

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

In the Matter of:)	
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SandenVendo America, Inc.)	Case Number: 2015-SE-52002
(refrigerated bottled or canned beverage)	
vending machines))	
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COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) Office of the General Counsel initiated this action against SandenVendo America, Inc. (“Respondent”) pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.122 by Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty alleging that Respondent had distributed in commerce in the United States refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines that are not in compliance with an applicable energy conservation standard. Respondent, on behalf of itself and any parent, subsidiary, division or other related entity, and DOE, by their authorized representatives, hereby enter into this Compromise Agreement for the purpose of settling this enforcement action.

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Compromise Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “Act” means the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6291 *et seq.*
- (b) “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;
- (c) “DOE” means the U.S. Department of Energy.
- (d) “DOE Rules” means DOE’s energy conservation regulations found in Title 10, Parts 429, 430 and 431 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) “Manufacture” means to manufacture, produce, assemble, or import.
- (f) “Notice” means the Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty issued by DOE to Respondent on February 14, 2018, and captioned as case number 2015-SE-52002.
- (g) “Parties” means DOE and Respondent.
- (h) “Respondent” means SandenVendo America, Inc., and any parent, subsidiary, division or other related entity.

The Agreement further incorporates by reference all of the definitions set forth in 42 U.S.C. §§ 6291 and 6311 and 10 C.F.R. Parts 429, 430, and 431.

II. RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6291 et seq., DOE is responsible for promulgating and enforcing the energy conservation requirements set forth in DOE Rules; and

WHEREAS, DOE has promulgated energy conservation standards for refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines at 10 C.F.R. § 431.296; and

WHEREAS, DOE, on January 3, 2018, issued a Notice of Noncompliance Determination with respect to refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machine basic model VUE-40 (the “subject model”), manufactured and distributed in commerce by Respondent; and

WHEREAS, refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines are “covered equipment” as defined in 10 C.F.R. § 431.2; and

WHEREAS, DOE, on February 14, 2018, initiated an action to assess a civil penalty for Respondent’s distribution in commerce in the United States of the subject model; and

WHEREAS, Respondent admits:

1. Respondent manufactured the subject model;
2. Respondent has distributed in commerce in the United States at least 85 units of the subject model;
3. The subject model is a class A refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machine, manufactured on or after August 31, 2012, and before January 8, 2019;
4. The subject model does not comply with the maximum permissible rate of energy consumption set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 431.296(a); and

WHEREAS, DOE, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 6316 and 10 C.F.R. Part 429, Subpart C, is authorized to assess civil monetary penalties against any manufacturer that knowingly distributes in commerce any new covered equipment that is not in conformity with an applicable energy or water conservation standard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements set forth below, the sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

III. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. **Adopting Order.** The parties agree that the provisions of the Compromise Agreement shall be subject to final approval by the General Counsel by incorporation of such provisions by reference in the Adopting Order without change, addition, modification, or deletion.
2. **Obligations of Respondent.**
 - a. Respondent agrees to pay the sum of **\$17,000** (seventeen thousand dollars) as full satisfaction of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of an Adopting Order.

- b. Respondent agrees to abide by the terms of the Notice of Noncompliance Determination, issued on January 3, 2018, captioned under case number 2015-SE-52002.
3. **Obligations of DOE.**
- a. In express reliance on the covenants and representations in this Compromise Agreement and to avoid further expenditure of public resources, DOE agrees to accept Respondent's performance pursuant to Paragraph III.2.a above in full satisfaction of the penalty authorized by the Act.
 - b. DOE agrees promptly to issue an Adopting Order adopting this Agreement.
 - c. DOE agrees to terminate enforcement actions captioned under case number 2015-SE-52002 with prejudice upon Respondent's completion of its Obligations in accordance with Paragraph III.2, above. If Respondent fails to complete its Obligations in accordance with paragraph III.2, above, DOE may notify Respondent that the Agreement is null and void and may seek the maximum penalty in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 429.120.
4. **Jurisdiction.** This Compromise Agreement is entered pursuant to DOE's authority to interpret and enforce its rules for energy efficiency and to enter into its own agreements interpreting and applying those rules. The Parties agree that DOE has jurisdiction over Respondent and primary jurisdiction over the matters contained in this Compromise Agreement and has the authority to enter into this Compromise Agreement.
5. **Effective Date.** The Parties agree that this Compromise Agreement will become effective on the date on which the General Counsel issues the Adopting Order. As of that date, the Adopting Order and this Compromise Agreement have the same force and effect as any other Order of the General Counsel. Any violation of the Adopting Order or of the terms of this Compromise Agreement constitutes a separate violation of an Agency Order, entitling DOE to exercise any rights and remedies attendant to the enforcement of an Agency Order.
6. **Payment Instructions and Late Payments.** Respondent agrees to make all payments in a timely manner and in a method set forth in the attached "Payment Instructions." Respondent acknowledges and agrees to comply with the "Late Payment" provisions provided therein.
7. **Limitations.** Nothing in this agreement binds any other agency of the United States government beyond DOE.
8. **Waivers.** Respondent agrees not to seek judicial review or otherwise contest or challenge the validity of the terms and penalties set out in this Compromise Agreement or the Notice associated with this case, including any right to judicial review that may be available to the Respondent. If either Party (or the United States on behalf of DOE) brings a judicial action to enforce the terms of this Compromise Agreement, neither Respondent nor DOE shall contest the validity of the Compromise Agreement, and Respondent waives any statutory right to a trial de novo. Respondent hereby agrees to waive any claims it may otherwise have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504, relating to the matters addressed in this Compromise Agreement.

9. **Final Settlement.** The Parties agree and acknowledge that this Compromise Agreement shall constitute a final settlement between the Parties. This Compromise Agreement resolves only the violations alleged in the Notice.
10. **Merger.** This Compromise Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the Parties with respect to this matter, whether oral or written.
11. **Modifications.** This Compromise Agreement cannot be modified without the written consent of both Parties.
12. **Severability.** If any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable, then that provision is to be construed by modifying it to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable; or if such modification is not possible, then the rest of this agreement remains enforceable to the maximum extent allowed by law.
13. **Authorized Representative.** Each party represents and warrants to the other that it has full power and authority to enter into this Compromise Agreement.
14. **Counterparts.** This Compromise Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts (including by facsimile or electronic mail), each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be an original, and all of which counterparts together shall constitute one and the same fully executed instrument.

/S/

Laura L. Barhydt
Assistant General Counsel for
Enforcement
U.S. Department of Energy

February 27, 2018

Date

/S/

(Signature) _____
Typed Name: Larry E. Hieb
Title: Vice President of Engineering
Company Name: SandenVendo America Inc.

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Date