CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

CPSC EXECUTIVE SESSION 1750 K Street, N.W.

August 1, 1974 9:30 a.m.

Presiding: Chairman Simpson

Present:

Commissioner Kushner Commissioner Franklin Commissioner Newman Commissioner Pittle

ITEM:

Revised proposal of the Consumer Safety Glazing Committee

DECISION:

Regarding the revised proposal of the Consumer Safety Glazing Committee, as contained in a letter addressed to Robert Jenkins (Chief, CPSC negotiator) on 30 July 1974 (copy attached) the Commission believes the proposal is satisfactory and CSGC should be accepted as the developer of a safety standard on architectural glass.

COMMISSION VOTE:

Accept CSGC to develop the standard

SIMPSON R. Simpson KUSHNER MULLIUM FRANKLIN** B. Tranklin*

Abstain

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OTHER OPTIONS:

Reject CSGC

Submitted by: Commissioner Pittle August 26, 1974

^{*} Opinion attached

^{**} Opinion to followise 6August 1974 Executive Session Item
"Final Consideration of Consumer Safety Glazing Committee
Proposal".



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July 30, 1974

Mr. Robert Jenkins
THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20207

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Based upon our negotiating session with you on July 30, 1974, at 9:30 a.m., the Consumer Safety Glazing Committee ("CSGC") hereby offers the following amendments to its offer to Develop Standards for Architectural Glass dated June 27, 1974 ("Offer"):

- 1. The Offer anticipated extensive use of independent laboratories to develop tests in support of a proposed safety standard. This development testing included tooling, fixtures, procedures, testing and sample selection at an approximate cost of \$175,000. This amended offer substantially reduces the funds required for independent test labs by providing for a major portion of the development testing at the CSGC members' test facilities. These procedures will then be certified by the independent test labs at an approximate cost of \$25,000 which will be contributed by CSGC;
- Monthly press releases, instead of weekly releases, will be issued;
- 3. All public hearings will be eliminated;
- 4. Except for the initial questionaire and the final draft of the proposed standard, all mailings to interested persons will be eliminated;
- 5. Elimination of fees for legal counsel;

- 6. Elimination of the paid, professional consumer affiliates (Children's Hospital and the American University Law School). Increased consumer participation will be provided on a voluntary basis, to a minimum of one-third (total of 14) on each of the following committees to the extent that per diem and travel expenses are paid by the Commission for such consumers: Management Committee (3), Risk of Injury Subcommittee (3), Testing and Standards Subcommittee (5), and Economic and Environmental Subcommittee (3). A plan for Consumer Participation is attached hereto as Schedule 1;
- 7. Section VIII of the offer is amended by reducing the request for Contribution from the Commission from \$432,500 to \$47,675 as described in the revised Exhibit D to the Offer. A copy is attached hereto as Schedule 2 together with the backup information for travel and per diem. The administrative costs include the addition of an Administrative Assistant Project Manager and a Risk Analysis Assistant Project Manager. The Administrative Assistant Project Manager will supervise the clerical and stenographic functions and support the Project Manager by arranging meeting details, scheduling support help & volunteers as required, answering consumer inquiries, supervising consumer responses, and otherwise fulfilling the communication responsibilities of the Offeror. Risk Analysis Assistant Project Manager will supervise the collection and analysis of injury data related to architectural glass for the purpose of determining items such as cause of injury, product location, product type and description, glass thickness and size. This information will be supplied to the Risk of Injury Subcommittee to help establish causative factors which will serve as the basis of safety standards. position was added to assure adequate injury data to concientiously develop meaningful safety standards within the time allotted and maintain liason with the Bureau of Epidemilogy. The postage and duplicating requirement was reduced substantially because the public hearings (announcements and advertising) were eliminated and press releases and information mailings reduced substantially. A contribution of \$47,675 from the Consumer Product Safety Commission will result in a more satisfactory standard because the complexities of the standard development program, the short time-frame, and the desirability of meaningful participation by consumers,

requires that a sufficient number of qualified persons administer the standards development program and, at a minimum, that the expenses of consumers be paid. Without such participation, it is unlikely that a truly satisfactory standard would result. The Offeror does not have the financial or people resources, to provide such input without financial assistance;

- 8. Increase in the Offeror's Value of Contribution to exceed \$500,000, as described in Schedule 3 attached hereto;
 - 9. Our commitment to use our best efforts to complete the proposed safety standards for all uses of architectural glass within the 150 day period as set forth in the Statute. Path "B" to the Flow Chart is hereby deleted.

It is understood that all provisions in the Offer which conflict or are inconsistent with these amendments are also hereby deleted or, as appropriate, amended.

Five copies of this Amendment to Offer to Develop Standards for Architectural Glass, together with Schedules 1, 2 and 3 are hereby submitted.

Very truly yours,

CONSUMER SAFETY GLAZING COMMITTEE

Ву:

W. Jeff Keirns,

Chairman



Suite 505, 1000 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036 Schedule 1

Consumer Safety Glazing Committee

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subcommittee, the Testing and Standards subcommittee and Environmental and Economic subcommittee and shall

be divided between lay and technical consumers.

The active consumer participation to be at least

33 1/3% of the Management committee, Risk of Injury

2. Definitions:

"Lay consumer" - an individual consumer who has no economic bias with respect to the standard being developed and is not paid by any consumer group in connection with his participation. (eg., a housewife.)

"Technical Consumer" - an individual consumer who has no economic bias with respect to the standard being developed and is not paid by any professional or consumer organization in connection with his participation, and who has a particular technical expertise, (eg., engineer, doctor).

With respect to the technical consumers, they shall 3. have similar technical qualifications, educations and experience as the technical representatives and affiliates as set forth in Offerors Original Offer.

To insure consumer input and involvement in the standards development process.

The CSGC will draw up a representative cross section list of 42 geographically dispersed technical and non-technical consumers who have evidenced in writing an interest to CPSC of their desire to assist in the development of Standards for Consumer Products. Within this frame CSGC will endeavor to draw consumers, both technical and non-technical, from groups expressing an interest in developing a standard for architectural glass (pages 22 and 23 of Original Offer.)

CSGC will sequentially contact by telephone, letter, and personal contact the individuals of this group to fill the requirements for at least 14 consumers representatives. A back-up list of interested consumers from the above sources will be maintained in the event consumers from the initial group become unavailable and to assure and maintain a maximum degree of consumer input and involvement.

Consumer participants will be paid only travel and per diem; there will be no paid consumers at this stage. CSGC will immediately solicit foundations to ascertain the availability of funds for consumer compensation.

- 2. Each consumer participating on a committee shall be required to sign a Letter of Intent indicating his or, her commitment to participate in no less than 75% of meetings of the particular committee throughout the entire standard development period.
- 3. In the event that CSGC is unable to secure signed Letters of Intent for sufficient consumer participation and involvement within two weeks of CPSG's acceptance of its Offer, the CSGC has set aside the sum of \$10,000.00 for consumer salaries in order to assure consumer participation. In addition, such \$10,000 shall be utilized to assist in securing commitments from additional consumers, in the event consumers who were committed, terminate their participation.
- 4. CSGC will retain the NGDA Plan to solicit information from consumers through a questionaire.
- 5. The technical consumers shall be drawn mainly from physicians, nurses, architects, engineers, safety engineers and similar disciplines.

The non-technical consumers shall be drawn from mainly housewifes, particularly those with younger children, students, teachers and retired persons.

6. CSGC shall endeavor to provide the following representations:

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7. The Finance Subcommittee, the Communications Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee shall not be budgetted for consumer representation.

The Environmental and Economic Subcommittee will maintain close liason with the staff economists of CPSC and the Communications Subcommittee will coordinate its publicity with that of CPSC.

W. Jeff Keirns

Dear Mr. Keirns:

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Consumer Safety Glazing Committee Suite 505, 1000 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

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Letter of Intent



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A detailed resume is attached hereto as Exhibit 'A'.

I hereby express my willingness and intent to participate as a consumer in the Standard Development for Architectural

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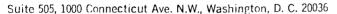


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OPINION OF

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REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE
OFFER OF THE CONSUMER
SAFETY GLAZING COMMITTEE
AS AN OFFEROR TO
DEVELOP A SAFETY STANDARD
FOR ARCHITECTURAL GLASS

I have abstained on the vote to accept CSGC as an offeror because, although I believe their proposal is comparable to that submitted by the NCL/ASTM team, I continue to have strong misgivings about the rejection of NCL/ASTM as an offeror. However, the pressing need for a safety standard on architectural glass developed in a timely fashion outweighs other benefits to be gained from further debate over the NCL/ASTM matter. It is my earnest hope that future dealings of this Commission with offerors will be on a more open-minded and pragmatic basis.

R. David Pittle, Commissioner