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Re: Ex Parte Memorandum

Dear Mr. Cohen:

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, representatives from various signatories to the consensus agreement¹ met with representatives from the Department of Energy. Advocates for the consensus agreement urged the Department of Energy to adopt the entire agreement, except provisions relating to building codes which require congressional action. The parties also discussed the need to develop effective enforcement mechanisms in general, and in particular if the Department of Energy decides to adopt regional standards for the residential heating and cooling systems covered by the consensus agreement.

Advocates for the consensus agreement included Kit Kennedy and Kate Houren of the Natural Resources Defense Council; Tim Ballo of Earthjustice; Andrew deLaski of the Appliance Standards Awareness Project; Steve Nadel of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy; Karen Meyers of Rheem Manufacturing Company; Karim Amrane, Joseph Mattingly and David Calabrese of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; John Mandyck of Carrier Corporation; Jeffrey Harris of the Alliance to Save Energy; Jim VerShaw of Trane International, Incorporated; two representatives of Lennox International, Incorporated; and Dennis Beck of the California Energy Commission (by phone).

Representatives from the Department of Energy included Scott Blake Harris, Stephanie Weiner, Roland Risser, Bryan Miller, and Michael McCabe, in addition to three other representatives who arrived after the meeting introductions were completed.

Respectfully submitted,

¹ Agreement on Legislative and Regulatory Strategy for Amending Federal Energy Efficiency Standards, Test Procedures, Metrics and Building Code Provisions for Residential Air Conditioners, Heat Pumps, Weatherized and Non-Weatherized Furnaces and Related Matters, Oct. 13, 2009, at <http://aceee.org/buildings/Furnace-ACAgreement.pdf>.



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