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

In the Matter of:	)	
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Hefei Midea Laundry Appliance Co. Ltd.	)	Case Numbers: 2016-SEW-20004
(clothes washers)	)	2016-SE-20005
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ORDER

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

1. In this Order, I adopt the attached Compromise Agreement entered into by the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and Hefei Midea Laundry Appliance Co. Ltd. ("Respondent"). The Compromise Agreement resolves the cases initiated to pursue civil penalties for distributing in commerce in the United States clothes washers that are not in compliance with the applicable energy conservation standards at 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(g)(3).

2. DOE and Respondent have negotiated the terms of the Compromise Agreement that resolves these matters. 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 cases.

4. Based on the information in the case files and Respondent's admission of facts establishing violations, I find that Respondent committed Prohibited Acts by distributing in commerce clothes washers that are not in compliance with the applicable energy conservation standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. § 429.102(a)(6).

5. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. § 6303, **I HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of $800,000 **AND ORDER** that the Compromise Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

/S/
Bill Cooper
General Counsel

January 7, 2021
Date