



March 10, 2010

**Subject 174/1453**

TO: Subscribers to UL's Listing Services under the Standard for Residential electric Water Heaters, UL174 and the Standard for Electric Booster and Commercial Storage Tank Water Heaters, UL 1453.

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE**

An Industry File Review (IFR) is presently in effect to determine compliance with the new and revised requirements in the Standard for Residential Electric Water Heaters, UL174, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition and the Standard for Electric Booster and Commercial Storage Tank Water Heaters, UL 1453, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, effective April 22, 2010. This date was initially established in order to provide industry ample time to complete the review of their products, and redesign any electronic control used for the temperature regulating and/or limiting functions of the water heaters. During the course of the file review, we determined a longer timeframe was needed to complete the control evaluations.

UL has discussed the effective date issue with various industry representatives about the schedule for this IFR. Based on these discussions, UL is proposing a revised time frame that would both satisfy the industry and UL's concerns with respect to the time and resources needed to redesign and review all products.

In view of the above, and to better utilize resources within UL, the water heater industry and the control industry providing electronic controls residential electric water heaters, it is proposed to extend the effective date to April 22, 2011.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

Please provide the following:

1. Your comments on the impact of the proposed postponement of the effective date on your products, and
2. Your comments on the proposed new effective date.

Comments should be emailed to [Vickie.T.Hinton@us.ul.com](mailto:Vickie.T.Hinton@us.ul.com) and received no later than April 10, 2010.

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