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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, which requires DOE to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including heat pumps. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions, and will determine whether a product complies with the applicable energy conservation standard. The test procedures appear at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix M.

The Department amended the prescribed test procedures by adding 10 CFR 430.27 on September 26, 1980, creating the waiver process. 45 FR 64108. Subsequently, DOE further amended the waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned DOE for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. 10 CFR Part 430, § 430.27(a)(2).

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to waive temporarily test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures, or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. Waivers generally remain in effect until final test procedure amendments become

effective, resolving the problem that is the subject of the waiver.

On March 3, 1998, Sanyo filed a Petition for Waiver and an Application for Interim Waiver regarding the heat pump tests. On July 21, 1998, Sanyo withdrew its request for an interim waiver. Sanyo's application seeks a Waiver from the DOE test of heating mode operation for its burner-assisted heat pumps because the current DOE test procedure does not address burner-assisted heat pumps.

The Department has granted a waiver to Kool-Fire (Division of Friedrich Corporation) for a burner assisted heat pump product similar to Sanyo's. Pursuant to paragraph (b) of 10 CFR Part 430.27, DOE is hereby publishing the "Petition for Waiver" in its entirety. The Petition contains no confidential information. The Department solicits comments, data, and information respecting the Petition.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 23, 1998.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.

March 3, 1998

ATTN: Ms. Christine Ervin, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Station EE-1, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585

CC: Mr. T. Hada (Gas Appliances), Mr. W. C. Ryan (Ryan Co., Inc.)

RE: Petition for Waiver and Application for Interim Waiver for Sanyo Gas Source Heat Pump

Dear Ms. Ervin: Sanyo described a gas source heat pump product to your Mr. Mike Raymond and Mr. Ed. Pollock during a meeting on June 24, 1997. The recommendation from this meeting was for Sanyo to submit an application for Interim Waiver and Petition for Waiver from the Department of Energy central air conditioning heat pump test procedure for Sanyo's gas source heat pump. Sanyo's business plan is to provide our unique cooling and heating design for the United States domestic market. Our business will suffer economic hardship without a waiver from Department of Energy heating operation test procedures and efficiency standard for this product line.

Sanyo's ductless split type air conditioner-gas source heat pump product operates as a conventional air conditioner for cooling. Cooling efficiency is to be evaluated under DOE test procedures for the seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) product rating. The cooling mode test procedure is specified in 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix M, Section 2.1.

For heating operation this product employs a fuel gas burner to apply heat to the interior wall of a second heat exchanger located in the outdoor section. The exterior wall of this

heat exchanger is in close contact with tubing containing a refrigerant. Refrigerant is heated through intimate contact with the exterior wall of this heat exchanger and circulated by the refrigerant compressor from the outdoor tubing to the indoor tubing of the evaporator coil. The indoor fan motor and blower system extracts heat from the circulated refrigerant into the conditioned space. During heating operation the outdoor fan motor and air conditioning heat transfer tubing are isolated from the active circuit by valves and electrical controls.

Accordingly, a DOE test procedure for heating mode of such a gas source heat pump is not developed. Sanyo has no knowledge of an industry standard or test method for evaluating heating efficiency of this type of product. Requirements in 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix M, Section 2.3 do not apply for gas source heat pump units.

In order for this product to comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163) and amendments, Sanyo's business needs require that DOE favorably consider our application for an interim waiver and petition for waiver from the heating efficiency requirements for our combination ductless split air conditioner and gas-source heat pump product line.

Your review and consideration is appreciated. If more information is needed, we will be pleased to provide what you need.

Truly yours,

S. Ukai,
Engineer.

K. Mori,
Manager, International Operation, Air Conditioning Division, Environmental Systems, Business Head Quarter, Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.

Mike Raymond, U.S. Department of Energy

Sanyo's letter dated March 3, 1998 was a request for a waiver and interim waiver of DOE heating test procedures for their gas source heat pump products.

Sanyo requests you disregard their request for an interim waiver and proceed to extend the final waiver in response to their letter request.

This modification is due to Sanyo's product introduction schedule having sufficient time to allow for completion of the final ruling.

If you have questions or need more information please contact me.

Sincerely,

W. C. Ryan,
Ryan Company, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response \times proposed frequency of response per year \times estimated number of likely respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 31, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-1, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 5A, 6A, 6Q, 7A, and 20, "Coal Program Package."
2. Energy Information Administration; OMB No. 1905-0167; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; Mandatory.
3. The coal surveys collect data on coal production, consumption, stocks, prices, imports and exports. Data are published in various EIA publications. Respondents are manufacturing plants, producers of coke, purchasers and distributors of coal, coal mining operators, and coal-consuming electric utilities.
4. Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.
5. 10,137 hours (6,733 respondents \times 1.7 responses per year \times .9 hours per response).

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, November 23, 1998.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-156-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 25, 1998.

Take notice that on November 20, 1998, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 1, 1999:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 344
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 345

CNG states that the purpose of its filing is to implement Article II, Section 1.7 of the January 21, 1998, "Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding" as approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. RP97-149-003, et al. (the GRI Settlement). CNG has incorporated a mechanism to permit shippers to make voluntary contributions to the GRI, at Section 13.4 of the General Terms and Conditions of

its tariff. The inserted provision allows CNG's Customers to make voluntary contributions to GRI, in addition to the existing GRI Adjustment Charge. Through this mechanism, CNG will continue to serve as a GRI collection agent consistent with Article II of the GRI Settlement.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures are being mailed to CNG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boegers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-2-22-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 25, 1998.

Take notice that on November 20, 1998, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 1, 1999:

Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 31
Forty Second Revised Sheet No. 32
Forty Second Revised Sheet No. 33

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to adopt the GRI surcharges established by Article II, Sections 1.2 through 1.5 of the January 21, 1998, "Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding" as approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. RP97-149-003, et al. (the GRI Settlement). CNG