

March 25, 2002

The Honorable David Garman
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 6C-016
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Assistant Secretary Garman:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Public Meeting last week to discuss new criteria for the Energy Star Windows program at the Department of Energy. The spirit of openness that you brought to the Program is truly refreshing.

Pilkington North America, Inc. is a stakeholder and a long time supporter of the Energy Star program.

In considering what the final proposed criteria will be, I cannot emphasize enough the need to maintain a competitive environment between the sputter and pyrolytic coating technologies. The electrical energy needed to produce sputtered low-e can be as much as 9 times higher than the electrical energy need to produce pyrolytic low-e. This differential necessitates the maintenance of a competitive environment in which no energy efficient technology is excluded from the Energy Star program. The pyrolytic process came about through a highly competitive environment and that competitive environment will continue to spur the development of new technologies capable of yielding even greater annual energy savings. Allowing one form of technology to monopolize the marketplace will ultimately doom progress toward a greater reliance on renewable energy sources -- which is, of course, the primary goal of the Energy Star program.

Thank you for your time and your attention. I remain,

Very truly yours,

Paul M. Gore

cc: Richard Karney