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1997 Residential Energy Consumption Survey
Household Questionnaire

Section J: HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

J-1   **Now I have a few questions about your household. These questions will help us to make sure that the sample of households we've surveyed is really representative of all American households.**

NHSLDMEM **Including yourself, how many people normally live in this household? Do not include anyone who is just visiting or children who may be away at college or in the military.**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

[If > 1] *YEARS3* **Of this total, how many are adults over the age of 65?**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

[If > 0] *YEARS4* **Of the adults over the age of 65, how many are over the age of 75?**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

[If >1]*YEARS1* **Of the remaining members of this household, how many are infants under the age of 1?**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

[If >1]*YEARS2* **Of the remaining members of this household, how many are children between the ages of 1 and 12?**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

J-2   HBUSNESS **Do you operate a home-based business or service?**

Yes 1
No 0

J-3   OTHWORK **Is there any other kind of activity occurring in your home that uses a lot more energy than would normally be used in a home?**

Yes 1
No 0

[If Yes] OTHACT **Could you please tell me what that activity is?**

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J-4   *ATHOME* **On a typical week day is there someone at home all day?**

Yes 1
No 0

J-5   DRIVECAR **Do you or any other members of your household have the regular use of any cars, trucks or vans?**

Yes 1
No 0

[If Yes] VEHICLES **How many vehicles do you have?**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

J-6   DRIVEMON **How many people in this household drive a car on a fairly regular basis? That is, drive a car at least once a month.**

Enter the number . . . . ☐

J-7   HHINTRO **The next few questions are about the householder. That is, one of the people who own or rent the house/apartment. Are you a householder?**

Yes 1
No 0

J-8   *HHSEX* **Are you/Is the householder a male or a female?**

Male 2
Female 1
Don't know 6
Refused 8

J-9   *HHAGE* **How old are you/is the householder?**

Enter the age . . . . ☐
Don't know 6
Refused 8

J-10   EMPLOYHH **How would you describe your/the householder's employment status? Would you say . . .**

        Employed full-time, ... 1
        Employed part-time, or 2
        Not employed? 0
        Don't know 6
        Refused 8

J-11   MARRIED **Are you/Is the householder living with a spouse or partner?**

        Yes 1
        No 0
        Don't know 6
        Refused 8

J-12   SDESCENT **Are you/Is the householder of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?**

        Yes 1
        No 0
        Don't know 6
        Refused 8

J-13   *ORIGIN* **Please look at Exhibit J-13. Which best describes your/the householder's race?**

        White 1
        Black or African-American 2
        American Indian, Alaskan Native 3
        Asian, Pacific Islander 4
        Other (if volunteered) 5
        Hispanic (if volunteered) 7
        Don't know 6
        Refused 8

J-14   *MONEYPY* **Please look at Exhibit J-14. Please tell me which category best describes the total combined income in the past 12 months of all members of your household living here from all sources -- wages, interest, alimony, Social Security, and so forth -- before taxes and deductions.**

        Less than $3,000 . . . . 01 $22,500 to $24,999 . . 15
        $3,000 to $3,999 . . . . 02 $25,000 to $27,499 . . 16
        $4,000 to $4,999 . . . . 03 $27,500 to $29,999 . . 17
        $5,000 to $5,999 . . . . 04 $30,000 to $32,499 . . 18
        $6,000 to $7,499 . . . . 05 $32,500 to $34,999 . . 19
        $7,500 to $8,999 . . . . 06 $35,000 to $39,999 . . 20
        $9,000 to $9,999 . . . . 07 $40,000 to $44,999 . . 21
        $10,000 to $10,999 . . 08 $45,000 to $49,999 . . 22
        $11,000 to $12,499 . . 09 $50,000 to $74,999 . . 23
        $12,500 to $13,999 . . 10 $75,000 to $99,999 . . 24
        $14,000 to $14,999 . . 11   More than $100,000 . 25
        $15,000 to $17,499 . . 12   Don't know 96
        $17,500 to $19,999 . . 13   Refused 97
        $20,000 to $22,499 . . 14

[If HHIncome=96 or 97] INC45PLU **Was your household income in the past 12 months under $45,000?**

Yes, income under $45,000 1
No 0
Don't know 6
Refused 7

SKIP INSTRUCTIONS

If MONEYPY=$20,000 to $22,499 and NHSLDMEM< 2 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$22,500 to $24,999 and NHSLDMEM< 3 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$25,000 to $27,499 and NHSLDMEM< 3 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$27,500 to $29,999 and NHSLDMEM< 4 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$30,000 to $32,499 and NHSLDMEM< 4 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$32,500 to $34,999 and NHSLDMEM< 5 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$35,000 to $39,999 and NHSLDMEM< 5 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$40,000 to $44,999 and NHSLDMEM< 6 ----> SKIP TO L-1

If MONEYPY=$45,000 to 49,999 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$50,000 to 74,999 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=$75,000 to 99,999 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If MONEYPY=More than $100,000 ----> SKIP TO L-1
If INC45PLU=No -----> SKIP TO L-1

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