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Douglas Anderson

Product Manager for Windows, Doors, and Skylights ENERGY STAR® Labeled Products

RE: ENERGY STAR Residential Window, Door, and Skylight Final Draft Specification Comments—  
Version 7.0

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for giving Nicor Gas the opportunity to comment on version 7.0 of the ENERGY STAR Residential Window, Door, and Skylight Final Specification.

Nicor Gas appreciates the EPA taking the time to respond to version 7.0 of the ENERGY STAR Residential Window, Door, and Skylight Draft 1 and Draft 2 comments. The proposed performance levels, specifically in the Northern climate zone, represent significant progress to window efficiency. This aligns with Nicor Gas' focus on improving customer comfort and bolstering the efficiency of homes in this zone. A tight, well insulated thermal shell is fundamental to improving the energy efficiency of residential homes in our service territory, benefiting our customers by both lowering their energy bills and improving their comfort. While the window performance requirements in the Northern zone will require changes to existing window products to meet the performance targets, you have demonstrated that these levels are achievable based on the current NRFC Certified Product Database (CPD) data. Nicor Gas intends, in collaboration with the Partnership for Advanced Windows (PAWS), to aid supply and demand side partners in Illinois and nationwide to support the rapid transition to qualified window, door, and skylight products.

Nicor Gas will continue our active support of PAWS to develop program offerings and incentives in our service territory to support the market's transition to products that meet the v7 specifications in 2023. We are committed to working with our supply and demand side partners to promote a timely and successful launch of v7 and look forward to an ongoing assessment of the ENERGY STAR Windows, Doors, and Skylights program.

Please contact Randy Opdyke ([rwopdyke@southernco.com](mailto:rwopdyke@southernco.com)) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Jerozal".

Jim Jerozal  
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