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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Partner or Other Industry Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the EC (European Commission) welcome your comments on the attached **Draft 3** Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR computer specification. This V5.0 specification will replace the current Version 4.0 specification once final. The proposed effective date for this specification is July 1, 2009.

EPA would like to thank all stakeholders who participated in the September 26 meeting in Washington, DC, as well as those who shared comments and data leading up to the creation of this document, at the meeting and in other correspondence. This information was carefully reviewed and considered while developing this Draft 3 document.

Below is a list of key changes/elements in Draft 3. Note boxes are included throughout the draft specification to clarify EPA's reasoning for proposing the reflected changes:

- Categorization and TEC level updates for Desktops and Notebooks based on Stakeholder comments.
- Similar approach for Workstation evaluation as for Version 4.0, with revised modal power weightings and a graphics scaling proposal;
- Single-Tier requirements for Game Consoles with a 2010 effective date;
- Two-Tier Thin Clients evaluation approach based on comments and data received after the September 26 meeting;
- A new Appendix B that includes sample calculations for the products evaluated using TEC.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review Draft 3 and provide written comments to Katharine Kaplan, US EPA, at [kaplan.katharine@epa.gov](mailto:kaplan.katharine@epa.gov) and Evan Haines, ICF International, at [ehaines@icfi.com](mailto:ehaines@icfi.com) **no later than October 16, 2008**. All comments received will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site, unless the submitter specifically requests that their comments remain confidential.

This Draft 3 Specification can be found on the ENERGY STAR Computer revision website at [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=revisions.computer\\_spec](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=revisions.computer_spec) along with other materials from the specification development process.

Thank you for your participation. I look forward to your feedback on the draft and further discussion as the Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR computer specification is finalized during October. I welcome you to contact me with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9120 or the above email address.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

Katharine Kaplan, U.S. EPA  
ENERGY STAR for Office Equipment

Attachment:

- Draft 3 Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Specification;
- Masked Dataset;
- Notes on Draft 3 Data; and
- Memo from EPA on the Low Carbon IT Campaign.