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RE: Water Appliance and Fixture Rebate Program (Docket 15-WATER-03)

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

Whirlpool Corporation appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Water Appliance and Fixture Rebate Program (Docket 15-WATER-03). We strongly support the implementation of the rebate program, as directed by Governor Brown's Executive order B-29-15. We appreciate the leadership of Governor Brown, the General Assembly, the Energy Commission and other state agencies in acting expediently to address the state's water shortages, and we look forward to working with the Energy Commission to ensure the rebate program is successful.

Whirlpool Corporation is the number one major appliance manufacturer in the world, with approximately \$20 billion in annual sales, 100,000 employees and 70 manufacturing and technology research centers throughout the world in 2014. The company markets Whirlpool, KitchenAid, Maytag, Consul, Brastemp, Amana, Bauknecht, Jenn-Air, Indesit and other major brand names in more than 170 countries.

As an active member of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), Whirlpool has participated in the development of AHAM's written comments on the Water Appliance and Fixture Rebate Program. We strongly support AHAM's program recommendations for both clothes washers and dishwashers, and believe these potential programs offer California significant opportunities to quickly reduce residential water use.

Whirlpool is very proud of the significant water efficiency achievements in home appliances. All new clothes washers and dishwashers achieve stringent water and energy efficiency requirements. By encouraging early replacement of these products, as well as encouraging consumers without dishwashers to install them, the state of California can quickly, and cost effectively, reduce water use in residential buildings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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