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The Attachments Energy Rating Council (AERC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ENERGY STAR Specification for Smart Home Energy Management Systems (SHEMS) Draft 2 Version 1.0. AERC was created through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy to rate, certify, and label the energy performance of window attachments.

AERC continues to support the development of an ENERGY STAR program for SHEMS and endorses the direction of Draft 2.

Optional Encouraged Devices: Terminology
AERC thanks EPA for adopting the term “window attachments” instead of “window coverings” in line 349 of the Draft 2 specification. This will help avoid Partner and consumer confusion about what window attachment product types can count toward the SHEMS package.

In conclusion, AERC strongly supports the development of an ENERGY STAR SHEMS program, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ENERGY STAR Specification for SHEMS Draft 2 Version 1.0 document, and looks forward to the release of the final draft.

Sincerely,

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