

October 15, 2004

Mr. Richard Karney
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**RE: Request for Extension to File Comments on Proposed Revisions to the
Energy Star Clothes Washer Program**

The Department of Energy has begun the process of examining the Energy Star criteria for its clothes washer program to address changes in the federal minimum efficiency standards which will take effect on January 1, 2007 and has requested stakeholder comments by October 15, 2004. As changes to the Energy Star clothes washer program could have a significant impact on AHAM member companies, we would like to provide comments for the Department's consideration, however, we are not able to do so by the October 15 deadline. We are currently in the process of consultations with our membership and, as such, we would like to request an extension of time, until November 5, 2004, to file our comments.

We appreciate your understanding and consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,



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