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Subject: RE: CEE Comments on ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2021

Dear, Eileen.

Thank you for the comments you shared with our program regarding our ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria for 2021. We will post these comments so they serve as part of the record on the development of the criteria and offer response via this email, which we will post.

We appreciate CEE's broad interest in receiving more consistent data specific to all ENERGY STAR Most Efficient categories regardless of whether changes to Most Efficient recognition criteria for a product type are proposed. We note your interest in percent of total ENERGY STAR models and graphs of performance over time, as well as kWh per year savings values to aid program administrators' in their evaluation of EPA's proposals. We will aim to deliver the requested data across all product categories going forward. It is helpful to know that data provided for proposed criteria for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient HVAC products can serve as an example. I will note that energy impact data specific to windows is more difficult to gather. We are working with LBNL and NREL on energy modeling data on this front now and are optimistic that we will have richer windows data to share next year. Additionally, in response to your notes about the interplay between CEE Tiers and ENERGY STAR Most Efficient, we too remain committed to harmonizing with CEE Tiers as we see the benefit doing so offers to the market.

Lastly, thank you for your comments on the proposal to pause recognition of boilers and the updates on CEE's areas of interest for these products. We too have been watching for advances in boiler technologies. We will stay engaged with CEE's work on this category which will inform our 2022 criteria.

Thank you again for your comments. Kind regards-Katharine

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