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Re: Memorandum Summarizing Ex Parte Communication

On October 9, 2014, a workshop was hosted by the American Gas Association and Washington Gas Light (WGL) at WGLs Training Facility in Springfield, VA. The purposes of the workshop were to convene representatives from the Department of Energy and stakeholder organizations to examine natural gas heating and water heating equipment and the installation differences between non-condensing and condensing equipment; to discuss potential implications if the new rulemaking for natural gas furnaces were to mandate condensing furnaces; to identify additional data needed for the rulemaking; and to discuss technology advancements needed to overcome current installation obstacles for condensing equipment.

Melissa Adams, Division Head - Sustainability & Business Development, WGL Holdings, opened the session with a presentation on how WGL and other AGA member companies have advanced energy efficiency within their service territories; a summary of the results of a builder/contractor survey conducted by the Gas Technology Institute to assess and quantify the potential fuel switching that would occur if a new condensing standards was established for natural gas furnaces; and analysis prepared by the American Gas Association on the impact of fuel switching on overall energy costs, consumption and emissions.

Kevin Dunn, Training Manager for WGL, provided a technical review of the various types of natural gas heating and water heating equipment, describing the unique components of each type of equipment and the installation requirements for them.

Richard Murphy, Managing Director – Sustainable Growth, American Gas Association, led a roundtable discussion on the following subjects:

- Technology solutions to address installation issues associated with condensing furnaces
- Additional data and market intelligence needed to assess the impact of a condensing furnace standard
- Opportunities for advancing efficiency solutions beyond equipment standards

The agenda for the workshop, a list of participants and the documents presented at the workshop are all attached to the email that this memorandum was delivered under.

Respectfully submitted,

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