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**BCSE Statement on the Issuance of Proposed Rules Improving
Energy Efficiency Standards for Commercial Refrigeration Equipment**

Washington, DC -- The Business Council for Sustainable Energy released the following statement from Council President Lisa Jacobson regarding the Department of Energy's issuance of two proposed rules last week to improve energy efficiency standards for commercial refrigeration equipment, such as a deli case at a supermarket, and for walk-in coolers and freezers, such as supermarket milk displays.

"Energy efficiency saves consumers money and reduces unnecessary pollution. In issuing these proposed rules, the Department of Energy has taken an important step which will save consumers money by reducing the amount of energy required to keep products refrigerated in the supermarkets where they shop for their groceries.

"It has been estimated that together the two rules could save consumers up to \$28 billion over a 30-year period will also help cut CO₂ emissions by more than 350 million metric tons.

The Council looks forward to working with the Department of Energy to establish cost-effective efficiency standards that increase energy productivity and reduce the amount of energy used in American homes and businesses."

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: www.bcse.org and download [Sustainable Energy in America 2013 Factbook](#) for the latest industry information.