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Dear Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

EPA welcomes your comments on the attached **Final Draft ENERGY STAR (Version 2.0) Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine** specification. All stakeholder comments submitted to EPA on the previous Draft 2 version were reviewed and taken into consideration while preparing this document. In addition, EPA also held a number of discussions with various industry members to clarify comments or concerns with the requirements being proposed. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments on this Final Draft version to Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com by **August 8, 2006**. EPA will review, evaluate, and address, as appropriate, stakeholder comments prior to finalizing the specification, which is proposed to take effect on August 31, 2006.

The Final Draft incorporates the rebuilt machine requirements into the existing ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification format. EPA has indicated in note boxes throughout the document, changes to both the original Version 1.0 specification as well as revisions to the previous Draft 2 rebuilt machine requirements. The following are some of the key elements of this Final Draft version:

- The term “Qualified Component Supplier (QCS)” has been added to the list of definitions in Section 1. QCSs, defined as companies that produce components and/or rebuild kits for vending machines, may now join the program as ENERGY STAR partners. QCSs are required to meet the same commitments and requirements of partnering OEMs and Refurbishment Centers (RCs).
- Additional language has been added to Section 3B: Low Power Mode stating that non-programmable power management software may be used to meet the low power mode requirements, as long as it is enabled prior to arriving on-site.
- A new section has been added titled “Additional Qualification and Certification Procedures for Rebuilt Vending Machines”, which is Section 5 in the attached Final Draft. These requirements are in addition to the existing reporting and qualification requirements already being met by ENERGY STAR partners for new machines, and are specific to rebuilt machines.
- An effective date of August 31, 2006 is proposed as the date in which rebuilt vending machines can be labeled and promoted as ENERGY STAR qualified.
- Tier II for both new and rebuilt machines has been pushed back to July 1, 2007.

All documents related to the ENERGY STAR vending machine specification revision process can be found at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. Stakeholder comments on this Final Draft specification will also be made available on the Web site upon approval from the submitting individual. If you support the Final Draft specification, please state this in writing or via email. It is equally important that EPA understand which portions of the draft specification meet with stakeholder approval, in addition to identifying the sections that may need further revision.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this Final Draft specification. I look forward to working with you over the next few weeks to finalize this document and launch the new ENERGY STAR program for rebuilt vending machines. As always, please feel free to contact me at schmeltz.rachel@epa.gov or (202) 343-9124 with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Schmeltz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y" at the end.

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