

Subject: Correction - ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 EPS Specification: Revised Final Draft for Review

This email is being sent to you on behalf of EPA and DOE's ENERGY STAR[®] program.

Dear ENERGY STAR External Power Supply (EPS) Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

After releasing the Final Draft Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR EPS specification on February 19, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was alerted to a discrepancy in the masked dataset by an industry stakeholder. EPA has reviewed the EPS analysis used for the Final Draft levels and has identified and corrected two errors found in how the analysis determined the qualification criteria (No-load power and Active efficiency) for some products. After correcting these errors and studying their effects, the Agency determined that the Active efficiency levels included with the Final Draft (issued on February 19, 2008) were more challenging than intended and has therefore relaxed the Active requirements in order to remain consistent with ENERGY STAR program principles for a revised EPS specification. Please see Tables 1 and 2 on page 4 of the Revised Final Draft specification for details. No other changes have been made to the proposed specification. The newly proposed levels provide an overall qualification rate for No-load power and Active efficiency of 27.4% with similar qualification rates across the different wattage bins as the Final Draft release.

Attached please find a Revised Final Draft specification, with new Active mode specification levels, along with an updated masked dataset and updated charts and graphs, which reflect these changes. EPA apologizes for this error and any inconvenience that it may have caused. Due to this change in Active levels, **EPA has extended the comment deadline for the Revised Final Draft Specification to March 18, 2008. Please send comments via e-mail to Robin Clark, ICF International, at rclark@icfi.com.** All comments received will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site, unless the submitter specifically requests that their comments remain confidential.

In closing, a few stakeholders have already submitted their comments based on the February 19 Final Draft specification. EPA is in the process of reviewing and considering these comments and will respond to them when the Final specification is released. These stakeholders are welcome to revise their comments, if applicable, and resubmit them as outlined above.

As always, please feel free to contact Andrew Fanara, EPA, with any questions or concerns at (206) 553-6377 or Fanara.Andrew@epa.gov. Thank you for your support of ENERGY STAR.

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