

December 15, 2025

Subject: Ex Parte Communication Summary – DOE Meeting on PES Rule (Tuesday, December 9, 2025)

Dear Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Hrkman,

This note documents an ex parte communication regarding the Portable Electric Spa (PES) rule during a meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, in Washington, DC.

Docket No. EERE-2025-BT-DET-0004

Participants

PHTA / Industry:

- Sam Dose (Hayward)
- Ken Gregory (Pentair)
- Philip Escobedo (Fluidra North America)
- Tyler Jones (Pool & Hot Tub Alliance)
- Justin Wiley (Pool & Hot Tub Alliance)
- David G. Beaudreau Jr. (DCLRS, consultant to PHTA)

DOE:

- Lou Hrkman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Summary of Discussion

- PHTA reiterated our opposition to DOE's proposed withdrawal of PES coverage under EPCA.
- We requested an update on the timeline for publishing the final rule.
- No new technical details or data were presented beyond our previously submitted comments.

Warm regards,

Justin Wiley, Pool & Hot Tub Alliance