

DOE Meeting Memorandum: Ex Parte Communications

Date: June 4, 2013

DOE Attendees: Ashley Armstrong, Lucy DeButts, and John Cymbalsky, EERE Building Technologies Program; Eric Haas, General Counsel

Outside attendees: Patrick Keal, Big Ass Fans; Janie Wise, Vern Simmons, & Terry Paul, Cassidy & Associates

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Subject: Pending rulemakings on (1) Commercial and industrial fans and (2) Residential fans and lighting kits.

Summary: Big Ass Fans is headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, and designs and manufactures a variety of fan models for commercial, industrial and residential use. BAF met with DOE to discuss the ongoing rulemaking process for the commercial and industrial fans and blowers energy conservation standards, docket EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006, and for residential ceiling fans energy conservation standards, docket number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045. BAF described its existing R&D and manufacturing facilities, general information about the applications and efficiencies of current product lines, and their work with the National Fire Protection Association to coordinate safety protocols with installed fans. BAF also described the test methods it uses to qualify air flow and efficiency performance. We commented on some of the ideas contained in the DOE discussion slideshow from a webinar held earlier this year on the commercial/industrial rulemaking.

DOE described some its goals in general terms and their plans to review existing manufacturing and testing capabilities for fans around the U.S. DOE encouraged BAF to issue formal comments to comment solicitations and attend public meetings offered on both rulemaking.