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TO: ENERGY STAR® Telephony Partners

FROM: Craig Hershberg, Product Manager

RE: Update on the ENERGY STAR Specification for Telephony Products

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to telephony partners on the status of the ongoing ENERGY STAR telephony specification revision. As you may recall, a notification was sent on September 12, 2003, informing all stakeholders that EPA had extended Tier 1 of the telephony specification, thereby delaying Tier 2, originally scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2004.

Update

In the next few weeks, EPA will perform an analysis to determine the top performing telephony products on the market, in terms of power consumption. EPA will use the results of this analysis to develop new levels. These proposed levels will subsequently be shared with stakeholders by late August for their review and comment. A telephony stakeholders meeting will subsequently follow to discuss the Draft specification. This meeting will likely be held in Washington, DC, in Fall 2004.

As you are aware, EPA is currently working on a specification for single voltage external ac-dc power supplies. This specification is scheduled to be finalized in September 2004. **Once final, it is EPA's intent that the external power supply specification will become an integral part of the telephony specification.** In other words, to be designated as ENERGY STAR, a telephony product will have to meet: 1) the ENERGY STAR specification for external power supplies, and 2) the ENERGY STAR specification for telephony products. For more information on the development of the external power supplies specification, please visit www.energystar.gov/powersupplies.

All Consumer Electronics and Office Equipment partners have been sent the external power supply test procedure, draft specifications, and other related correspondence, when released by EPA. The Draft 2 ENERGY STAR specification for external power supplies was originally sent to your attention, via e-mail, on June 25, 2004. For your convenience, however, attached is the latest Draft 2 specification again. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on the Draft 2 specification by **July 22, 2004**.

Conclusion

As you know, EPA strives to set new and revised ENERGY STAR specifications that will designate for consumers approximately the top 25% of energy-efficient products. The specification will be based on data generated by manufacturers and third party testing. Once a performance level is established, EPA will select an effective date that takes product development cycles into consideration.

Revising the ENERGY STAR telephony criteria is a thorough, deliberative, yet open and collaborative process. Stakeholders are always encouraged to share their feedback with EPA. Industry participation is critical to building a specification and ultimately, to the overall success of ENERGY STAR for telephony. All telephony specification revision information is posted on the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR. If you have any questions or wish to comment on the revision process, please feel free to contact me at hershberg.craig@epa.gov or at (202) 343-9120.