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Via Email

U.S. Department of Energy

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Re: Ex Parte Communication

Dear Sirs:

On April 20, 2010, Scott Bates, Corporate Vice President and General Counsel, and Karen Meyers, Director of Government Affairs, both of the Rheem Manufacturing Company ("Rheem"), accompanied by their counsel, Bill Anaya of Alston & Bird, LLP, met with Department of Energy ("DOE") officials Scott Harris, General Counsel, Maureen McLaughlin, Special Assistant to the General Counsel, and Stephanie Weiner, Special Assistant, Office of the General Counsel.

At the meeting, Rheem applauded the leadership being provided by the Office of the General Counsel across a broad portfolio of policies and initiatives. Participants discussed Rheem's engagement as a company that brings a broad range of products, including air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, pool heaters, and specialty products, to market which are important to the public and our national energy efficiency goals.

Also discussed, was the consensus agreement on new Federal minimum energy efficiency standards developed jointly by environmental advocates and the furnace, air conditioning, and heat pump industry participants. Specifically, it was discussed that the objective of the consensus agreement was to facilitate the swift adoption of new standards to promote conservation on a regional basis that will also enable businesses to migrate their product lines in a predictable manner. It was discussed that achieving resolution on regional enforcement issues will be an important issue going forward.

Additionally, it was discussed that consistent with the Department's enforcement and safety objectives that Federal incentives or rebates for the installation of newer, more energy efficient appliances ensure that installers comply with installation codes and standards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.D. Bates", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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