employee groups which were within their existing field of membership. The NCUA Board will consider further regulatory action at an appropriate time depending on developments in the ongoing litigation concerning field of membership issues.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 701

Credit. Credit unions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on January 23, 1997.

Becky Baker,
Secretary of the Board.

Accordingly, NCUA amends 12 CFR part 701 as follows:

PART 701—ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

1. The authority citation for part 701 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 701.1 is revised to read as follows:

§ 701.1 Federal credit union charting, field of membership modifications, and conversions.

National Credit Union Administration practice and procedure concerning charting, field of membership modifications, and conversions are set forth in Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement 94–1 Charting and Field of Membership Policy (IRPS 94–1) as amended by IRPS 96–1. Copies may be obtained by contacting NCUA at the address found in § 792.2(g)(1) of this chapter. The combined IRPS are incorporated into this section.

(Amended by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3133–0015.)

Note: The text of Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement (IRPS 94–1, as amended by IRPS 96–1) does not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 305

Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule")

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Final rule revision.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission’s Appliance Labeling Rule ("the Rule") requires that Table 1, in § 305.9, which sets forth the representative average unit energy costs for five residential energy sources, be revised periodically on the basis of updated information provided by the Department of Energy ("DOE").

This document revises the table to incorporate the latest figures for average unit energy costs as published by DOE in the Federal Register on November 18, 1996.1

DATES: The revisions to § 305.9(a) and Table 1 are effective March 7, 1997. The mandatory dates for using these revised DOE cost figures in connection with the Appliance Labeling Rule are detailed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section, below.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 19, 1979, the Federal Trade Commission issued a final rule in response to a directive in section 324 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA"), 42 U.S.C. 6201.2 The Rule requires the disclosure of energy efficiency, consumption, or cost information on labels and in retail sales catalogs for eight categories of appliances, and mandates that the energy costs, consumption, or efficiency ratings be based on standardized test procedures developed by DOE. The cost information obtained by following the test procedures is derived by using the representative average unit energy costs provided by DOE. Table 1 in § 305.9(a) of the Rule sets forth the representative average unit energy costs to be used for all cost-related requirements of the Rule. As stated in § 305.9(b), the Table is to be revised periodically on the basis of updated information provided by DOE.

On November 18, 1996, DOE published the most recent figures for representative average unit energy costs. Accordingly, Table 1 is revised to reflect these latest cost figures as set forth below.

How and when industry members must use (and not use) revised Table 1 in calculating cost disclosures for labeling and catalog sales is explained in detail in the paragraphs below. In sum:

• Manufacturers of refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers, water heaters, and room air conditioners are not permitted to use the DOE Cost figures published today to calculate the secondary operating cost figures on labels for their products until the Commission publishes new ranges of comparability for these products.

• Manufacturers of refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers, and water heaters have no need for the DOE cost figures for making data submissions under 305.8. The energy use information they must submit and use as primary energy use descriptors on labels for these products is now in terms of energy consumption, not operating cost.

Industry members must use the 1997 DOE cost figures published today to calculate operating cost representations in catalogs that are drafted and printed after May 6, 1997.

• Beginning May 6, 1997, manufacturers of clothes dryers, television sets, kitchen ranges and ovens, and space heaters must use the 1997 representative average unit costs for energy in all operating cost representations.

For Labeling of Products Covered by the Commission’s Rule3

Manufacturers of covered products are not permitted to use the National Average Representative Unit Costs published today on labels for their products until the Commission

1 61 FR 58679.

2 44 FR 66466. Since its promulgation, the rule has been amended four times to include new product categories—central air conditioners (52 FR 46888; Dec. 10, 1987), fluorescent lamp ballasts (54 FR 1182, Jan. 12, 1989), certain plumbing products (58 FR 54955, Oct. 30, 1993), and certain lamp products (59 FR 25176, May 13, 1994). Obligations under the rule concerning fluorescent lamp ballasts, lighting products, and plumbing products are not affected by the cost figures in this notice.

3 The July 1, 1994, amendments require that labels for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers, water heaters, and room air conditioners contain a secondary energy usage disclosure in terms of an estimated annual operating cost (labels for clothes washers and dishwashers will show two such secondary disclosures—one based on operation with water heated by natural gas, and on operation with water heated by electrically). The labels also must disclose, for those products that are secondary estimated annual operating cost, the fact that the estimated annual operating cost is based on the appropriate DOE energy cost figure, and must identify the year in which the cost figure was published.
publishes new ranges of comparability for those products. Manufacturers of storage-type water heaters must continue to use the 1994 DOE cost figures (8.41 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity, 60.4 cents per therm for natural gas, $1.054 per gallon for No. 2 heating oil, and 98.3 cents per gallon for propane) in determining the operating cost disclosures on the labels on their products. This is because the 1994 DOE cost figures were in effect when the 1994 ranges of comparability for storage-type water heaters were published, and those 1994 ranges are still in effect for those products. Manufacturers of storage-type water heaters must continue to use the 1994 cost figures to calculate the estimated annual operating cost figures on their labels until the Commission publishes new ranges of comparability for storage-type water heaters.

Manufacturers of refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, heat pump water heaters, and room air conditioners must continue to derive the operating cost disclosures on labels by using the 1995 National Average Representative Unit Costs (8.67 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity, 63 cents per therm for natural gas, $1.008 per gallon for No. 2 heating oil, and 98.5 cents per gallon for propane) that were in effect when the current (1995) ranges of comparability for those products were published. Manufacturers of refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, heat pump water heaters, and room air conditioners must continue to use the 1995 DOE cost figures to calculate the operating cost disclosure disclosed on labels until the Commission publishes new ranges of comparability for heat pump water heaters, room air conditioners, or refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers based on future annual submissions of data. In the notice announcing the new ranges, the Commission also will announce that operating cost disclosures must be based on the DOE cost figure for electricity in effect at that time.

Manufacturers of clothes washers, dishwashers, and instantaneous water heaters must continue to base the required secondary operating cost disclosures on labels on the 1996 National Average Representative Unit Costs for electricity (8.6 cents per kilowatt-hour), natural gas (62.6 cents per therm), propane (90 cents per gallon), and/or heating oil (92 cents per gallon) that were published by DOE on January 19, 1996, and by the Commission on February 14, 1996, and that were in effect when the 1996 ranges of comparability for those products were published.

For 1997 Submissions of Data Under Section 305.8 of the Commission's Rule

Manufacturers no longer need to use the DOE cost figures in complying with the data submission requirements of §305.8 of the Rule. Pursuant to amendments to the Rule published on July 1, 1994 (with extended compliance dates published on December 8, 1994),10 the estimated annual operating cost is no longer the primary energy usage descriptor for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers, and water heaters. Under the amendments, the energy usage and the ranges of comparability for those product categories must be expressed in terms of estimated annual energy consumption (kilowatt-hour use per year for electricity, therms per year for natural gas, or gallons per year for propane and oil). Thus, the 1997 (and all subsequent) data submissions under 305.8 for those product categories (which are to enable the Commission to publish ranges of comparability) must be made in terms of estimated annual energy consumption, not cost. The energy efficiency descriptors for the other products covered by the Rule (room air conditioners, furnaces, boilers, central air conditioners, heat pumps, and pool heaters) are unaffected by the amendments mentioned above. The annual data submission requirements for those products, which are not based on the DOE cost figures, will continue to be in terms of energy efficiency.

For convenience, the annual dates for data submission are repeated here:

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For Energy Cost Representations Respecting Covered Products in Catalogs

Energy cost representations in catalogs that are drafted and printed while the 1997 cost figures are in effect must be derived using the 1997 energy costs beginning May 6, 1997.

For Energy Cost Representations Respecting Products Covered by EPCA But Not by the Commission's Rule

Manufacturers of products covered by section 323(c) of EPCA, 42 U.S.C. 6293(c), but not by the Appliance Labeling Rule (clothes dryers, television sets, kitchen ranges and ovens, and space heaters) must use the 1997 representative average unit costs for energy in all operating cost representations beginning May 6, 1997.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act relating to a Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis (5 U.S.C. 603-604) are not applicable to this proceeding because the amendments do not impose any new obligations on entities regulated by the Appliance Labeling Rule. Thus, the amendments will not have a “significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities” (5 U.S.C. 605). The Commission has concluded, therefore, that a regulatory flexibility analysis is not necessary, and certifies, under section 605 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), that the amendments announced today will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 305

Advertising, Energy conservation, Household appliances, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
Table 1.—Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy for Five Residential Energy Sources (1997)

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<th>Type of energy</th>
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¹Btu stands for British thermal unit.
²kWh stands for kilowatt hour.
³1 Btu = 0.000239007 kilowatt hour.
⁴1 therm = 100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.
⁵MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.
⁶For the purposes of this table, 1 cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1.028 Btu.
⁷For the purposes of this table, 1 gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.
⁹For the purposes of this table, 1 gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Phoenix Scientific, Inc., 3915 South 48th Street Ter., P.O. Box 6457, St. Joseph, MO 64506-0457, filed ANADA 200-136, which provides for oral use of tetracycline hydrochloride soluble powder in the drinking water of calves and swine for control and treatment of certain conditions, and of chickens and turkeys for the control of certain conditions, as follows: (1) For calves for control and treatment of bacterial enteritis (scours) caused by Escherichia coli, and bacterial pneumonia (shipping fever complex) associated with Pasteurella spp., Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae (Hemophilus spp.), and Klebsiella spp. susceptible to tetracycline; (2) for swine for control and treatment of bacterial enteritis (scours) caused by E. coli, and bacterial pneumonia associated with Pasteurella spp., A. pleuropneumoniae (Hemophilus spp.), and Klebsiella spp. susceptible to tetracycline; (3) for chickens for control of chronic respiratory disease (CRD or air-sac disease) caused by Mycoplasma gallisepticum and E. coli; infectious synovitis caused by M. synoviae susceptible to tetracycline; (4) for turkeys for control of infectious synovitis caused by M. synoviae and bluecomb (transmissible enteritis or coronaviral enteritis) complicated by bacterial organisms susceptible to tetracycline.

**Effective Date:** February 5, 1997.