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Petition for Rulemaking on Walk-In Refrigerators and Freezers

Dear Mr. Minelli:

Thank you for your October 17, 2005, Petition for Rulemaking, which raises three issues concerning the Energy Commission's adopted standards for walk-in refrigerators and walk-in freezers: door hardware, door R-values, and floor R-values. Although those standards will take effect on January 1, 2006, the Energy Commission's Efficiency Committee believes that the issues you raise deserve serious consideration for possible future amendments to the standards.

The Energy Commission's regulations indicate that, in the ordinary course of events, the Executive Director is to determine whether your Petition is complete, and to certify his determination in writing. Following that, the full Energy Commission considers whether to grant or deny your Petition at a Business Meeting. If the Petition is granted, the Energy Commission opens a rulemaking proceeding to consider the substantive merits of the Petition. However, because the Energy Commission already has an ongoing appliance rulemaking proceeding, I believe that it would be preferable to simplify this process. Therefore, the Efficiency Committee will consider all three of the issues that you raised in the ongoing rulemaking, and will direct the Staff to hold a workshop on those issues as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Michael Martin at (916) 654-4039.

Sincerely,

JACKALYNE PFANNENSTIEL

Vice Chair

Presiding Member, Efficiency Committee