



## **Final Draft Version 6.0 ENERGY STAR Specification for Residential Windows, Doors, and Skylights: Feedback from Soft-Lite Windows**

Thank you for the opportunity to once again provide feedback on the new window and door criteria. Here are Soft-Lite's comments and suggestions:

### Implementation Date

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the implementation date for the new Energy Star criteria will be January 1, 2015. We would strongly urge Energy Star and EPA to reconsider this and implement January 1, 2014.

Many vinyl window companies - including Soft-Lite - have geared up for this date, and to push it off another year doesn't seem practical to the window companies working off the 1/1/14. Based on informal discussions at various trade shows and window association meetings, Soft-Lite is not alone in this thinking.

Many window manufacturers can deliver the Proposed Draft 2 Energy Star qualifications today. And these manufacturers can distribute these products at a variety of affordable price points.

### Qualification Criteria

The revised energy efficiency requirements seem fair and practical to window manufacturers. However, we would emphasize that having even stronger energy criteria to receive the Energy Star label would be something we would support.

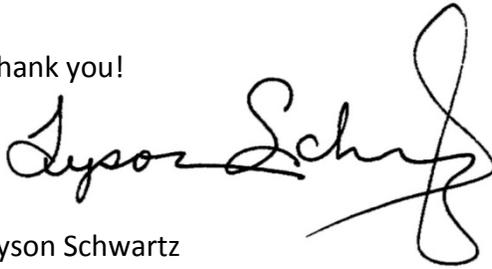


## Air Leakage Requirements

We would ask the EPA to look at stronger energy-efficient air leakage requirements – we suggest bringing it down to a .25 or better on windows and sliding doors.

If you have any questions, or need clarification on any of this feedback, please feel free to contact me directly at [tschwartz@soft-lite.com](mailto:tschwartz@soft-lite.com), or through Melanie Thomas, our Energy Star point-person, who works closely with D&R International and ENERGY STAR.

Thank you!



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