



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

December 14, 2010

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

Dear Ms. Jones:

On November 24, 2010, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) notified Friedrich Air Conditioning Company (Friedrich) that DOE had tested one unit of the Friedrich room air conditioner model SS14L10-E as part of the ENERGY STAR Testing Pilot Program, and that, according to Stage I testing, this unit exceeded allowable ENERGY STAR energy-efficiency requirements by 7.7 percent. DOE gave Friedrich until December 3, 2010, to request additional testing or have this matter referred to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for disqualification from the ENERGY STAR program.

On December 3, Friedrich declined additional testing of its room air conditioner model SS14L10-E, stating, "[T]he audit test results are inconsistent with our data on this model. This model, however, is a R22 refrigerant model and is no longer manufactured. The model has already been deleted from the EStar database, and we believe no further action is necessary."

Accordingly, DOE is referring this matter to EPA, the brand manager for ENERGY STAR, for appropriate action. Please feel free to contact Laura Barhydt of my staff at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCOTT HARRIS". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a distinct "H".

Scott Blake Harris
General Counsel

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