

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

In the Matter of:

**Nex Computers, Inc.**  
(external power supply)

Case Number: 2023-CE-37002

**ORDER**

For the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”):

1. On February 28, 2023, under the above-listed case number, DOE initiated a case against Nex Computers, Inc. (“Respondent”) to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce in the United States external power supply basic models without submitting to DOE a valid certification report certifying that those basic models complied with the applicable energy conservation standards.
2. External power supply is a covered product as defined by 10 C.F.R. § 430.2.
3. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12, manufacturers are required to submit to DOE a valid certification report certifying that each basic model meets the applicable energy conservation standard before distributing each basic model in commerce in the United States and annually thereafter.
4. Failure to submit a valid certification report for a covered product in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 429.12 is a prohibited act pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.102(a)(1) and subject to civil penalties as described in 10 C.F.R. § 429.120.
5. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120, each day that a manufacturer fails to submit a certification report for a basic model is a separate violation.
6. Respondent admitted the following:
  - a. Respondent has manufactured<sup>1</sup> external power supplies, including basic models PA-1900-88, PA-1131-08, HA-1650-38, PA-1121-24, and PA-1181-28E (“the basic models”).

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<sup>1</sup> “Manufacture” means to manufacture, produce, assemble, or import. 42 U.S.C. § 6291(10).

- b. Respondent has distributed in commerce<sup>2</sup> in the United States for at least 365 days, and continues to distribute, the basic models.
  - c. Respondent knowingly failed to submit a valid certification report for the basic models before distributing those models in commerce in the United States, and annually thereafter, in violation of 10 C.F.R. § 429.12.
7. Based on the information above, I find that Respondent knowingly committed Prohibited Acts by manufacturing and distributing in commerce basic models of a covered product without submitting to DOE a valid certification report certifying that those basic models complied with the applicable energy conservation standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. §§ 429.102(a)(1).
8. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 6303 and 6316, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$20,000 **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

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General Counsel

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<sup>2</sup> “Distribute in Commerce” or “Distribution in Commerce” means to sell in commerce, to import, to introduce or deliver for introduction into commerce, or to hold for sale or distribution after introduction into commerce. 42 U.S.C. § 6291(16).