August 23, 2011

Dear Mr. Lemmond,

As allowed under Section 1606(h) of the Title 20 Appliance Efficiency Regulations, and in accordance with our prior agreement on this matter, the California Energy Commission elects to use the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Directory of Certified Product Performance (Directory) for the purpose of determining compliance with Title 20 for central air conditioner and central heat pump systems with dual-, multi-, or variable-speed compressors that are tested in accordance with 10 CFR 430, Subpart B, Appendix M. **Appearance of these systems within the AHRI Directory will be considered equivalent to appearance within the Commission’s Appliance Efficiency Database,** effective:

- For each listing, retroactive to the date at which the model was listed with AHRI, and,
- Until such time as the model data listed with AHRI for these models is able to be imported into the Commission’s Appliance Efficiency Database.

AHRI’s approval as an Approved Industry Certification Program under Section 1603(b) of Title 20 and the approval of their Directory under Section 1606(h) allows the Commission to use their Directory “for any purpose that the database established pursuant to Section 1606(c) is used for.” We are grateful to AHRI both for taking the extra steps needed to become approved under these Sections and for their willingness to work together with us to allow these energy efficient products in California homes and buildings.

Sincerely,

Paula David
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