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Dear Battery Charging System Manufacturer, ENERGY STAR[®] Partner, or Other Interested Party:

EPA welcomes your input on the **Draft 1** ENERGY STAR specification for battery charging systems. This document outlines the criteria that manufacturers' models will need to meet to qualify for ENERGY STAR. In addition, please find enclosed the "Test Method for Determining the Energy Efficiency of Battery Charging Systems (Draft, July 2005)." All manufacturers and other interested parties are encouraged to review both documents and provide comments by **August 23, 2005**.

While addressing a different set of product designs, the ENERGY STAR battery charging systems specification is intended to complement the existing ENERGY STAR external power supply specification. Together, the specifications provide broad coverage of an array of products with external power supplies and battery charging systems. **Please note that manufacturers may only qualify a model under one specification (i.e., external power supply OR battery charging system) that best fits or reflects the power supply and product design.** Additional details are provided within the note boxes in the specification.

EPA plans to distribute the ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments with the next draft version of the specification, as they are still under development. The Partner Commitments provide the basic partnership requirements—submittal of qualified product data, product labeling, and submittal of unit shipment data—which are consistent across the more than 40 product areas covered by ENERGY STAR.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review Draft 1 of the ENERGY STAR specification for battery charging systems. Please send any comments to Brooke Taylor, ICF Consulting, at btaylor@icfconsulting.com by August 23, 2005.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (202) 343-9019 or fanara.andrew@epa.gov. Thank you again for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fanara", with a vertical red line to its right.

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Enclosures:

- Draft 1 ENERGY STAR Specification for Battery Charging Systems
- Test Method for Determining the Energy Efficiency of Battery Charging Systems (Draft, July 2005)