



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Leslie Jones  
ENERGY STAR Program  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jones:

On March 9, 2011, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) notified Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool) that DOE had completed testing of the KitchenAid refrigerator model KSRS25RV\* under the ENERGY STAR Testing Pilot Program and confirmed that the model did not meet the ENERGY STAR maximum energy consumption requirement of 580 kWh/yr. DOE gave Whirlpool until March 29, 2011, to provide conclusive manufacturing or design evidence or quality assurance information rebutting DOE testing, which showed that this product did not meet the ENERGY STAR Program's energy-efficiency.

On March 29, 2011, Whirlpool replied that its certification test results for the model met the ENERGY STAR requirements. Whirlpool also stated that, while it was unable to confirm the root cause of the test failures, the model had two unique characteristics and that those characteristics may have caused or contributed to the decrease in energy efficiency performance. Although we are not convinced by that explanation, Whirlpool has stated, in any event, that the model is no longer in production.

Under these circumstances, DOE has determined that the KitchenAid brand refrigerator model KSRS25RV\* does not meet the ENERGY STAR requirements. 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, appearing to read "T. Lynch".

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