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To: richard.karney@ee.doe.gov
cc:
Subject: Proposed changes to Energy Star ratings system

Mr. Karney,

I spoke with Sophia Quach and Thomas Culp, from Atofina, at the recent GlassBuild America trade show in Atlanta about the proposed changes to the criteria for Energy Star ratings. I had a few questions I'd like to ask you, if you wouldn't mind giving them some consideration.

1. Upon what are the three and four zones based in the two proposed plans?
2. Your letter to Energy Star stake holders says that the three-zone plan is the preferred plan based on the peak load savings, but it also says the four-zone plan provides for higher national energy savings potential. How is the three-zone plan preferable if the alternative plan provides for more savings?
3. The comment period ends March 28. What happens after that period? How long until the D.O.E. finalizes its decision on the changes to the Energy Star program criteria?
4. The window market comprises a small amount of acrylic block window manufacturers. Their products don't yet provide a SHGC of .4 or better. Can you comment on companies and products that don't meet the ideal .4 SHGC?

I appreciate your time and consideration. Any answers you can provide me would be very helpful. Thank you,
Seth Wharton

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