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Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Leslie Jones
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Jones:

Electrolux Home Products, Inc. (Electrolux) room air conditioner model FRA256ST2 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 unit of this model, indicated that it may not meet ENERGY STAR requirements. After testing three additional units of this model, and finding that each fell short of the minimum standard of 9.4 EER, DOE asked Electrolux to provide conclusive manufacturing or design evidence or quality assurance information on why this product should be viewed as meeting the ENERGY STAR Program's energy efficiency requirement. On March 30, 2011, Electrolux responded by submitting test data to show that the model "meets the ENERGY STAR criteria in accordance with the testing regulations."

In a separate action, DOE notified Electrolux that DOE was opening an investigation into whether the room air conditioner model FRA256ST2 complied with the federal minimum energy efficiency standard set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(b). After reviewing Electrolux's test data, DOE notified Electrolux on May 19, 2011, that Electrolux had overrated the model. Electrolux, in reply on May 31, 2011, corrected its certified EER, resulting in an EER that does not meet ENERGY STAR requirements. Additionally, Electrolux has notified EPA of its intention to remove the model from the ENERGY STAR program.

DOE has determined that Electrolux room air conditioner model FRA256ST2 does not meet the ENERGY STAR requirements. Accordingly, DOE is referring this matter to the Environmental Protection Agency, the brand manager for ENERGY STAR. Please feel free to contact Laura Barhydt, Acting Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement, at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Litigation and Enforcement

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