

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

In the Matter of:)
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LG Electronics USA, Inc.) Case Number: 2020-SEW-20001
(clothes washers))
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ORDER

For the U.S. Department of Energy:

1. Under the above listed case number, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) initiated a case against LG Electronics USA, Inc. (“Respondent”) to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce in the United States clothes washers that failed to meet the applicable energy conservation standard.
2. Basic model LUWD1C (the “subject model”) is a clothes washer that is top-loading and compact that Respondent manufactured on or after January 1, 2018 that shall have an Integrated Modified Energy Factor (IMEF) of no less than 1.15 cu.ft./kWh/cycle. 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(g)(4).
3. DOE’s testing of four units of the subject model, conducted in accordance with the DOE test procedure for automatic and semi-automatic clothes washers (10 C.F.R. Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix J2), yielded tested IMEFs of 1.07, 1.09, 1.07, and 1.08 cu.ft./kWh/cycle.
4. As DOE found in a Notice of Noncompliance Determination issued on May 28, 2020, when evaluated in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(g) and 10 C.F.R. Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix J2, the subject model does not comply with the minimum permissible IMEF.
5. Between December 2018 and January 2020, Respondent knowingly distributed in commerce in the United States multiple units of new covered product which were not in conformity with an applicable energy conservation standard.
6. Based on the information above, I find that Respondent knowingly committed Prohibited Acts by manufacturing and distributing in commerce multiple units of new covered product 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).

Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. § 6303, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$127,623 **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

Samuel T. Walsh
General Counsel