

December 20, 2010

Ms. Katharine Kaplan
ENERGY STAR Set-Top Box Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1310 L Street, NW
Washington, DC

Subject: Comments on ENERGY STAR® Set-top Box Final Draft Specifications

Dear Katharine:

Having reviewed the Final Draft Version 3.0 & 4.0 ENERGY STAR® Set-top Box specifications released on November 30, as well as having participated in the December 10 conference call hosted by EPA, DIRECTV has just one comment to offer. DIRECTV looks forward to the Version 3.0 revised specifications taking effect in 2011, but implores EPA to not break tradition by setting an effective date less than nine months after the Final Specifications are released. For DIRECTV, it is acceptable that the Version 3.0 effective date falls outside of the summer months with the expectation that this will be rectified with the Version 4.0 revision effective date.

The team responsible for developing these specifications (including in particular Steve Pantano, Tom Bolioli and Kathleen Vokes) is to be commended to for its efforts in collecting stakeholders' inputs and completing these specifications this year. It is especially notable as this was achieved at the same time that the certification and verification programs were extensively revised across so many product categories.

I look forward to seeing you on January 6, where we will both participate on the "Energy Star and Consumer Electronics: What Does the Future Hold?" Tech Policy Summit panel discussion at the 2010 International CES in Las Vegas.

Have a happy holiday!

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