



September 26, 2016

Mr. John Cymbalsky  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
Building Technologies Office, EE-5B  
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RE: Request of AGA and APGA for an Extension of the Comment Period  
Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNOPR) – Energy Conservation Standards for Residential  
Furnaces – Docket No. EERE-2014-STD-0031

Dear Mr. Cymbalsky:

On September 12, 2016, the American Gas Association (“AGA”) and the American Public Gas Association (“APGA”) (collectively, the “Associations”) filed a joint request for an extension of time for filing comments on the Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“SNOPR”) on Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces released in pre-publication form by the Department of Energy (“DOE”) on September 2, 2016. Specifically, the Associations requested an extension of the proposed thirty (30) day comment period for an additional sixty (60) days, for a total of a ninety (90)-day comment period from the date of publication of the SNOPR in the *Federal Register*.

The SNOPR was published in the Federal Register on September 23, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 65720), providing for a 60-day comment period, with comments to be lodged on or before November 22, 2016. For the reasons set forth in their September 12 joint request, most notably the immensity and complexity of the documents to be reviewed and analyzed in connection with the SNOPR, the Associations renew their request that they and all interested parties be afforded 90 days from the September 23 publication date to prepare and file comments.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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