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Dear Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Stakeholder:

EPA is pleased to forward the **Draft Final ENERGY STAR® specification for digital-to-analog converter boxes (DTAs)** for your review. On behalf of EPA, I would like to thank stakeholders for reviewing and providing comments on the Draft 1 ENERGY STAR DTA specification, distributed on November 9, 2006. Throughout the Draft Final document, note boxes have been updated to reflect specific stakeholder comments received and EPA's response to these comments. A comment/response document has also been developed and accompanies this memo and the Draft Final specification. This comment/response document lays out the comments received by stakeholders, broken out within specific categories, and provides an EPA response for each comment.

Stakeholders should note that in the Draft 1 specification, EPA requested feedback on how to address DTAs with electronic program guides (EPGs), and presented two possible solutions for consideration. Based on feedback received, EPA has added language to the proposed requirements for auto-power down in Section 3, Energy-Efficiency Specifications for Qualifying Products, to clarify how manufacturers should address maintenance and program and system information or private data updates with regards to energy consumption under this Draft Final specification.

Please review the Draft Final specification and provide comments to Mehernaz Polad, ICF International, via e-mail at mpolad@icfi.com no later than **January 15, 2007**. All written comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Web site for review, unless the submitter indicates otherwise. It continues to be EPA's intent to finalize this specification and have it take effect on January 31, 2007.

Please note that no further stakeholder meetings are being planned for DTAs. 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 Final specification. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9120 or via e-mail at kaplan.katharine@epa.gov.

Best Regards,

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

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Enclosures: Draft Final ENERGY STAR DTA specification
Comment Summary to Accompany Draft Final ENERGY STAR DTA Specification