

of secure test items would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of § 552b of Title 5 U.S.C.

Following the Committee meetings, the Board will convene in closed session from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. to receive a briefing and discuss the NAEP 2012 grade 8 civics, geography, and U.S. history report cards. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because results of these NAEP assessments have been embargoed and are not ready for public release. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse technical and financial impact on the NAEP program. Discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of § 552b of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 6, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Board will meet in open session to receive a briefing and discuss the NAEP Assessment of English Language Learners.

Thereafter, the Board will meet in closed session from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to review and discuss independent government costs estimates for subjects to be assessed under the proposed NAEP Schedule of Assessments. This session will be an in-depth briefing and discussion to examine specific costs for assessing NAEP subjects, including cost projections for moving NAEP to digital-based assessments, which will impact the NAEP schedule from 2016–2024. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program by providing contractors attending the Board meeting an unfair advantage in procurement and contract negotiations for NAEP. Discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of § 552b of Title 5 U.S.C.

Following this closed session, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Board will meet in open session to take action on the NAEP Schedule of Assessments. The March 6, 2015 session will adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

On March 7, 2015, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. to discuss candidates for the eight Board vacancies for terms beginning on October 1, 2015.

The Committee's discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of § 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

On March 7, 2015, the Board will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. to receive a briefing from the Nominations Committee on proposed candidates for Board vacancies for the October 1, 2015 Board term. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of § 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

From 8:50 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., the Board will take action on the proposed 2015 slate of finalists for the eight Board positions.

From 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Board will discuss a strategic planning initiative in open session. Following this session, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Board will receive reports from the standing committees and the Assessment Literacy Work Group. The Board will take action on committee recommendations to include action on a proposed release plan for the 2014 NAEP Report Cards in civics, geography, and U.S. history.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Board will preview plans for the upcoming May 2015 quarterly Board meeting. The March 7, 2015 meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Access to Records of the Meeting: Pursuant to FOIA requirements, the public may also inspect the meeting materials at www.nagb.gov on Friday, March 6, 2015 by 9:00 a.m. ET. The official verbatim transcripts of the public meeting sessions will be available for public inspection no later than 30 calendar days following the meeting.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service

because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Dated: February 9, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of Public Comment Period, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of availability and public hearing on December 17, 2014 and a correction on December 29, 2014 that provided for a comment period ending March 19, 2015. DOE is extending the public comment period for the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Project* (DOE/EIS–0486) to April 20, 2015.

DATES: DOE extends the public comment period to April 20, 2015. Comments submitted to DOE concerning the Plains & Eastern EIS prior to this announcement do not need to be resubmitted as a result of this extension of the comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS may be provided on the EIS

Web site at <http://www.plainsandeanterneis.com> (preferred) or addressed to Plains & Eastern EIS, 216 16th Street, Suite 1500, Denver, Colorado 80202; via email to comments@PlainsandEasternEIS.com; or by facsimile to (303) 295-2818. Please mark envelopes and email subject lines as *Plains & Eastern Draft EIS Comments*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Summerson, Ph.D., DOE NEPA Document Manager on behalf of the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA, PO Box 391 Building 401, Kirtland Air Force Base East, Albuquerque, NM 87185; email at Jane.Summerson01@nnsa.doe.gov; or phone (505) 845-4091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 2014, DOE published a notice of availability and public hearing (79 FR 75132) and on December 29, 2014, DOE published a correction (79 FR 78079) that announced that comments on the Plains & Eastern EIS should be submitted within a 90-day period beginning on December 19, 2014 and ending on March 19, 2015. DOE is extending the time allowed for submittal of comments to April 20, 2015.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 6, 2015.

Patricia A. Hoffman,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF-042]

Decision and Order Granting a Waiver to GE Appliances From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedures

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

ACTION: Decision and order.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of the decision and order in Case No. RF-042 that grants to GE Appliances (GE) a waiver from the DOE electric refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedures for determining the energy consumption of the specific residential refrigerator-freezer basic models set forth in GE's petition for waiver. Under today's decision and order, GE shall be

required to test and rate these refrigerator-freezer basic models, which use dual compressors, using an alternate test procedure that takes this technology into account when measuring energy consumption.

DATES: This Decision and Order is effective February 12, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mail Stop EE-5B, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-0371. Email: Bryan.Berringer@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Michael Kido, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Mail Stop GC-33, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103. Telephone: (202) 586-8145. Email: Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE gives notice of the issuance of its decision and order as set forth below. The decision and order grants GE a waiver from the applicable residential refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedures found in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix A for certain basic models of refrigerator-freezers with dual compressors, provided that GE tests and rates such products using the alternate test procedure described in this notice. Today's decision prohibits GE from making representations concerning the energy efficiency of these products unless the product has been tested in a manner 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.

Distributors, retailers, and private labelers are held to the same standard when making representations regarding the energy efficiency of these products.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 6, 2015.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Decision and Order

In the Matter of: GE Appliances (Case No. RF-042)

I. Background and Authority

Title III, Part B of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), Pub. L. 94-163 (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309, as codified) established the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles, a program covering most major household appliances, which includes the

residential electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers that are the focus of this notice.¹ Part B includes definitions, test procedures, labeling provisions, energy conservation standards, and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers. Further, Part B authorizes the Secretary of Energy to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results measuring energy efficiency, energy use, or estimated operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The test procedure for residential electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers is set forth in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix A.

The regulations set forth in 10 CFR 430.27 contain provisions that enable a person to seek a waiver from the test procedure requirements for covered products. DOE will grant a waiver if it is determined that the basic model for which the petition for waiver was submitted contains one or more design characteristics that prevents testing of the basic model according to the prescribed test procedures, or if the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption characteristics as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. 10 CFR 430.27(f)(2). Petitioners must include in their petition any alternate test procedures known to the petitioner to evaluate the basic model in a manner representative of its energy consumption. The Assistant Secretary may grant the waiver subject to conditions, including adherence to alternate test procedures. 10 CFR 430.27(f)(2). Waivers remain in effect pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 430.27(l).

DOE also may grant a petitioning manufacturer with an interim waiver from the test procedure requirements when such relief is sought. 10 CFR 430.27(e)(2). Within one year of issuance of an interim waiver, DOE will either: (i) Publish in the **Federal Register** a determination on the petition for waiver; or (ii) publish in the **Federal Register** a new or amended test procedure that addresses the issues presented in the waiver. 10 CFR 430.27(h)(1). When DOE amends the test procedure to address the issues presented in a waiver, the waiver will automatically terminate on the date on which use of that test procedure is required to demonstrate compliance. 10 CFR 430.27(h)(2).

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