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Dear ENERGY STAR® TV Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to provide you with the final test procedure for measuring the power consumption of televisions (TVs) in download acquisition mode (DAM). Also enclosed with this cover letter are the updated ENERGY STAR TV specifications, now referenced as Versions 4.1 and 5.1, with language citing the enclosed final DAM test procedure and final CEA-2037 document.

The DAM test procedure was developed by the Rovi Corporation and incorporates many of the suggested comments submitted by stakeholders. Key changes to the test procedure include:

- Modifications to some of the terms and definitions listed in Section 3 - Definitions.
- Clarifications to some of the steps listed in Section 7 - Test Procedure.
- Minor text edits to improve clarity of the document.

This test procedure is intended for products that incorporate a Rovi EPG. Products that have DAM but do not incorporate a Rovi EPG are not eligible for ENERGY STAR qualification at this time. EPA would like to work closely with stakeholders to develop appropriate test procedures that can accurately measure the DAM power of TVs that utilize other types of EPGs.

All documents relating to the TV specification revision process can be viewed on the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment/revisedspecs.

Qualifying Products Under the Version 4.1 Specification

Beginning today, April 20, 2010, manufacturers may use the Online Product Submittal (OPS) system to submit data for products that qualify under the Version 4.1 specification. The data will be evaluated by EPA against the Version 4.1 specification and added to the Qualified Product (QP) list at the next update cycle if the data meets the Version 4.1 program requirements. EPA will make review of these submitted TV models a top priority.

EPA anticipates publishing the first QP list for the Version 4.1 specification on April 30, 2010. Following the launch of the OPS system, EPA strongly encourages manufacturers to re-qualify any products qualified under Version 3.0 that meet the Version 4.1 requirements as soon as possible in order to help EPA correctly convey the qualification status of products to consumers and retailers.

- **Existing ENERGY STAR Partners:** To qualify TVs under the Version 4.1 specification, please complete and submit a Commitment Form (enclosed). Make sure the box next to "Televisions" under "Home Electronics" is checked to indicate your intent to partner in this area. Existing partners must recommit to the Version 4.1 specification by May 31, 2010 to avoid an interrupted partner status. Please send your completed Commitment Form to join@energystar.gov.
- **New ENERGY STAR Partners:** Manufacturers that are not currently an ENERGY STAR partner will need to complete and submit both a Partnership Agreement and a Commitment Form (packaged together as a "Partnership Agreement Packet" on the ENERGY STAR Web site). The Partnership Agreement only needs to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment

Form. The Partnership Agreement Packet can be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/join. Click on "Manufacturers of ENERGY STAR Qualified Products."

New Requirements

Effective March 30, 2010, products may no longer be labeled by manufacturers (including product packaging, product literature, Web sites, etc.) until qualifying product information, including a lab report, is submitted to and **approved by** EPA.

When submitting TVs for qualification using the OPS system, partners must provide (1) the lab report that demonstrates that their product meets the ENERGY STAR requirements and (2) a lab report cover sheet that requires declaration of status of lab, testing conditions, and a signature of the lab technician completing the test and a witness.

In addition, EPA will consider all partners as provisional until they have qualified a product under the Version 4.1 specification. Once a partner has qualified a model, their organization will be listed on the ENERGY STAR Web site and will be given access to the ENERGY STAR certification and partner logos.

New ENERGY STAR partners will no longer be granted access to the ENERGY STAR mark upon joining the program. Going forward, the ENERGY STAR mark will be made available to partners only after a qualifying product is submitted and approved.

For more details on these and other new requirements, please review the ENERGY STAR correspondence to all stakeholders sent on April 14, 2010.

EPA appreciates your patience and cooperation through this transition. If you have any questions or concerns about the specification or partnership process, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9120 or kaplan.katharine@epa.gov.

Best Regards,



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