BEFORE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585

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In the Matter of:)	
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Whirlpool Corporation)	Case Number: 2016-SE-14007
Respondent)	
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	ORDER	

By the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy:

- 1. In this Order, I adopt the attached Compromise Agreement entered into between the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and Company ("Respondent"). The Compromise Agreement resolves the case initiated to pursue a civil penalty for importing and distributing in commerce in the United States freezers that failed to meet the applicable energy conservation standard, the same freezers for which DOE has already assessed a \$1,901,540 civil penalty against Changhong Meiling Co. Ltd. ("Meiling") (former Heifei Meiling Co., Ltd.) for manufacturing and distributing in commerce in the United States.
- DOE and Respondent have negotiated the terms of the Compromise Agreement that resolves
 this matter. A copy of the Compromise Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by
 reference.
- 3. After reviewing the terms of the Compromise Agreement and evaluating the facts before me, I find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Compromise Agreement.
- 4. Based on the information in the case file and Respondent's admission of facts establishing violations, I find that Respondent knowingly committed Prohibited Acts by distributing in commerce freezers that were not in conformity with the applicable energy conservation standard. See 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. §§ 429.102(a)(6), 430.32(a).
- 5. Since Meiling has paid the assessed civil penalty as stated above, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. § 6303, I am satisfied that an appropriate penalty has been assessed for the distribution in commerce of these noncompliant freezers and HEREBY ORDER that the Compromise Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

/S/	2/28/20	
Bill Cooper	Date	
General Councel		