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Dear Coffee Brewer Brand Owner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

In March 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched its effort to develop a new ENERGY STAR[®] specification for commercial coffee brewers. Over the last several months, the Agency has been working with stakeholders and other industry experts to learn about the products and to compile a data set from which to develop energy efficiency performance requirements. EPA met with industry representatives at the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) One Show and the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show. During the NRA Show, EPA hosted a commercial coffee brewer stakeholder meeting to discuss the ENERGY STAR specification development process and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F-2990-12, *Standard Test Method for Commercial Coffee Brewers*, and to review available data.

This specification framework is intended to outline EPA's initial assessment of commercial coffee brewers for purposes of developing a first draft specification. Included in this document are the Agency's initial thoughts on terms and definitions, scope, test method, and structure for efficiency requirements. We structured this framework document to mirror the ENERGY STAR specification structure and at the end of each section are a series of questions aimed at generating discussion about the proposed approach and furthering our understanding of this product category. Please note that this document is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the ENERGY STAR perspective on commercial coffee brewers. Rather, the purpose of this framework is to serve as a starting point for EPA's specification development efforts.

Stakeholder participation and the exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties are critical to the success of the ENERGY STAR program, especially in this early stage of the specification development process. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written feedback on the proposed terms, definitions, and other information presented in this document. All suggestions for improvements to the basic ENERGY STAR approach outlined in this document will be considered for inclusion in subsequent draft and final specifications. ENERGY STAR representatives are available for any questions or additional discussions throughout the specification development process.

Please send comments to coffebrewers@energystar.gov no later than September 5, 2014.

Stakeholders can contact Christopher Kent, EPA, at (202) 343-9046 and Kent.Christopher@epa.gov or Adam Spitz, ICF International, at (202) 862-1226 and Adam.Spitz@icfi.com with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR. I look forward to working with you during the specification development process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Kent".

Christopher Kent, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR Commercial Coffee Brewers