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Dear ENERGY STAR® Small Network Equipment Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are seeking your input as part of the early stages of a revision of the ENERGY STAR Small Network Equipment (SNE) specification. This letter and accompanying [discussion document](#) highlight questions EPA and DOE have regarding testing methodology and scope. EPA and DOE believe that the issues addressed in this document can provide a framework to reducing the testing burden for manufacturers, while providing relatable information to the customer and the ability to differentiate top-performing products in the market. EPA looks forward to working with stakeholders to develop the Version 2.0 specification that will recognize efficiency gains in the SNE market.

The following are EPA's priorities for the Version 2.0 revision:

- Revise the SNE test method with a goal of aligning with the European Union Code of Conduct test method, already in use by manufacturers thus reducing testing for many products.
- Revise the program structure, e.g. scope, adders, criteria levels, to account for an updated testing methodology.

EPA welcomes stakeholder suggestions on any other issues to be considered during the Version 2.0 specification revision process and in particular on those topics raised in the discussion guide.

EPA and DOE will host a webinar to answer any questions on this discussion guide on January 7, 2021 from 1:30-3:30 PM Eastern Time. Stakeholders are requested to share written feedback with EPA and DOE by January 22, 2021. Please register [here](#) if you plan on attending.

Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the [Small Network Equipment product development website](#).

Please contact me at [Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov](mailto:Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov) or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger at [John.Clinger@icfi.com](mailto:John.Clinger@icfi.com) or 215-967-9407 with questions or concerns. For any test method questions, please contact Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, [Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov](mailto:Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov), or 202-586-9870. For any other SNE related questions, please contact [networking@energystar.gov](mailto:networking@energystar.gov). Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Fogle".

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Enclosures:

[Small Network Equipment Version 2.0 Discussion Document](#)