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The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 23, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Gun-Free Schools Act Report'.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs and LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 456.

Abstract: The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) requires each State to provide annual reports to the Secretary concerning implementation of the Act's requirements regarding expulsions from schools resulting from weapons violations. The GFSA requires the Secretary to report to Congress if any State is not in compliance with the GFSA, and requires the Secretary to collect data on the incidence of children with disabilities and violent behaviors.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. F-085]

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver From the Furnace Test Procedure to Inter-City Products Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Decision and Order.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the Decision and Order (Case No. F-085) granting a Waiver to Inter-City Products Corporation (Inter-City) from the existing Department of Energy (DOE or Department) test procedure for furnaces. The Department is granting Inter-City's Petition for Waiver regarding blower time delay in calculation of Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) for its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 10 CFR 430.27(j), notice is hereby given of the issuance of the Decision and Order as set out below. In the Decision and Order, Inter-City has been granted a Waiver for its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces permitting the company to use an alternate test method in determining AFUE.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 23, 1996.

Christine A. Ervin,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Decision and Order

In the matter of: Inter-City Products Corporation.

[Case No. F-085]

Background

The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant

to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat. 917, as amended (EPCA), which requires DOE to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including furnaces. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions. These test procedures appear at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

The Department amended the prescribed test procedures by adding 10 CFR 430.27 to create a waiver process. 45 FR 64108, September 26, 1980. Thereafter, DOE further amended its appliance test procedure waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned DOE for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. 51 FR 42823, November 26, 1986.

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to waive temporarily test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. Waivers generally remain in effect until final test procedure amendments become effective, resolving the problem that is the subject of the waiver.

Inter-City filed a "Petition for Waiver," dated January 8, 1996, in accordance with section 430.27 of 10 CFR Part 430. The Department published in the Federal Register on March 19, 1996, Inter-City's Petition and solicited comments, data and information respecting the Petition. 61 FR 11199, March 19, 1996. Inter-City also filed an "Application for Interim Waiver" under section 430.27(b)(2), which DOE granted on March 7, 1996. 61 FR 11199, March 19, 1996.

No comments were received concerning either the "Petition for Waiver" or the "Application for Interim Waiver." The Department consulted with The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) concerning the Inter-City Petition. The FTC did not have any objections to the issuance of the waiver to Inter-City.

Assertions and Determinations

Inter-City's Petition seeks a waiver from the DOE test provisions that

require a 1.5-minute time delay between the ignition of the burner and the starting of the circulating air blower. Inter-City requests the allowance to test using a 30-second blower time delay when testing its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces. Inter-City states that since the 30-second delay is indicative of how these models actually operate, and since such a delay results in an improvement in AFUE of an average 0.4 to 0.6 percent, the Petition should be granted.

Under specific circumstances, the DOE test procedure contains exceptions which allow testing with blower delay times of less than the prescribed 1.5-minute delay. Inter-City indicates that it is unable to take advantage of any of these exceptions for its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces.

Since the blower controls incorporated on the Inter-City furnaces are designed to impose a 30-second blower delay in every instance of start up, and since the current test procedure provisions do not specifically address this type of control, DOE agrees that a waiver should be granted to allow the 30-second blower time delay when testing the Inter-City NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces. Accordingly, with regard to testing the NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces, today's Decision and Order exempts Inter-City from the existing test procedure provisions regarding blower controls and allows testing with the 30-second delay.

It is, therefore, ordered That:

(1) The "Petition for Waiver" filed by Inter-City Products Corporation (Case No. F-085) is hereby granted as set forth in paragraph (2) below, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), and (5).

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Appendix N of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Inter-City Products Corporation, shall be permitted to test its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces on the basis of the test procedure specified in 10 CFR Part 430, with modifications set forth below:

(i) Section 3.0 of Appendix N is deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:

3.0 Test Procedure. Testing and measurements shall be as specified in section 9 in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-82 with the exception of sections 9.2.2, 9.3.1, and 9.3.2, and the inclusion of the following additional procedures:

(ii) Add a new paragraph 3.10 to Appendix N as follows:

3.10 Gas- and Oil-Fueled Central Furnaces. The following paragraph is in

lieu of the requirement specified in section 9.3.1 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-82. After equilibrium conditions are achieved following the cool-down test and the required measurements performed, turn on the furnace and measure the flue gas temperature, using the thermocouple grid described above, at 0.5 and 2.5 minutes after the main burner(s) comes on. After the burner start-up, delay the blower start-up by 1.5 minutes (t-), unless: (1) The furnace employs a single motor to drive the power burner and the indoor air circulating blower, in which case the burner and blower shall be started together; or (2) the furnace is designed to operate using an unvarying delay time that is other than 1.5 minutes, in which case the fan control shall be permitted to start the blower; or (3) the delay time results in the activation of a temperature safety device which shuts off the burner, in which case the fan control shall be permitted to start the blower. In the latter case, if the fan control is adjustable, set it to start the blower at the highest temperature. If the fan control is permitted to start the blower, measure time delay, (t-), using a stopwatch. Record the measured temperatures. During the heat-up test for oil-fueled furnaces, maintain the draft in the flue pipe within ± 0.01 inch of water column of the manufacturer's recommended on-period draft.

(iii) With the exception of the modifications set forth above, Inter-City Products Corporation shall comply in all respects with the test procedures specified in Appendix N of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

(3) The Waiver shall remain in effect from the date of issuance of this Order until DOE prescribes final test procedures appropriate to the NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces manufactured by Inter-City Products Corporation.

(4) This Waiver is based upon the presumed validity of statements, allegations, and documentary materials submitted by the petitioner. This Waiver may be revoked or modified at any time upon a determination that the factual basis underlying the Petition is incorrect.

(5) Effective May 23, 1996, this Waiver supersedes the Interim Waiver granted Inter-City Products Corporation on March 7, 1996. 61 FR 11199, March 19, 1996 (Case No. F-085).

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Christine A. Ervin,
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of the new consolidated State Energy Program (SEP) being implemented for fiscal year 1996, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, such as Climate Wise, Clean Cities, Rebuild America, Motor Challenge, Building Codes and Standards, and State Alternative Fuel Transportation efforts. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States will carry out their selected projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the programs providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special project activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation will be available June 3, 1996. Applications must be received by June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest Chabot at the U. S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20585, (202) 586-8128, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fiscal year 1996 is the first year special project activities will be funded in conjunction with the new consolidated State Energy Program. Most of these special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the