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Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Leslie Jones
ENERGY STAR Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 62023
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jones:

The ASKO Appliances, Inc. ("ASKO") dishwasher model D5253XXL was selected for testing as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's ("DOE") ENERGY STAR[®] Verification Testing Pilot Program.

DOE's initial testing, performed on a single unit of this model, indicated that it may not meet the ENERGY STAR requirement. In accordance with DOE's procedures for conducting verification testing in support of ENERGY STAR (*see* http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/pdfs/estar_verification_process.pdf), DOE determined that it would need to test three additional units to determine whether the model met the ENERGY STAR specification. DOE was unable to procure and test these three additional units; vendors informed DOE that the model had been discontinued and replaced by another ASKO model, D5554XXLFI, which does not appear to be part of the same basic model.

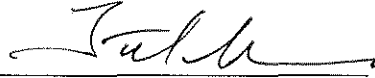
DOE notified ASKO of its test result on November 1, 2011. ASKO replied via email on November 19, 2011, and indicated that it had discontinued model D5253XXL. ASKO also explained that before the model was discontinued, ASKO changed the model's programming options so that it did not include an "Auto Wash" program but included a "Heavy Wash" program. According to ASKO, as of November 19, 2011, very few units with the old "Auto Wash" program were available for sale.

Because DOE has been unable to obtain a sufficient number of units of ASKO dishwasher model D5253XXL, DOE is not able to determine whether the model meets the ENERGY STAR requirement. The test data, however, suggest that the model may not meet this requirement.



Please feel free to contact Laura Barhydt, Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement, at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Lynch", written over a horizontal line.

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