Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Portable Air Conditioners


ACTION: Reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) for portable air conditioners. 81 FR 38398. The notice provided opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information by August 12, 2016. DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), dated July 21, 2016, to extend the comment period until December 1, 2016. AHAM and its members stated that they need more time to test a sufficient number of products using the recently published portable AC test procedure in order to provide substantive comments to this rulemaking. A reopening of the comment period would allow additional time that DOE believes is sufficient for AHAM and its members and other interested parties to test existing models to the test procedure, examine the data, information, and analysis presented in the portable air conditioner Technical Support Document, gather any additional data and information to address the proposed standards, and submit comments to DOE.

AHAM’s request can be found at: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2013-BT-STD-0033-0024. In view of the request DOE has determined that a 45-day extension of the public comment period is appropriate. The comment period is reopened until September 26, 2016. DOE further notes that any submissions of comments or other information submitted between the original comment end date and the reopening of the comment period will be deemed timely filed.

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