

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

In the Matter of:

**Venture Formations, LLC**  
(battery chargers)

Case Number: 2023-CE-39001

**ORDER**

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

1. On November 20, 2023, under the above-listed case number, DOE issued a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty to Venture Formations, LLC (“Respondent”) to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce various basic models of battery chargers without submitting to DOE a report certifying that those basic models complied with the applicable energy conservation standards.
2. Battery chargers are covered products. 10 C.F.R. § 430.2.
3. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12, manufacturers must submit to DOE a report certifying that each basic model meets the applicable energy conservation standard, before distributing each basic model in commerce and annually thereafter.
4. Failure to submit a certification report for covered products 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> battery chargers, including models F48V15A16S, F36V18A201, F48V15A201, and F36V18A12S (“the basic models”).
  - b. For at least 248 days, Respondent has distributed in commerce<sup>2</sup> the basic models.

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

<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).

- c. Respondent knowingly failed to submit a certification report for the basic models each year, 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 covered products without submitting to DOE a 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, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$85,000 **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

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General Counsel