

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

- 8:30-8:45 *Opening Remarks & Objectives*; Philip Sharp, Chairman, Electric System Reliability Task Force
- 8:45-9:15 *Presentation and Discussion*: Legal Issues Regarding FERC as a "Backstop"
- 9:15-10:15 *Discussion*: Role of the FERC
- 10:15-10:30 *Break*
- 10:30-11:45 *Discussion*: Role of the National Reliability Organization (NERC and RRCs)
- 11:45-12:00 *Public Comment*
- 12:00-1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00-2:15 *Discussion*: Role of the Regional Independent System Operator
- 2:15-2:30 *Break*
- 2:30-3:45 *Discussion*: Role of States and Regional Regulatory Agencies
- 3:45-4:00 *Closing remarks*: Philip Sharp, Chairman, Electric System Reliability Task Force
- 4:00 *Adjourn.*

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct

of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C. the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to David Cheney, Acting Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 16, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Granting of the Application for Interim Waiver and Publishing of the Petition for Waiver of HEAT-N-GLO Fireplace Products, Inc., From the Department of Energy Vented Home Heating Equipment Test Procedure (Case No. DH-012)

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Today's notice grants an Interim Waiver to HEAT-N-GLO Fireplace Products, Inc. (HEAT-N-GLO), from the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) test procedure for vented home heating equipment. The Interim Waiver concerns pilot light energy consumption for HEAT-N-GLO's models BAYFYRE-TRS and 600XLT vented heaters.

Today's notice also publishes a "Petition for Waiver" from HEAT-N-GLO. HEAT-N-GLO's Petition for Waiver requests the Department to grant relief from the DOE vented home heating equipment test procedure

relating to the use of pilot light energy consumption in calculating the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE). Specifically, HEAT-N-GLO seeks to delete the required pilot light measurement (Q_p) in the calculation of AFUE when the pilot is off. The Department solicits comments, data, and information respecting the Petition for Waiver.

DATES: The Department will accept comments, data, and information not later than June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and statements shall be sent to: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Case No. DH-012, Mail Stop EE-43, Room 1J-018, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7140, Facsimile: (202) 586-4617.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), which requires the Department to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including vented home heating equipment. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making informed purchasing decisions, and will determine whether a product complies with the applicable energy conservation standard. These test procedures appear at Title 10 CFR part 430, subpart B.

The Department amended the test procedure rules to provide for a waiver process by adding § 430.27 to Title 10 CFR Part 430. 45 FR 64108, September 26, 1980. Subsequently, the Department amended the 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 the Department for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. Title 10 CFR part 430, § 430.27(a)(2).

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.

An Interim Waiver will be granted if it is determined that the applicant will experience economic hardship if the Application for Interim Waiver is denied, if it appears likely that the Petition for Waiver will be granted, and/or the Assistant Secretary determines that it would be desirable for public policy reasons to grant immediate relief pending a determination on the Petition for Waiver. Title 10 CFR Part 430, § 430.27(g). An Interim Waiver remains in effect for a period of 180 days or until the Department issues a determination on the Petition for Waiver, whichever is sooner, and may be extended for an additional 180 days, if necessary.

On April 10, 1997, HEAT-N-GLO filed an Application for Interim Waiver and a Petition for Waiver regarding pilot light energy consumption.

HEAT-N-GLO seeks an Interim Waiver from the DOE test provisions in § 3.5 of Title 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix O, which requires measurement of energy input rate of the pilot light (Q_p), and in § 4.2.6, which requires the use of this data for the calculation of AFUE, where:

$$AFUE = \frac{[4400\eta_{SS}\eta_u Q_{in-max}]}{[4400\eta_{SS}Q_{in-max} + 2.5(4600)\eta_u Q_p]}$$

Instead, HEAT-N-GLO requests that it be allowed to delete Q_p and accordingly, the $[2.5(4600)\eta_u Q_p]$ term in the calculation of AFUE. HEAT-N-GLO states that instructions to turn off the transient pilot by the user when the heater is not in use are in the User Instruction Manual and on a label adjacent to the gas control valve. Since the current DOE test procedure does not address energy savings from the pilot light, HEAT-N-GLO asks that the Interim Waiver be granted.

Previous Petitions for Waiver to exclude the pilot light energy input term

in the calculation of AFUE for vented heaters with a manual transient pilot control have been granted by the Department to Appalachian Stove and Fabricators, Inc., 56 FR 51711, October 15, 1991; Valor Incorporated, 56 FR 51714, October 15, 1991; CFM International Inc., 61 FR 17287, April 19, 1996; Vermont Castings, Inc., 61 FR 17290, April 19, 1996; Superior Fireplace Company, 61 FR 17885, April 23, 1996; Vermont Castings, Inc., 61 FR 57857, November 8, 1996; HEAT-N-GLO Fireplace Products, Inc., 61 FR 64519, December 5, 1996; CFM Majestic Inc., 62 FR 10547, March 7, 1997; Hunter Energy and Technology Inc., 62 FR 14408, March 26, 1997; and Wolf Steel Ltd., 62 FR 14409, March 26, 1997.

Thus, it appears likely that HEAT-N-GLO's Petition for Waiver concerning pilot light energy consumption for vented heaters will be granted. In those instances where the likely success of the Petition for Waiver has been demonstrated based upon the Department having granted a waiver for a similar product design, it is in the public interest to have similar products tested and rated for energy consumption on a comparable basis.

Therefore, based on the above information, the Department is granting HEAT-N-GLO an Interim Waiver for its models BAYFYRE-TRS and 6000XLT vented heaters. HEAT-N-GLO shall be permitted to test these models of its vented heaters on the basis of the test procedures specified in Title 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, Appendix O, with the following modifications:

(i) Delete paragraph 3.5 of Appendix O.

(ii) Delete paragraph 4.2.6 of Appendix O and replace with the following paragraph:

4.2.6 Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency. For manually controlled vented heaters, calculate the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) as a percent and defined as:

$$AFUE = \eta_u$$

Where η_u is defined in § 4.2.5 of this Appendix.

(iii) With the exception of the modification set forth above, HEAT-N-GLO shall comply in all respects with the procedures specified in Appendix O of Title 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

This Interim Waiver is based upon the presumed validity of all statements and allegations submitted by the company. This Interim Waiver may be revoked or modified at any time upon a determination that the factual basis underlying the Application is incorrect.

This Interim Waiver is effective on the date of issuance by the Assistant

Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The Interim Waiver shall remain in effect for a period of 180 days or until the Department acts on the Petition for Waiver, whichever is sooner, and may be extended for an additional 180-day period, if necessary.

HEAT-N-GLO's Petition for Waiver requests the Department to grant relief from the portion of the DOE test procedure for vented home heating equipment that relates to measurement of energy consumption by the pilot light. Specifically, HEAT-N-GLO seeks to exclude the pilot light energy consumption from the calculation of AFUE. Pursuant to paragraph (b) of Title 10 CFR part 430.27, the Department is hereby publishing the "Petition for Waiver" in its entirety. The petition contains no confidential information. The Department solicits comments, data, and information respecting the Petition.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 14, 1997.

Joseph J. Romm,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Heat-N-Glo

Quality Fireplace Products Since 1975

April 10, 1997.

The Honorable Chistine Ervin,
Assistant Secretary of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy, United States Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585

Subject: Petition for Waiver to Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations 430.27

Dear Secretary Ervin: This is a Petition for Waiver from test procedures appearing in 10 CFR, Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix O—Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Vented Home Heating Equipment. The sections for which this waiver is requested are detailed in section 3.5—Pilot Light Measurement; and section 4.2.6—Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE). These sections require the measurement of energy input to the pilot light and the inclusion of this data in the calculation of AFUE for the appliance even when the pilot light is turned off and not consuming any energy.

We are requesting this Waiver for our appliance models: BAYFYRE-TRS and 6000XLT.

The combination gas control valves used on these appliances can be manually turned off when the heater is not in use. In the "OFF" position, both the main burner and the pilot light are extinguished. When the gas control is set to the "ON" position, the main burner and the pilot light are operating. The appliance Instruction Manual and a label adjacent to the gas control valve will require the user to turn the gas control valve to the "OFF" position when the heater is not in use.

Requiring the inclusion of pilot energy input in the AFUE calculations does not

allow for the additional energy savings realized when the pilot light is turned off. We request that the requirement of including the term involving the pilot energy consumption be waived from the AFUE calculation for our heaters noted above. These models meet the conditions described in the previous paragraph.

Please contact us with any questions, comments, and requirements for additional information we can provide. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hansen,

Tech. Services—Engineering.

Gregg Achman,

Manager, Design Engineering.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2769-000]

American Electric Power Service Corporation; Notice of Filing

May 14, 1997.

Take notice that on April 30, 1997, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) tendered for filing executed service agreements with certain cities and towns in Indiana and Michigan under the Indian Michigan Power Company (I&M) Tariffs MRS, designated as I&M FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 7 and I&M FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No 5, respectively. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the Service Agreements to be made effective for service billed on and after April 1, 1997.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the State Utility Regulatory Commissions of Indiana and Michigan.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 28, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-290-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

May 15, 1997.

In the Commission's order issued on April 11, 1997, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96-345-003]

Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc.; Notice of Filing

May 15, 1997.

Take notice that on April 15, 1997, Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc. (Indeck Pepperell) submitted for filing a Revised Statement of Policy and Standards of Conduct with Respect to the Relationship between Miami Valley Leasing, Inc. and Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc., (Revised Standards of Conduct) to comply with Commission requirements concerning standards of conduct between affiliates in the context of market-based rate filings. The filing supplements its October 25, 1996, filing of the original Standards of Conduct, which filing supplemented its October 17, 1996, Notice of Change of Ownership.

Indeck Pepperell states that its supplemental filing of Revised Standards of Conduct is in accordance

with Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations. Indeck Pepperell renews its request for a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements so that its Revised Standards of Conduct may become effective October 18, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 27, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-512-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application

May 15, 1997.

Take notice that on May 7, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP97-512-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a firm transportation service with Transcontinental Energy Marketing Company (Transco), which was authorized in Docket No. CP88-171, *et al.*, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to abandon a firm transportation service with Transco in connection with the conversion of this service from Rate Schedule X-57 to service under National Fuel's FT Rate Schedule, provided under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations. National Fuel states that Transco's current maximum daily volume under Rate Schedule X-57 is 75,000 Mcf.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said