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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Ms. Jones:

Haier America Trading, L.L.C. ("Haier") freezer model ESNM053E was selected for testing as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's ("DOE") ENERGY STAR[®] Verification Testing Pilot Program. DOE's initial testing, performed on a single unit of this model, indicated that the model might not meet the ENERGY STAR energy efficiency requirement for maximum permitted annual energy usage. In accordance with DOE's Pilot Program procedures for conducting verification testing in support of ENERGY STAR (*see* http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/pdfs/faq_final_december-2010.pdf), DOE obtained four additional units, but one of these units was inoperable and could not be tested. DOE was unable to procure a fifth additional unit.

On November 1, 2011, DOE notified Haier of the results of its testing and gave Haier twenty days to reply. Haier responded to DOE on November 21, 2011. First, [REDACTED]

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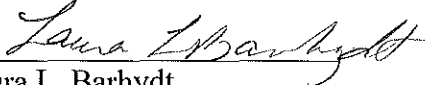
[REDACTED] Finally, Haier noted that model ESNM053E had not been produced since August 2010.

Because DOE has been unable to obtain a sufficient number of units of Haier model ESNM053E, DOE is not able to determine whether the model meets the ENERGY STAR requirement. DOE's test results (230, 240, 259, and 244 kilowatt hours per year (kWh/yr)), however, suggest that the model may exceed ENERGY STAR's energy consumption specification (198 kWh/yr).



Please feel free to contact me at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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