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**NYSERDA Comments on ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Final Draft Specification**

Dear Ms. Crk:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). NYSERDA is a public benefit corporation and offers information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA's mission is to advance clean energy innovation and investments to combat climate change, improving the health, resiliency, and prosperity of New Yorkers and delivering benefits equitably to all. NYSERDA works to help implement New York State's nation-leading climate agenda, which is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation; New York is advancing an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as our communities continue recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ENERGY STAR program on the final draft of the Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers V 5.0 specification. Commercial refrigerators and freezers are a significant source of energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions in New York. Because this is an important product category, NYSERDA strongly supports EPA's efforts to update the voluntary specification for these products. We commend EPA for expanding the product category to include products such as chef base refrigerators and freezers and service over counter self-contained refrigerators.

We are also strongly supportive of EPA's decision to require reporting of refrigerant types in this final specification. Refrigerants are a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in New York, and the ability of the ENERGY STAR program to require reporting will provide important insights into refrigerant usage of commercial refrigerators and freezers.

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NYSERDA is appreciative of the opportunity to weigh in and support EPA's continued work to advance energy efficiency in this product category. NYSERDA seeks to be a strong partner of EPA as we work together to advance state and national decarbonization priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to discuss any of these matters further.

Sincerely,

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