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Dear Dr. Finder:

I was happy to receive your call concerning our GE 600T/500T compression upgrade kit. I am anxious for the decision on the final ruling.

Like you, I have heard different opinions about this issue. General Electric and other manufacturers would obviously prefer to replace the systems with new models. Customers who have been told that an upgrade would be expensive are opponents of the regulation. Others who have learned of our kit are less vocal in their opposition.

As we discussed, "Fine Tune" control for these pneumatic systems is somewhat subjective. This is why a demonstration of our kit was offered. The kit could be easily installed with a switch to allow direct comparison between normal and "improved" operation. I believe this would help your office with its decision and am willing to prepare a demo for you at my expense.

Dr. Finder, like others, I have a vested interest in the final ruling; but believe my modification has clinical advantages over the original design. The cost of our upgrade is approximately \$3000 and we believe this to be a good value. Those who have seen our upgrade have been very pleased with its performance.

Thank you for your call. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



James McGinty

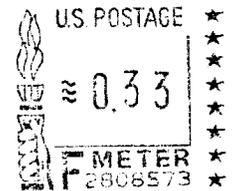
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