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Feedback to the Immediate Changes to ENERGY STAR® Product Qualification Procedures

Currently, NEC Corporation is an ENERGY STAR partner in several product categories. This letter reflects feedback regarding Enterprise Servers and the concerns with the changes made to the testing procedures to reflect adherence to the ENERGY STAR requirements for such product.

NEC had just started to leverage the ENERGY STAR program to promote ecology-friendly product. However, if the requirement is to truly use a third-party lab for both qualification and verification testing, the incurred time and expense increase will serve as more of a deterrent. NEC prefers that partners for Enterprise Server product be able to provide self-tested lab reports as currently allowed.

NEC is also concerned that the proposed third party labs may be geographically situated only in the USA. The logistics of sending systems from Japan for qualification testing and subsequent verification testing to a limited pool of labs in the USA would serve as a bottleneck, in addition to further adding transit time and expense to the process. Again, NEC would prefer that partners for Enterprise Server product be able to provide self-tested lab reports.

NEC looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship as a partner in the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

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