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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Docket No. 18-AAER-06
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket Number 18-AAER-06 and "Phase 2 Appliance Efficiency Regulations for Hearth Products"

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to thank the California Energy Commission and its staff for the review of the Blue Flame Log Lighter. Our family owned business, Canterbury Enterprises was established in 1954, when Joe Leighton, my Dad, invented the Blue Flame Log Lighter and gas valve for wood burning fireplaces. CSA developed the Standard for Log Lighters 8-93. Over the past few years we have worked with CSA to develop a Log Lighter for Propane that would comply with the standards which requires a safety pilot and thermocouple. We recently were certified for this log lighter for both propane and natural gas (as there are many areas which require a safety pilot/thermocouple for Natural gas too).

The Blue Flame Log Lighter is known within the industry to be safe and has been installed in millions of homes throughout the past 64 years. The log lighter is attached to the gas line in the fireplace and is positioned underneath the grate. The consumer then turns the valve on which allows the gas to go to the log lighter, then uses a match to ignite the log lighter, which burns the firewood. The log lighter BTU rating is 22,000 and has an energy savings air gas mixing chamber. The cost of natural gas is approximately .31 cents an hour. The log lighter reduces the smoke and emissions by 50%, so it is "Green." This was EPA Tested and the log lighter was running during the entire test. It is a quick burn of the firewood, versus using paper and kindling. It is critical to have the log lighter in starting hardwoods, such as Eucalyptus and Orange, which were the traditional hardwoods in Southern California when the log lighter was invented.

It is important that your Committee is aware of the Log Lighter which uses gas to ignite firewood. There are millions of wood burning fireplaces with gas throughout California. We sell our log lighters to Major Dealers in California. Sales have been increasing every year, in California, as more homeowners are using their fireplaces to bring heat into their homes, with the rising fuel costs. Our sales are tied to existing wood burning fireplaces versus new construction.

Please let me know if there is any other additional information and greatly appreciate your review.

Sincerely,

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