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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Public Workshop on Manufacturer Impacts Analysis Methodology for the Fluorescent Lamp Ballast Program

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department or DOE) today gives notice that copies of the "Summary of the Final Inputs for the Draft Report on Potential Impact of Possible Energy Efficiency Levels for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts" and the "Manufacturer Impact Analysis Methodology" documents will be available for review and comment on April 7, 1998. In addition, the Department will hold a public workshop to discuss the Final Inputs to the Draft Report and the Manufacturer Impact Analysis methodology for the fluorescent lamp ballast standards program.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, from 9 am to 5 pm. Written comments (5 copies) must be received on or before May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Comments should be addressed to Anthony T. Balducci at the address indicated below under Further Information.

Copies of the transcript of the public workshop, public comments received, and this notice may be read or

purchased at the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. DOE, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Department of Energy is implementing enhanced procedures for the development and revision of appliance efficiency standards, including the fluorescent lamp ballast standards. See 61 FR 36973 (July 15, 1996). One of the themes of these process improvements is the Department's commitment to share analyses with the public and provide meaningful opportunity for public comment.

As part of our effort to review fluorescent lamp ballast standards, the Department is making the following documents available: "Summary of the Final Inputs for the Draft Report on Potential Impact of Possible Energy Efficiency Levels for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts" and "Manufacturer Impact Analysis Methodology."

The Department is taking steps consistent with the new process for its rulemaking concerning energy conservation standards for fluorescent lamp ballasts. DOE will hold a

workshop on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, to obtain information from stakeholders and interested parties relative to the manufacturer impact analysis methodology for fluorescent lamp ballast manufacturers. The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121 in Room 1E-245 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition the Department invites the submission of written comments on the Summary of the Final Inputs for the Draft Report on Potential Impact of Possible Energy Efficiency Levels for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts and the Manufacturer Impact Analysis Methodology.

The list of major topics for discussion at the workshop is as follows:

A. The Final Inputs for the Draft Report on Potential Impact of Possible Energy Efficiency Levels for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

B. The Procedure for conducting the Manufacturer Impact Analysis

C. The Manufacturer Impact Analysis Methodology Document

D. The Schedule for conducting the Manufacturer Impact Analysis

E. The Ballast Standards Rulemaking Schedule

The Department will use the information gathered at the workshop to guide its approach to development of revised energy conservation standards for fluorescent lamp ballasts.

Copies of the above mentioned reports and this notice, will be available on April 7, 1998, on the Office of Codes and Standards web site which is as follows: http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/index.htm. If you have any questions, plan to attend the workshop, or if you are unable to access the web site and wish to obtain material for the workshop, please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 or Mr. Anthony T. Balducci at (202) 586-8459, or (202) 586-4617 by fax.

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