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Transmitted via email to Benjamin Nussdorf (bnussdorf@npga.org), Matthew J. Agen (magen@aga.org), Stuart Saulters (ssaulters@apga.org), and Sean Jamieson (Sean.Jamieson@SpireEnergy.com)

Dear Benjamin Nussdorf:

Thank you for your letter dated August 18, 2023, on behalf of the American Gas Association (“AGA”), American Public Gas Association (“APGA”), National Propane Gas Association (“NPGA”), and Spire Inc., Spire Missouri Inc., and Spire Alabama Inc., regarding the Department of Energy’s (DOE) notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) “Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Water Heaters.” In your letter, you request that the DOE extend the comment period on this notice by 30 days.

In regard to the comment period extension request, DOE posted a copy of the pre-Federal Register publication of the NOPR on the DOE website and announced the availability of the proposal via press release on July 21, 2023, which provided many stakeholders 7 additional days for review. The NOPR was then published in the Federal Register on July 28, 2023, and provided a 60-day comment period, which closes on September 26, 2023.

DOE has considered this request. We continue to believe that the comment period length is appropriate and provides a meaningful opportunity to comment on the NOPR. Therefore, DOE is denying the request to extend the comment period.

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

Sincerely,

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X John Cymbalsky

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Signed by: JOHN CYMBALSKY

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