

Record of Commission Action Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chair Alexander D. Hoehn-Saric

Commissioner Peter A. Feldman Commissioner Richard Trumka Jr. Commissioner Mary T. Boyle

ITEM:

Request for Extension of Comment Period for Safety Standard for Portable Generators Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Data Requests (Briefing package dated May 10, 2023)

DECISION:

The Commission voted (3-1) to deny the request from the Portable Generators Manufacturers Association (PGMA) to extend the comment period for the SNPR regarding portable generators. On April 26, 2023, the PGMA requested that the Commission extend the comment period for this SNPR from June 20, 2023, to "on or about August 19, 2023."

Chair Hoehn-Saric, Commissioners Trumka and Boyle voted to deny the request to extend the comment period for the SNPR.

Commissioner Feldman voted to grant a 60-day extension to the SNPR comment period and direct staff to provide for the Commission's consideration a draft Federal Register notice announcing the extension. Commissioner Feldman issued a statement with his vote (see attachment).

For the Commission:

Alberta Mills Secretary

*Ballot vote due May 17, 2023

Attachment: Statement by Commissioner Feldman

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COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN ON REQUEST OF PGMA, OPEI, AND EMA FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR SAFETY STANDARD FOR PORTABLE GENERATORS SNPR

MAY 16, 2023

The Commission's rulemaking to establish a safety standard to reduce the carbon monoxide hazard associated with portable generators should be based on as complete a factual record as possible. The requests from the Portable Generator Manufacturers Association (PGMA), the Outdoor Power Institute (OPEI), and the Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) for a 60-day extension is reasonable and I believe reduces litigation risk should the Commission proceed to a final rule.