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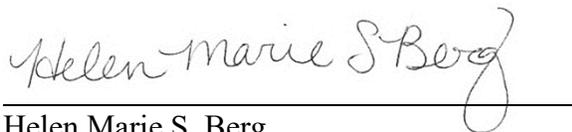
Docket: Energy Conservation Standards for Room Air Conditioners, Doc. No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0059-0031, RIN 1904-AD97, 87 Fed. Reg. 20608 (proposed Apr. 7, 2022).

Communication Date: July 21, 2022

Recipients: Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Rebecca Isacowitz, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Summary: On July 21, 2022, Lionel Lopez, Vice President of Engineering at Friedrich Air Conditioning Co., had an informal conversation with Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Rebecca Isacowitz, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, during the EERE's site visit at the City College of New York's Grove School of Engineering. Mr. Lopez expressed some of Friedrich's concerns with the DOE's proposed standards for room air conditioners (RACs). Mr. Lopez noted that the proposed standards will require larger parts—a serious issue for space-constrained RACs which must fit in a preset window or wall space. Mr. Lopez also noted that Friedrich has not been able to locate anywhere in the market compressors with ratings that would justify certain efficiency levels proposed by the Department.

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