

Monday, June 20, 2005

Richard Karney
ENERGY STAR Program Manager
US Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Richard H. Karney:

My name is Sarup N. Bakhshi. I am the Vice President of Product Engineering at Friedrich Air Conditioning Company, San Antonio, Texas. Friedrich Air conditioning Company manufactures and markets Room Air conditioners, PTACs, and specialty air conditioning products. On behalf of the Friedrich Air Conditioning Company, I am pleased to provide our comments on the "Proposed expansion of ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioner Program."

We fully support the inclusion of heat pump RAC (Room Air Conditioner with reverse cycle) models in the proposed expansion of the ENERGY STAR program. In addition to encouraging energy conservation through the use of higher efficient cooling, it also promotes the heat pump RAC models, which provide more energy efficient heating, compared to the resistance electric heaters. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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