, the 436 kWh/year and 431 kWh/year figures reflect the weighted average of the maximum allowable energy consumption standard pertaining to class 13 all-refrigerators, as applied to SEE’s hybrid models’ beverage compartment, and the CAN/CSA–C300–08 type 20 standard for wine chillers, as applied to SEE’s hybrid models’ wine storage compartment. SEE realizes that the bases for these figures may not have been entirely clear from SEE’s Petition, and therefore SEE respectfully requests that DOE publish this clarification in order to provide interested parties with a more thorough understanding of how SEE derived its proposed alternative testing method and related maximum allowable energy consumption figures. SEE further requests that interested parties be granted thirty (30) additional days from the publication of this Request to file comments on SEE’s Petition so that interested parties have sufficient time to provide a proper response without the need for an additional round of comments.

If DOE requires any additional information to properly consider SEE’s Petition, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12968–001]

City of Norwich Department of Public Utilities; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included in or Eligible for Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

Rule 10.30 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that, to eliminate unnecessary expense or improve administrative efficiency, the Secretary may establish a restricted service list for a particular phase or issue in a proceeding. The restricted service list should contain the names of persons on the service list who, in the judgment of the decisional authority establishing the list, are active participants with respect to the phase or issue in the proceeding for which the list is established.

The Commission staff is consulting with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (hereinafter, Connecticut SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (hereinafter, Advisory Council) pursuant to the Advisory Council’s regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, implementing section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. section 470f), to prepare and execute a programmatic agreement for managing properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places that could be affected by issuance of a new license for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project No. 12968–001.

The programmatic agreement, when executed by the Commission and the Connecticut SHPO would satisfy the Commission’s section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings carried out in accordance with the license until the license expires or is terminated (36 CFR 800.13(e)). The Commission’s responsibilities pursuant to section 106 for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project would be fulfilled through the programmatic agreement, which the Commission proposes to draft in consultation with certain parties listed below. The executed programmatic agreement would be incorporated into any Order issuing a license.

City of Norwich Department of Public Utilities, as the competitor applicant for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project No. 12968–001.