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Dear Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Stakeholder:

EPA welcomes your input on the following Draft 1 specification for ENERGY STAR® qualified digital-to-analog converter boxes (DTAs). This document represents EPA's Draft proposal for the criteria and testing procedures that manufacturers will need to abide by in order to qualify products as ENERGY STAR.

On behalf of EPA, I would like to thank stakeholders for reviewing and providing comments on the Specification Framework document for DTAs, distributed on October 2, 2006. These comments were of great assistance in developing this Draft 1 specification. Throughout the document, note boxes have been incorporated to provide rationale for decisions made in developing this Draft 1 specification and identify key areas where EPA would appreciate stakeholder feedback.

Please review the Draft 1 specification and provide comments to Mehernaz Polad, ICF International, via e-mail at mpolad@icfi.com no later than **Wednesday, December 6, 2006**. All written comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Web site for review, unless the submitter indicates otherwise.

EPA has revised its timeline for development of the ENERGY STAR specification for DTAs in order to allow stakeholders sufficient time to provide comments on Draft documents, given the upcoming holiday season. It is now EPA's intent to finalize the ENERGY STAR DTA specification and have it take effect on January 31, 2007. A timeline for Draft releases and comment-periods follows:

December 6, 2006: End of comment-period for Draft 1 ENERGY STAR DTA specification.

December 18, 2006: Distribute Final Draft ENERGY STAR DTA specification for review and comment.

January 15, 2007: End of comment-period for Final Draft ENERGY STAR DTA specification.

January 31, 2007: Release Final ENERGY STAR DTA specification, which will take effect immediately.

Please note that no further stakeholder meetings are being planned for DTAs, unless stakeholder comments warrant reconsideration of this decision. However, ENERGY STAR representatives will be attending the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, NV, January 8 – 11, 2007. Stakeholders who would like to arrange individual meetings to discuss DTAs while at CES are encouraged to contact Mehernaz Polad at the e-mail address provided above.

Stakeholder participation is critical to developing a meaningful specification and to the overall success of ENERGY STAR. Thank you for taking the time to review this Draft 1 specification. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9120 or via e-mail at osdoba.katharine@epa.gov.

Best Regards,

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

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Enclosure: Draft 1 ENERGY STAR DTA specification