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Subject: Comments on Draft 1 Energy Star specification for DTAs

Dear Ms. Polad:

On behalf of the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), I am writing in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's request for comments in response to its Draft 1 Energy Star specification for digital-to-analog converter boxes (DTAs).

As stated in earlier comments, CEA recognizes and supports Energy Star as a national, market-oriented program that offers a competitive incentive for energy savings. CEA looks forward to continued dialogue with EPA in its development of an Energy Star specification for DTAs.

In the *Definitions* section of the Draft 1 specification, CEA recognizes the importance of EPA aligning its definition of a DTA with that used by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. In addition, CEA favors definitions for "On," "Sleep" and "Off" modes that are consistent with industry standards CEA-2022 and CEA-2013-A for the reasons noted in the draft.

In the *Energy-Efficiency Specifications for Qualifying Products* section, CEA supports the proposed power consumption criteria for Energy Star-qualified DTAs. The criteria align with the recommendations made in the joint stakeholder (CEA-CERC-MSTV-NAB-NRDC) letter to EPA on October 25, 2006.

In the *Test Criteria* section, EPA notes that it is considering additional language to clarify how DTAs with electronic program guides should be measured. CEA looks forward to further dialogue with EPA as our members examine this issue.

CEA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft 1 specification and looks forward to continued participation in the development of an Energy Star program for DTAs.

Sincerely,

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