Counsel, the title has been shortened to Labor Relations; (3) Type of Request: Renewal; (4) Purpose: The proposed collection will request information from the Department of Energy Facilities Management Contractors for contract administration, management oversight and cost control. This information is used to ensure that Department contractors maintain good labor relations and retain a workforce in accordance with the terms of their contract and in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements as identified by contract. The respondents are Department Management and Operations and Facility Management Contractors; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 35; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 35; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1.84 per respondent for total of 64.4 per year; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: $8,310.80.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7254, 7256.

Issued in Washington, DC, on: July 25, 2012.

Jean S. Stucky,
Assistant General Counsel for Labor and Pension Law, Office of the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Briefings on Preliminary Findings of 2012 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of upcoming webinars.

SUMMARY: Section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) to complete a study of electric transmission congestion every three years, DOE previously issued the 2006 and 2009 studies and is currently developing the 2012 study. DOE, as part of the consultation process, will host three webinars in August 2012 to receive input and suggestions concerning the preliminary findings of the study. After the webinars, DOE will release a draft of the study for public comment. After reviewing and considering the comments received, DOE will publish a final version of the study.

DATES: The webinars are open to the public and will be held on three dates in August:

- Thursday, August 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.
- Tuesday, August 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF–024]

Petition for Waiver of LG Electronics, Inc. From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure and Grant of Interim Waiver


ACTION: Notice of Petition for Waiver, Notice of Granting Application for Interim Waiver, and Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of a petition for waiver from LG Electronics, Inc. (LG) regarding specified portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers. It also grants LG with an interim waiver from that procedure. The waiver request pertains to the basic models set forth in LG’s petition that incorporate dual compressors. In its petition, LG provides an alternate test procedure that addresses difficulties in testing dual compressor systems according to the DOE test procedure. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning LG’s petition and the suggested alternate test procedure.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the LG Petition until, but no later than August 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by case number “RF–024,” by any of the following methods:

- Email: AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number [Case No. RF–024] in the subject line of the message.


Docket: For access to the docket to review the background documents.
relevant to this matter, you may visit the U.S. Department of Energy, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024; (202) 586–2945, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Available documents include the following items: (1) This notice; (2) public comments received; (3) the petition for waiver and application for interim waiver; and (4) prior DOE rulemakings regarding similar refrigerator-freezers. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background and Authority

Title III, Part B of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), Public Law 94–163 (42 U.S.C. 6291–6309), as codified, established the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles, a conservation program for consumer products. 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix A1. On June 28, 2012, LG amended its request by revising the list of particular models covered by its request. The May 2012 request initially covered a number of LG and Kenmore-branded products; the June 2012 request revised this list to include only certain LG models. LG is seeking a waiver because it is developing new refrigerator-freezers that incorporate a dual compressor design that is not contemplated under DOE’s test procedure. In its petition, LG seeks a waiver from the existing DOE test procedure applicable to refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers under 10 CFR Part 430 for LG’s dual compressor products. LG states that its dual compressor product line containing dual compressors. Therefore, it is ordered that:
The application for interim waiver filed by LG is hereby granted for LG’s refrigerator-freezer product lines that incorporate dual compressors subject to the following specifications and conditions:

1. LG shall be required to test and rate its refrigerator-freezer product line containing dual compressors according to the alternate test procedure as set forth in section IV, “Alternate test procedure.”

2. The interim waiver applies to the following basic model groups:

   **LG Brand**
   - LFX32955**
   - LFX33955**
   - LFX34955**
   - LMX32955**
   - LMX33955**
   - LMX34955**

   **Note:** Each “**” represents a letter.

   DOE makes decisions on waivers and interim waivers for only those models specifically set out in the petition, not future models that may be manufactured by the petitioner. LG may submit a new or amended petition for waiver and request for grant of interim waiver, as appropriate, for additional models of refrigerator-freezers for which it seeks a waiver from the DOE test procedure. In addition, DOE notes that granting of an interim waiver or waiver does not release a petitioner from the certification requirements set forth at 10 CFR part 429.

Further, this interim waiver is conditioned upon the presumption validity of statements, representations, and documents provided by the petitioner. DOE may revoke or modify this interim waiver at any time upon a determination that the factual basis underlying the petition for waiver is incorrect, or upon a determination that the results from the alternate test procedure are unrepresentative of the basic models’ true energy consumption characteristics.

IV. Alternate Test Procedure

For the duration of the interim waiver, LG shall be required to test the products listed above according to the test procedures for residential electric refrigerator-freezers prescribed by DOE at 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, Appendix A1, except that, for the LG products listed above only, replace the multiple defrost system section 5.2.1.4 of Appendix A1 with the following:

5.2.1.4 Dual Compressor Systems with Dual Automatic Defrost. The two-part test method in section 4.2.1 must be used, and the energy consumption in kilowatt-hours per day shall be calculated equivalent to:

\[ ET = \left( \frac{1440 \times EP1}{T1} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{D} \left[ \left( EP2i - \left( EP1 \times T2i/T1 \right) \right) \times \left( \frac{12}{CTi} \right) \right] \]

Where:
- 1440 = number of minutes in a day;
- \( ET \) is the test cycle energy (kWh/day);
- \( D \) is the total number of defrost system
- \( T1 \) is the length of time for EP1 (minutes);
- \( T2i \) is the length of time (defrost) part of the test being conducted for compartment 1. (kWh);
- \( CTi \) is the compressor on time between defrosts for only compartment 1. \( CTi \) for compartment i with long time automatic defrost system is calculated as per 10 CFR part 430, Subpart B, Appendix A1 clause 5.2.1.2. CTi for compartment i with variable defrost system is calculated as per 10 CFR part 430 subpart B appendix A1 clause 5.2.1.3. (hours rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour).

Stabilization:

The test shall start after a minimum 24 hours stabilization run for each temperature control setting.

Steady State for EP1:

The temperature average for the first and last compressor cycle of the test period must be within 1.0 [degrees] F (0.6 [degrees] C) of the test period temperature average for each compartment. Make this determination for the fresh food compartment for the fresh food compressor cycles closest to the start and end of the test period. If multiple segments are used for test period 1, each segment must comply with above requirement.

Steady State for EP2i:

The second (defrost) part of the test must be preceded and followed by regular compressor cycles. The temperature average for the first and last compressor cycle of the test period must be within 1.0 [degrees] F (0.6 [degrees] C) of the EP1 test period temperature average for each compartment.

Test Period for EP2i, T2i:

EP2i includes precool, defrost, and recovery time for compartment i, as well as sufficient dual compressor steady state run cycles to allow T2i to be at least 24 hours. The test period shall start at the end of a regular freezer compressor on-cycle after the previous defrost occurrence (refrigerator or freezer). The test period also includes the target defrost and following regular freezer compressor cycles, ending at the end of a regular freezer compressor on-cycle before the next defrost occurrence (refrigerator or freezer). If the previous condition does not meet 24 hours time, additional EP1 steady state segment data could be included. Steady state run cycle data can be utilized in EP1 and EP2i.

Test Measurement Frequency

Measurements shall be taken at regular interval not exceeding 1 minute. [End of 5.2.1.4]

V. Summary and Request for Comments

Through today's notice, DOE grants LG an interim waiver from the specified portions of the test procedure applicable to LG's line of refrigerator-freezers with dual compressors and announces receipt of LG’s petition for waiver from those same portions of the test procedure. DOE publishes LG’s petition for waiver pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(b)(1)(iv). The petition includes a suggested alternate test procedure to determine the energy consumption of LG’s specified refrigerator-freezers with dual compressors. LG is required to follow this alternate procedure as a condition of its interim waiver, and DOE is considering including this alternate procedure in its subsequent Decision and Order.

DOE solicits comments from interested parties on all aspects of the petition, including the suggested alternate test procedure and calculation methodology. Pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(b)(1)(iv), any person submitting written comments to DOE must also send a copy of such comments to the petitioner. The contact information for the petitioner is: John I. Taylor, Vice President, Government Relations and Communications, LG Electronics USA, Inc., 1776 K Street NW., Washington,
Dear Assistant Secretary Danielson:

Re: Petition for Waiver and Application

Washington, DC 20585
Forrestal Building
Mail Station EE–1
United States Department of Energy
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency
The Honorable David Danielson
Energy.

LG is a manufacturer of refrigerator-freezers and other products sold worldwide, including in the United States. LG’s U.S. operations are LG Electronics USA, Inc., with headquarters at 1000 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 (tel. 201–816–2000). Its worldwide headquarters are located at LG Twin Towers 20, Yoido-dong, Youngdungpo-gu Seoul, Korea 150–721; (tel. 011–82–2–3777–1114); URL: http://www.LGE.com. LG’s principal brands include LG® and OEM brands, including GE® and Kenmore®.

As DOE states in its grant of a waiver to Sub-Zero, DOE’s test procedure for dual compressors under 10 C.F.R. Part 430 assumes independent, sealed systems. In contrast, Sub-Zero’s dual compressor products have shared systems. In such circumstances, DOE recognized that it is not possible to test such dual compressor products using the DOE test procedure, and use of the test procedure would provide test results so unrepresentative as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data.

LG requests that DOE grant a waiver that would provide for its dual compressor products set forth in Appendix I of this waiver request the following alternative test procedure consistent with the waiver provided to Sub-Zero:

LG shall be required to test the products listed in Appendix I of this waiver request according to the test procedures for electric refrigerator-freezers prescribed by DOE at 10 C.F.R. Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix A1, except that, for the LG products listed in Appendix I of this waiver request only, replace the multiple defrost system section 5.2.1.4 of Appendix A1 with the following:

5.2.1.4 Dual Compressor Systems with Dual Automatic Defrost. The two-part test method in section 4.2.1 must be used, and the energy consumption in kilowatt-hours per day shall be calculated equivalent to:

\[ ET = (1440 \times EP1/T1) + \sum_{i=1}^{D} [(EP2_i - (EP1 \times T2_i/T1)) \times (12/CT_i)] \]

Where:
- **1440** = number of minutes in a day
- **ET** = the test cycle energy (kWh/day);
- **i** is the variable that can equal to 1, 2 or more that identifies the compartment with distinct defrost system;
- **D** = the total number of compartments with distinct defrost systems;
- **EP1** is the dual compressor energy expended during the first part of the test (it is calculated for a whole number of freezer compressor cycles at least 24 hours in duration and may be the summation of several running periods that do not include any precool, defrost, or recovery periods);
- **T1** is the length of time for EP1 (minutes);
- **EP2i** is the total energy consumed during the second (defrost) part of the test being conducted for compartment i. (kWh);
- **T2i** is the length of time (minutes) for the second (defrost) part of the test being conducted for compartment i;
- **CTi** is the compressor on time between defrosts for only compartment i. CTi for compartment i with long time automatic defrost system is calculated as per 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix A1 clause 5.2.1.2. CTi for compartment i with variable defrost system is calculated as per 10 CFR part 430 subpart B appendix A1 clause 5.2.1.3. (hours rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour).

Stabilization:
The test shall start after a minimum 24 hours stabilization run for each temperature control setting.

Steady State for EP1:
The temperature average for the first and last compressor cycle of the test...
The Department renews its commitment to compliance and enforcement rule, “The notice concerning its certification, the Petition and Application. In that information as needed.

request with DOE and provide further interim waiver for LG is appropriate. Hence, grant of an its merits, but also because DOE has its testing and rating of the foregoing procedure.

DOE adopts an applicable amended test interval not exceeding 1 minute. Measurements shall be taken at regular cycles. The waiver and interim waiver requested herein should apply to testing and rating of the following model series of refrigerator-freezers. Please note that the actual model numbers will vary to account for such factors as year of manufacture, product color, or other features. Nonetheless, they will always have dual compressors. (In the chart below, “#” represents a number; “*” represents a letter.)

LG Brand
LFX39##**
LMX3###**
LFC37###
LFX29###
LMX2###**
LFC27###

Kenmore Brand
795.71##
795.72##
795.73##
795.74##

Appendix II
June 28, 2012
The Honorable David Danielson
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
United States Department of Energy
Mail Station EE–1
1200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
Re: Petition for Waiver and Application for Interim Waiver, Test Procedure for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers

Doar Assistant Secretary Danielson:
LG Electronics, Inc. (LG) hereby respectfully amends its May 10, 2012 Petition for Waiver and Application for Interim Waiver, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §430.27, as related to DOE’s test procedure for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers. 10 C.F.R. Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix A1. Specifically, LG requests that DOE grant a waiver that would provide for its dual compressor products set forth in Appendix I hereto (rather than the products set forth in Appendix I to its May 10, 2012 submission).

Thank you for consideration of LG’s waiver request.

Sincerely,

John I. Taylor,
Vice President, Government Relations and Communications, LG Electronics USA, Inc., 1776 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, Phone: 202–719–3490, Fax: 847–941–8177, Email: john.taylor@lge.com.

Of counsel:
John A. Hodges,

Appendix I
The waiver and interim waiver requested herein should apply to testing and rating of the following model series of refrigerator-freezers. Please note that the actual model numbers will vary to account for such factors as year of manufacture, product color, or other features. Nonetheless, they will always have dual compressors. (In the chart below, “#” represents a number; “*” represents a letter.)

LG Brand
LFX32955**
LFX33955**
LFX34955**
LMX32955**
LMX33955**
LMX34955**

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1
Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER12–2159–001.
Applicants: Canadian Hills Wind, LLC.
Description: Amendment to MBR Application and Tariff Revision to be effective 8/28/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.
Accession Number: 20120719–5033.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/9/12.

Docket Numbers: ER12–2265–000.
Applicants: Canandaigua Power Partners, LLC.
Description: Revisions to Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 9/17/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.
Accession Number: 20120719–5044.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/9/12.

*DOE goes on to state that “DOE, as a matter of policy, will refrain from enforcement actions related to a waiver request that is pending with the Department.” Id.