



January 18, 2008

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Dear Katharine:

On behalf of the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE), I am submitting the following comments on the ENERGY STAR television specification. These comments were developed based on the CEE Consumer Electronics Committee's discussion of the Draft Final Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR TV Products Specification distributed on December 17, 2007. Thank you for the chance to provide input on this version. The organizations listed at the end of this letter have chosen to indicate their strong individual support for these comments.

CEE is very pleased to see the advance in efficiency represented by the on mode power specification line in the Draft Final version as compared to your November proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration of and response to our comments; we believe the lower overall qualification rate and the lower qualification rate at the largest screen sizes are more consistent with the aims of the ENERGY STAR program. The draft final proposal strikes a balance between model availability at the various screen sizes and energy savings.

Throughout the development of the Version 3.0 television specification we have expressed our interest in the earliest possible effective date for the new specification. We are particularly eager to capture the opportunity posed by the transition to digital television in February 2009, as it is our understanding that many consumers who currently receive their analog signals over the air will be purchasing a new digital television. To that end, we recommend the creation of an action plan that outlines steps and responsibilities necessary for a successful transition and that ensures a large number of televisions qualified under the new specification are on sales floors in November. We stand ready to participate in and assist with this effort in whatever way we can along with manufacturers, retailers and other appropriate parties.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. CEE looks forward to working with you to promote the new ENERGY STAR television specification and to participating in the development of Tier 2. If you have any questions about these comments, please direct them to Margie Lynch, CEE Program Manager, at (617) 589-3949 ext. 231.

Sincerely,



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