BEFORE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Washington, D.C. 20585

In the Matter of:)
Haier America Trading, L.L.C. Respondent))

Case Number: 2015-SE-14034

ORDER

By the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy:

- 1. In this Order, I adopt the attached Compromise Agreement entered into between the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and Haier America Trading L.L.C. ("Respondent"). The Compromise Agreement resolves the case initiated to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce in the United States refrigerators that failed to meet an applicable energy conservation standard in 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(a).
- 2. DOE and Respondent have negotiated the terms of the Compromise Agreement that resolves this matter. A copy of the Compromise Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- 3. After reviewing the terms of the Compromise Agreement and evaluating the facts before me, I find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Compromise Agreement, which would complete the adjudication of the case.
- 4. Based on the information in the case file and Respondent's admission of facts establishing violations, I find that Respondent committed Prohibited Acts by knowingly distributing in commerce refrigerators that were not in conformity with an applicable energy conservation standard. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. §§ 429.102(a)(6), 430.32(a).
- 5. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. § 6303, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$184,000 **AND ORDER** that the Compromise Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

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Sept 10, 2018

Theodore J. Garrish Acting General Counsel Date