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Supporting Energy Efficient Appliances

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WHEREAS, consumers desire access to all commonly available residential and commercial appliances regardless of energy source; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is a central component of maintaining customer affordability; and

WHEREAS, federal statute requires minimum efficiency standards for appliances and equipment to be technologically feasible and economically justified; and

WHEREAS, households that use natural gas for heating, cooking, and clothes drying save an average of \$1,132 per year²; and

WHEREAS, natural gas utilities invest billions of dollars annually in energy efficiency programs, which result in significant total energy and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has engaged in a series of rulemakings which will limit the availability of everyday appliances, such as gas stoves and furnaces, without appropriate demonstration of technological feasibility or economic justification; and

² See American Gas Association, *Building for Efficiency Home Appliance Cost and Emissions Comparison*, (September 2024), <https://www.aga.org/research-policy/building-for-efficiency/>.

WHEREAS, five SSEB member states have signed into law legislation ensuring homes and businesses have access to the appliance of their choice regardless of the type or source of energy; and

WHEREAS, in June 2024 Attorneys General representing 14 SSEB member states sent a letter to DOE expressing their concerns with DOE's current rulemaking process for certain appliance efficiency standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Southern States Energy Board supports consumer access to appliances used for cooking, space heating, water heating, or another end use regardless of the type or source of energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Southern States Energy Board urges DOE to consider the impacts its recent appliance rules will have on consumers.