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Dear Andrew

Comments on Proposed New Energy Star Specifications for Computers

The Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) has played an active role in the discussions of the new specification for Computers, through testing of internal power supplies, refinements to the power supply test method, and participation in the Washington meetings in March 2005.

The AGO supports in full the proposed development of the new specifications, and in particular, the inclusion of 'active' mode requirements, including limits on 'idle' mode energy consumption.

It is the intention of the AGO to adopt the new Energy Star specifications for computers as the local 'high efficiency' level to be promoted on the procurement website, Energy Allstars.

At the urging of product manufacturers and suppliers of globally traded products, Australia and other countries have made substantial efforts to harmonise test methods and performance levels in recent years. The development of international specifications and test method for external power supplies is one example. However we are concerned that further delays in finalizing the new computer specification may jeopardize further harmonisation efforts.

We therefore would like to encourage Energy Star to resolve the outstanding issues as soon as possible, and to publish the final specification not later than the end of 2005.

Yours sincerely

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