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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Response.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Parts 429 and 430

[Docket Number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0011]

RIN 1904-AC22

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnace Fans

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) regarding energy conservation standards for residential furnace fans, with a comment period that was scheduled to close December 24, 2013. This document announces an extension of the time period for submitting comments on the NPR. The comment period is extended 30 days.

DATES: The comment period for the NPR regarding energy conservation standards for residential furnace fans published on October 25, 2013 (78 FR 64067) is extended to January 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the NPR for Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnace Fans, and provide docket number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0011 and/or regulatory information number (RIN) 1904-AC22. Comments may be

submitted using any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* FurnFans-2010-STD-0011@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number and/or RIN in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

3. *Postal Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024.

Telephone: (202) 586-2945. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

Written comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule may be submitted to Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy through the methods listed above and by email to Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov.

Docket: The docket is available for review at www.regulations.gov, including **Federal Register** notices, framework documents, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

A link to the docket Web page can be found at: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/>

buildings/appliance_standards/rulemaking.aspx/ruleid/41. This Web page contains a link to the docket for this notice on the www.regulations.gov site. The www.regulations.gov Web page contains simple instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

For information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 or by email: Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Majette, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7935. Email: residential_furnace_fans@ee.doe.gov.

Ms. Kavita Vaidyanathan, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-0669. Email: Kavita.Vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 25, 2013, DOE published a NPR in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 64067) to make available and invite comments on the proposed rule regarding energy conservation standards for residential furnace fans. That notice set a deadline for the submission of written comment by December 24, 2013, and comments were also accepted at a public meeting held at DOE Headquarters on December 3, 2013. Several stakeholders requested an extension of the comment period. These stakeholders stated the additional time is necessary for interested parties to consider and respond to the proposed rule and public meeting presentation, in order to submit meaningful and useful comments.

After careful consideration of the multiple requests for more time to develop comments, DOE has determined that an extension of the

public comment period is appropriate and in the public interest based on the foregoing reasoning. Accordingly, DOE is hereby extending the comment period and will consider any comments received by January 23, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 18, 2013.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 701

RIN 3133-AE34

Requirements for Contacts with Federal Credit Unions

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The NCUA Board (Board) proposes to amend part 701 of its regulations to require examinations and other contacts between NCUA staff and staff or officials of a federal credit union (FCU) occur in an FCU's business offices or other public location. This does not include a private residence. The proposal also would require affected FCUs to bring to the meeting site any records or materials NCUA staff requests, and to maintain at least one method for members and NCUA staff to contact the credit union. These requirements would apply upon the effective date of a final rule. Additionally, the proposal would require all FCUs to obtain and maintain a business office, not located on the premises of a private residence address, no later than two years following the effective date of a final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (Please send comments by one method only):

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *NCUA Web site:* <http://www.ncua.gov/Legal/Regs/Pages/PropRegs.aspx>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* Address to regcomments@ncua.gov. Include "[Your name]—Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Part 701" in the email subject line.

- *Fax:* (703) 518-6319. Use the subject line described above for email.

- *Mail:* Address to Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mail address.

Public Inspection: You may view all public comments, as submitted, on NCUA's Web site at <http://www.ncua.gov/Legal/Regs/Pages/PropRegs.aspx>, except those we cannot post for technical reasons. NCUA will not edit or remove identifying or contact information from the public comments submitted. You may inspect paper copies of comments in NCUA's law library at 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, by appointment weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. To make an appointment, call (703) 518-6546 or send an email to OGCMail@ncua.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Wirick, Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, at the above address or by telephone: (703) 518-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Summary of the Proposed Rule
- III. Regulatory Procedures

I. Background

1. NCUA Authority to Regulate Settings of FCU Examinations and Other On-Site Contacts, Require Production of Records, and Regulate Operating Conditions of FCUs

The Federal Credit Union Act (Act) requires FCUs to "make financial reports to it [the NCUA Board] as and when it may require" and requires FCUs to make "books and records accessible to" NCUA for examination purposes.¹ Likewise, federally insured, state-chartered credit unions must make "reports of condition . . . in such form . . . as the Board may require."² Under this authority, the Board requires all insured credit unions to file quarterly call reports.³

The Act also requires and authorizes the Board to appoint examiners to examine any insured credit union to determine the credit union's condition.⁴ NCUA examiners often review and verify the information credit unions submit in their call reports through on-site examinations. Specialized NCUA staff, such as problem case officers, also

visit credit unions to address issues identified in the examination process.

In addition to the Board's statutory responsibilities to obtain financial reports and conduct examinations of insured credit unions, the Act gives the Board general authority to adopt regulations related to the oversight of FCUs. Taken together, these powers give the Board the authority to specify the location and other conditions of examinations and other on-site contacts with FCUs, as well as to require FCUs to conduct business in a commercial setting rather than in a home.

2. NCUA Authority To Direct Conditions of Work for NCUA Employees

The Act grants the Board authority to "direct employees of the Board"⁵ and "define their duties."⁶ Most of NCUA's 1,260 employees are credit union examiners who work on-site at credit union locations, performing examinations and other types of reviews. By requiring that all examinations and other on-site contacts between NCUA staff and FCU officials occur in business offices or other public locations, the proposal ensures that examinations and other FCU contacts occur in a professional and safe setting.

3. Home-Based Credit Unions

In the early days of credit union organizing, it was common for a credit union to operate out of the home of one of its officials. As credit unions grew, however, most added offices either at a sponsor's location or in another commercial setting. NCUA has identified approximately 95 remaining home-based, federally insured credit unions. These are credit unions operated out of a home or on the premises of a home address, such as in a garage, sunroom, or basement apartment. Eighty-one of these are FCUs, with assets ranging from \$34,000 to \$12,000,000. Most of these FCUs are very small; 34 have assets below \$1,000,000 and 38 have assets between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000.⁷

More recently, NCUA has encouraged examiners and other staff to arrange meetings with officials of home-based FCUs in public places, such as libraries or hotel conference rooms. NCUA did not, however, prohibit staff from meeting with an FCU official at a private

⁵ *Id.* 1766(j)(1).

⁶ *Id.* 1789(a)(4).

⁷ The 14 federally insured, state-chartered, home-based credit unions have assets ranging from \$115,000 to nearly \$11,000,000. The state-chartered, home-based credit unions are located in nine states as follows: Kansas has five, Utah has two, and Alabama, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Vermont each have one.

¹ 12 U.S.C. 1756.

² *Id.* 1782(a)(1).

³ 12 CFR 741.6.

⁴ 12 U.S.C. 1784.