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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Donald Watson, 202-453-6166.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** HBCU Capital Financing Program Deferment Applications.

**OMB Control Number:** 1840-NEW.

**Type of Review:** New information collection

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private Sector; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 50.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 50.

**Abstract:** In the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 (March 27, 2020), Congress provided authority for deferments due to a qualifying emergency. Generally, the CARES Act provides that the Secretary may grant a deferment to recipients of Program loans, regardless of whether the recipient is a public or private HBCU, for the duration of the coronavirus-related emergency. The Department has developed an application for HBCUs to seek a deferment of a Program loan under the CARES Act. This application will allow a Program participant to request the deferment and submit information for the Department's required report to Congress regarding its use of its CARES Act authority to grant the deferments.

**Additional Information:** An emergency clearance approval for the use of the system is described below due to the following conditions:

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR 1320, ED requests that the following collection of information, HBCU Capital Financing Program Deferment Applications, be processed in accordance with section 1320.13 Emergency Processing. ED has determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to the ED's ability to effectively implement the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136 (March 27, 2020) and address the economic disruption posed by the Novel (new) Coronavirus ("2019-nCoV").

Dated: June 30, 2020.

**Kate Mullan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[EERE-2019-BT-PET-0019-0008]

### Energy Efficiency Program for Industrial Equipment: Final Determination Classifying North Carolina Advanced Energy Corporation as a Nationally Recognized Certification Program for Electric Motors and Small Electric Motors

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final determination.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a final determination classifying North Carolina Advanced Energy Corporation as a nationally recognized certification program under United States Department of Energy ("DOE") regulations regarding federal recognition of certification programs for electric motors and small electric motors.

**DATES:** This final determination is effective July 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this activity, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

The docket web page can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2019-BT-PET-0019>. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Mr. Michael Kido, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103. Telephone: (202) 586-8145. Email: [Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov).

For further information on how to submit a comment, review other public comments and the docket, or to request a public meeting, contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by email: [ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background and Authority

Part C of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (“EPCA”) contains energy conservation requirements for, among other things, electric motors and small electric motors, including test procedures, energy efficiency standards, and compliance certification requirements. 42 U.S.C. 6311–6316.<sup>1</sup> Section 345(c) of EPCA directs the Secretary of Energy to require manufacturers of electric motors “to certify through an independent testing or certification program nationally recognized in the United States, that [each electric motor subject to EPCA efficiency standards] meets the applicable standard.” 42 U.S.C. 6316(c). DOE codified this requirement at 10 CFR 431.17(a)(5). DOE also established certain compliance testing requirements for manufacturers of small electric motors. 77 FR 26608 (May 4, 2012) Manufacturers of small electric motors have the option of either self-certifying the efficiency of their small electric motors or they can use a certification program nationally recognized in the U.S to certify them. (10 CFR 431.445) DOE developed a regulatory process for the recognition, and withdrawal of recognition, for certification programs nationally recognized in the U.S. The criteria and procedures for national recognition of an energy efficiency certification program for electric motors are codified at 10 CFR 431.20 and 10 CFR 431.21 for electric motors and at 10 CFR 431.447 and 10 CFR 431.448 for small electric motors. Each step of the process and evaluation criteria are discussed below.

For a certification program to be classified by DOE as being nationally recognized in the United States for the testing and certification of electric motors and small electric motors, the organization operating the program must submit a petition to the Department requesting such classification, in accordance with the aforementioned sections.

For the Department to grant such a petition, the petitioner’s certification program must:

(1) Have satisfactory standards and procedures for conducting and administering a certification system, and for granting a certificate of conformity;

(2) Be independent of electric motor and small electric motor manufacturers (as applicable), importers, distributors, private labelers or vendors;

(3) Be qualified to operate a certification system in a highly competent manner; and

(4) Be expert in the following test procedures and methodologies:

(a) For electric motors, it must be expert in the content and application of the test procedures and methodologies in IEEE Std 112–2004 Test Method B or CSA C390–10. It must have satisfactory criteria and procedures for the selection and sampling of electric motors tested for energy efficiency. (10 CFR 431.20(b)); and

(b) For small electric motors, it must be expert in the content and application of the test procedures and methodologies in IEEE Std 112–2004 Test Methods A and B, IEEE Std 114–2010, CSA C390–10, and CSA C747, or similar procedures and methodologies for determining the energy efficiency of small electric motors. It must have satisfactory criteria and procedures for the selection and sampling of electric motors tested for energy efficiency. (10 CFR 431.447(b))

The petition requesting classification as a nationally recognized certification program must contain a narrative statement explaining why the organization meets the above criteria, be accompanied by documentation that supports the narrative statement, and be signed by an authorized representative. (10 CFR 431.20(c), and 10 CFR 431.447(c)).

## II. Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 431.20–10 CFR 431.21 and 10 CFR 431.447–10 CFR 431.448, on February 11, 2019, North Carolina Advanced Energy Corporation Efficiency Verification Services (“Advanced Energy”) submitted to DOE a Petition for Recognition related to the group’s motor efficiency verification services. That petition, titled, “Energy Efficiency Evaluation of Electric Motors and Small Electric Motors to US Department of Energy Regulations as stipulated in 10 CFR part 431, subpart B and Subpart X” (“Petition” or “Advanced Energy Petition”), was accompanied by a cover letter from Advanced Energy to the Department containing four separate sections, including individual narrative statements: (1) Standards and Procedures; (2) Independent Status; (3) Qualification of Advanced Energy to Operate a Certification System; and (4) Expertise in Electric Motor Test Procedures. The petition included supporting documentation on these subjects. The Department is required to publish in the **Federal Register** such petitions for public notice and solicitation of comments, data and

information as to whether the Petition should be granted. 10 CFR 431.21(b) and 10 CFR 431.448(b). In accordance with requirements in 10 CFR 431.21(b) and 10 CFR 431.448(b), DOE published Advanced Energy’s petition in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2019, and requested public comments. 84 FR 32437. DOE did not receive any comments responding to the petition.

As required by 10 CFR 431.21(d) and 10 CFR 431.448(d), DOE subsequently published a notification of interim determination regarding Advanced Energy’s petition and solicited comments. 85 FR 70520 (December 23, 2019). In the notification of interim determination, DOE noted that, after reviewing submitted materials and having received no comments, that it found no specific cause to reject the petition. It tentatively determined that Advanced Energy meets the requirements at 10 CFR 431.20 and 10 CFR 431.21 for electric motors and at 10 CFR 431.447 and 10 CFR 431.448 for small electric motors because they (1) have satisfactory standards and procedures for conducting and administering a certification system, (2) are independent of electric motor and small electric motor manufacturers, and (3) have expertise with both the electric motors and small electric motors test procedures.

In response to the notice of interim determination, GE Industrial Motors, a manufacturer, submitted a comment to DOE on January 22, 2020. GE Industrial Motors (“GE”) expressed concerns regarding Advanced Energy’s procedures to ensure (1) no other manufacturers would be present during testing of a competitor’s motor; (2) the test data is kept confidential; and (3) Advanced Energy would not analyze and compare test data from various manufacturers. (GE, No. 10 at p. 1) Advanced Energy submitted a response to DOE regarding GE’s comment. (Advanced Energy, No. 11.1 at p. 1) Advanced Energy stated that it requires all clients to review, sign and return appropriate documentation to ensure confidentiality. These documents include: (1) ISO–IEC 17065 Operations Manual; (2) Standard Operating Procedure; (3) Certification Scheme; (4) Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement and Hold Harmless; and (5) Client Agreement and Terms of Service. Specifically, Advanced Energy cited section 4.5 of the ISO–IEC 17065 Operations Manual, which covers confidentiality. Advanced Energy provided copies of all five documents as

<sup>1</sup> For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part C was re-designated Part A–1.

part of their response to GE.<sup>2</sup> Advanced Energy added that it developed a mechanism for safeguarding impartiality as described in Section 5.2 of the ISO-IEC 17065 Operations Manual and explained that these specific procedures mitigate the risks mentioned by GE. (Advanced Energy, No. 11.1 at p.1)

In reviewing the comment and response, DOE finds no specific cause to reject Advanced Energy's request for recognition as a nationally recognized certification program for electric motors and small electric motors. Therefore, the Department hereby announces its final determination pursuant to 10 CFR 431.21(d) and 10 CFR 431.448(d) that Advanced Energy is classified as a nationally recognized certification program for electric motors and small electric motors.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 26, 2020, by Alexander N. Fitzsimmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 30, 2020.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**[Case Number 2019-008; EERE-2019-BT-WAV-0023]**

### Energy Conservation Program: Notice of Petition for Waiver of LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. From the Department of Energy Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Test Procedure and Notice of Grant of Interim Waiver

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for waiver and grant of an interim waiver; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of and publishes a petition for waiver and interim waiver from LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. ("LGE"), which seeks a waiver from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") test procedure used for determining the efficiency of specified central air conditioner ("CAC") and heat pump ("HP") basic models. DOE also gives notice of an Interim Waiver Order that requires LGE to test and rate specified CAC and HP basic models in accordance with the alternate test procedure set forth in the Interim Waiver Order. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning LGE's petition and its suggested alternate test procedure so as to inform DOE's final decision on LGE's waiver request.

**DATES:** The Interim Waiver Order is effective on July 6, 2020. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before August 5, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by case number "2019-008", and Docket number "EERE-2019-BT-WAV-0023," by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:** [LG2019WAV0023@ee.doe.gov](mailto:LG2019WAV0023@ee.doe.gov). Include case number, 2019-008, in the subject line of the message.

- **Postal Mail:** Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, Petition for Waiver Case No. 2019-008, 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.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S.

Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20024. If possible, please submit all items on a "CD", in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on this process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**Docket:** The docket, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is publishing LGE's petition for waiver in its entirety, pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(b)(1)(iv), absent any confidential business information. DOE invites all interested parties to submit in writing by August 5, 2020, comments and information on all aspects of the petition, including the alternate test procedure. Pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(d), any person submitting written comments to DOE must also send a copy of such comments to the petitioner. The contact information for the petitioner is Jean-Cyril Walker, [walker@khlaw.com](mailto:walker@khlaw.com), Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G Street NW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001.

**Submitting comments via** <http://www.regulations.gov>. The <http://>

<sup>2</sup> Copies of these documents were added to the docket (Advanced Energy, No. 11.2—No 11.6)