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Subject: Energy Star Proposal Response

Richard,

This e-mail forwards Mikron's formal response to the two current proposals to revise Energy Star criteria.

We are encouraged by both proposals yet believe that the 3-zone approach offers the easiest to implement and the greater peak load benefit to our nation. Our strongest support is to move into either of these well developed and researched proposals and put them into effect as soon as your August 2003 timetable.

DOE data already shows the benefit of the 3-zone approach and its greater impact on peak load consumption. We would add that in our experience, from a window manufacturer, dealer, architect, building contractor, or even homeowner standpoint, this simpler zoning will be significantly easier to explain and implement at all levels. One less zone boundary also reduces the potential for zone to zone confusion by all parties.

Mikron believes in the Energy Star program and will work to gather support and understanding - then help with program education and change with either of the proposed solutions. Our belief is strong that the industry needs to move forward now and make a decision that offers the best all around benefit that can be introduced, understood, and administered with ease. The 3-zone alternative balances out best.

Sincerely, Richard Morgan - Director of Marketing, Mikron Industries, Inc.