

report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

4. *Performance Measures*: To evaluate the overall success of its research program, NIDRR assesses the quality of its funded projects through review of grantee performance and products. Each year, NIDRR examines a portion of its grantees to determine the extent to which grantees are conducting high-quality research and related activities that lead to high quality products. Performance measures for the Research Fellowships program include—

- The percentage of NIDRR-supported fellows, post-doctoral trainees, and doctoral students who publish results of NIDRR-sponsored research in refereed journals;
- The percentage of grantee research and development that has appropriate study design, meets rigorous standards of scientific and/or engineering methods, and builds on and contributes to knowledge in the field; and
- The number of publications per award based on NIDRR-funded research and development activities in refereed journals.

NIDRR evaluates the overall success of individual research and development grants through a review of grantee performance and products. NIDRR uses information submitted by grantees as part of their final performance report for these reviews. Approved final performance report guidelines require grantees to submit information regarding research methods, results, outputs, and outcomes.

## VII. Agency Contact

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marlene Spencer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5133, PCP, Washington, DC 20202–2700. Telephone: (202) 245–7532 or by e-mail: [marlene.spencer@ed.gov](mailto:marlene.spencer@ed.gov).

If you use a TDD, call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Accessible Format*: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large

print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5075, PCP, Washington, DC 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 245–7363. If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

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Dated: December 21, 2010.

**Alexa Posny,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

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

**ACTION**: Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY**: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology.

**DATES**: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 26, 2011. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments may be sent to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and

Tyler Huebner, EE–2K, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Fax # (202) 586–1233.

[tyler.huebner@ee.doe.gov](mailto:tyler.huebner@ee.doe.gov).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Tyler Huebner, EE–2K, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Fax # (202) 586–1233.

[tyler.huebner@ee.doe.gov](mailto:tyler.huebner@ee.doe.gov).

Reporting requirements concerning these Weatherization Assistance Program Sub-programs are available for review at the following Web site: [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/recovery\\_act\\_guidance.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/recovery_act_guidance.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. “1910–”; (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: “Weatherization Assistance Program Sub-programs”; (3) *Type of Review*: New; (4) *Purpose*: To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 77; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 308; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 3,696; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$147,840.

**Authority**: Title IV, Section 411(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Public Law 110–140; American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); Energy Policy Act of 2005; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 20, 2010.

**Cathy Zoi,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. CW-017]

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Notice of Petition for Waiver of Electrolux Home Products, Inc. (Electrolux) From the Department of Energy Residential Clothes Washer Test Procedure, and Grant of Interim Waiver

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for waiver, notice of grant of interim waiver, and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of and publishes the Electrolux Home Products, Inc. (Electrolux) petition for waiver (petition) from specified portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of clothes washers. Today's notice also grants to Electrolux an interim waiver from these same portions of the clothes washer test procedure. Through this notice, DOE also solicits comments with respect to the Electrolux petition.

**DATES:** DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the Electrolux petition until, but no later than January 26, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by case number CW-017, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [AS\\_Waiver\\_Requests@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov)  
Include "Case No. CW-017" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J/ 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.  
*Telephone:* (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600,

Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to review the background documents relevant to this matter, you may visit the U.S. Department of Energy, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., (Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program), Washington, DC, 20024; (202) 586-2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Available documents include the following items: (1) This notice; (2) public comments received; (3) the petition for waiver and application for interim waiver; and (4) prior DOE waivers and rulemakings regarding similar clothes washer products. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Ms. Elizabeth Kohl, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Mail Stop GC-71, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103.  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA") sets forth a variety of provisions concerning energy efficiency. Part B of Title III provides for the "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles." (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309).<sup>1</sup> Part B includes definitions, test procedures, labeling provisions, energy conservation standards, and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers. Further, Part B authorizes the Secretary of Energy to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results which measure energy efficiency, energy use, or estimated operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)). The test procedure for automatic and semi-automatic clothes washers is contained in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix J1.

The regulations set forth in 10 CFR 430.27 contain provisions that enable a

person to seek a waiver from the test procedure requirements for covered consumer products. A waiver will be granted by the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (the Assistant Secretary) if it is determined that the basic model for which the petition for waiver was submitted contains one or more design characteristics that prevents testing of the basic model according to the prescribed test procedures, or if the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption characteristics as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. 10 CFR 430.27(l). Petitioners must include in their petition any alternate test procedures known to the petitioner to evaluate the basic model in a manner representative of its energy consumption. 10 CFR 430.27(b)(1)(iii). The Assistant Secretary may grant the waiver subject to conditions, including adherence to alternate test procedures. 10 CFR 430.27(l). Waivers remain in effect pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 430.27(m).

The waiver process also allows the 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. 10 CFR 430.27(a)(2). An interim waiver remains in effect for 180 days or until DOE issues its determination on the petition for waiver, whichever is sooner. An interim waiver may be extended for an additional 180 days. 10 CFR 430.27(h).

##### II. Application for Interim Waiver and Petition for Waiver

On December 8, 2010, Electrolux filed a petition for waiver and application for interim waiver from the test procedure applicable to automatic and semi-automatic clothes washers set forth in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix J1. In particular, Electrolux requested a waiver to test its clothes washers with basket volumes greater than 3.8 cubic feet on the basis of the residential test procedures contained in 10 CFR part 430, Subpart B, Appendix J1, with a revised Table 5.1 which extends the range of container volumes beyond 3.8 cubic feet.

Electrolux's petition seeks a waiver from the DOE test procedure because the mass of the test load used in the procedure, which is based on the basket volume of the test unit, is currently not defined for basket sizes greater than 3.8 cubic feet. Electrolux manufactures basic models with capacities greater than 3.8 cubic feet, and it is for these

<sup>1</sup> For editorial reasons, on codification in the U.S. Code, Part B was re-designated Part A.