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Transmitted via email to Renée Lani (rlani@apga.org), Matthew Agen (magen@aga.org), and Benjamin Nussdorf (bnussdorf@npga.org)

Dear Renée Lani, Matthew Agen, and Benjamin Nussdorf:

Thank you for your letter submitted via email dated December 6, 2022, regarding the Department of Energy's ("DOE") notice of data availability ("NODA") pertaining to "Energy Conservation Standards for Miscellaneous Gas Products." 87 FR 68931 (Nov. 17, 2022). In your letter, the American Gas Association ("AGA"), the American Public Gas Association ("APGA"), and the National Propane Gas Association ("NPGA") (collectively, "Joint Commenters") requested that DOE extend the comment period for the NODA by 60 days and further requested that DOE hold a public meeting.

Regarding the request to extend the comment period, DOE posted a copy of the pre-Federal Register publication of the miscellaneous gas products NODA on the DOE website and notified stakeholder organizations via email on November 10, 2022. This provided many stakeholders an additional 7 days for review in addition to the 30-day comment period that was announced in the notice published in the Federal Register. Furthermore, as explained in the NODA itself, DOE previously conducted a 30-day comment period in response to a June 14,

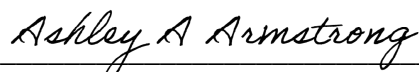
2022, request for information (“RFI”) regarding energy conservation standards for miscellaneous gas products. In that RFI, DOE specifically sought stakeholder input and data on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, product categories, energy use, shipments, and technology options. The Joint Commenters submitted comments in response to that RFI. DOE further notes that there will be additional opportunities to comment should DOE proceed with a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NOPR”) for energy conservation standards for miscellaneous gas products. In light of the previous 30-day comment period associated with the June 2022 RFI and future opportunities for comments if the agency proceeds to issue a NOPR, DOE believes a 30-day comment period for the NODA is appropriate and provides interested parties a meaningful opportunity to comment on the clarifications, data, and accompanying analyses presented.

As for the request for a public meeting, DOE values feedback from interested stakeholders to ensure that DOE receives all information necessary to develop rules that advance the public interest. Should DOE proceed with a NOPR for energy conservation standards for miscellaneous gas products, DOE will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed standards. To the extent that any stakeholders, including the Joint Commenters, wish to provide DOE with additional feedback, a request for an ex-parte meeting would be appropriate.

Based on the above, after considering your request, DOE is denying the request to extend the comment period and conduct a public meeting regarding the miscellaneous gas products NODA. DOE continues to believe that the comment period announced in the NODA is appropriate. Interested parties will have additional occasions to provide input, including through a public meeting, should DOE proceed with proposed energy conservation standards.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley A. Armstrong".

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