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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Gas appliance" means any new residential type furnace, air conditioner, heater, refrigerator, stove, range, dishwasher, dryer, decorative fireplace log, or other similar device, except a water heater which uses a gaseous fuel for operation and is automatically ignited.

(3) "Intermittent ignition device" means an ignition device which is actuated only when the gas appliance is in operation.

(4) "Pilot light" means any gas operated device that remains continually operated or lighted in order to ignite a gas appliance to begin normal operation.

(5) "Person" includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(6) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(b) (1) The Commission, on or before July 1, 1979, shall develop in cooperation with affected industry and consumer representatives, the specifications for certification of intermittent ignition devices. The specifications shall:

(i) Result in the conservation of primary energy resources;

(ii) Not significantly affect the price of gas appliances in competition with similar electrical appliances;

(iii) Give due consideration to the initial costs including installation;

(iv) Give due consideration to maintenance costs imposed upon the consumer; and

(v) Include provisions necessary for public health and safety.

(2) The Commission may determine, after demonstration, that there is no feasible alternative means to the use of a pilot light or that the use of a pilot light is necessary for public health and safety.

(c) Within 90 days after an intermittent ignition device has been certified by the Commission, the Commission shall notify all gas appliance manufacturers doing business