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California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 09-O11-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Ladies & Gentlemen: (Or should I just address this to ignoramuses?)

First I'd like to bring your attention to the name of the program being addressed. It is the "American ***Recovery and Reinvestment Act*** (ARRA) of 2009". The meaning of this to me is an act to stimulate the economy. But the State of California has somehow in its infinite non-wisdom turned it into an energy savings program. Perhaps the members should take an English As a Second Language course along with the illegals whom I also support.

Let's assume this was meant to be an energy conservation program as you have taken it to be: I have perused the refrigerator models which you have proposed for the rebates. The vast majority of these are huge models with double doors. I could not find one model which I believe the average consumer like me would want. All I'm looking for is an approximately 18 cu ft with a built-in icemaker and bottom freezer. I could not find one model which fits this description. Could it be that those of you who sit on the board want to replace your own refrigerators and take advantage of the \$200 rebate for yourselves?

Until just recently, the only criteria I had heard about was that the refrigerator had to be a "Star Energy" – not a humongous appliance. And how is replacing an 18 cu ft refrigerator with one of those huge refrigerators (that won't even fit in the space that I have or most spaces of older homes) going to save on energy? In addition, there is no stipulation in your program that the new appliance must be a replacement. What will ensure that people won't just put their old models in the garage to use as a second refrigerator. Oh yes, that will be an energy saver.

Upon hearing of the originally referred to as "Cash Back for Appliances Program", I waited anxiously for it to go into effect so that I could replace my approximately 15 year old 18 cu ft model which doesn't have an icemaker with a newer energy saving 18 cu ft model with an automatic icemaker and top freezer.

If the choices you give me are the only ones I have, I will be keeping my current older refrigerator without the icemaker and continue to fill those ice cube trays. In order to make ice, I always wash out the trays using lots of hot water. I then fill the trays leaving the cold water running while I fill all of them to the right capacity. Then when the ice is ready, I run each of the trays under hot water (keeping that hot water running) to loosen the cubes so I can empty them into my ice bin.

For the sake of my limited budget, I will not be hand-delivering this along with 11 paper copies to Sacramento. Nor will I be keeping the post office in business by mailing all of the above to Sacramento.

This, and only this copy, will be e-mailed to docket@energy.state.ca.us in Microsoft Word format.

If you need additional copies, may I suggest that you have one of your overpaid staff get up off their butt and make them.

Sincerely,
Sherry Ragsdale

P.S. I finally found your latest list of approved refrigerators which include models that meet my criteria. However, in doing a search, I find that these models are not even available in my area. In addition to that, there are 2 Whirlpool models listed that meet my criteria but in going to the Whirlpool site and doing a search they don't even come up. But why should I be surprised at that? Yes, I will just stick with the refrigerator I now have.