

Memorandum

To United States Department of Energy
From Benjamin Longstreth, Natural Resources Defense Council
Date October 24, 2011
Re Ex Parte Communication

On Friday, October 21, 2011, a group of non-profit and state energy efficiency advocates met with representatives of the Department of Energy to discuss the Direct Final Rule for Residential Furnaces, Heat Pumps and Central Air Conditioners (*Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps*, Direct Final Rule, 76 Fed. Reg. 37,408 (June 27, 2011); *Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 76 Fed. Reg. 37,549 (June 27, 2011)). The efficiency advocates discussed the benefits of the direct final rule and comments that had been submitted to the Department during the public comment period as well as documents provided to the Department by the American Gas Association (AGA) at an October 11, 2011 ex parte meeting between the AGA and the Department.

The following individuals were present or on the telephone:

Roland Risser, DOE
John Cymbalsky, DOE
Dan Cohen, DOE Office of General Counsel
Sam Walsh, DOE Office of General Counsel
Eric Stas, DOE Office of General Counsel

Steve Nadel, ACEEE
Dennis Beck, California Energy Commission
Katherine Kennedy, NRDC
Meg Waltner, NRDC
Benjamin Longstreth, NRDC
Tim Ballo, Earthjustice
Joanna Mauer, ASAP
Andrew DeLaski, ASAP

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Benjamin Longstreth
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