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Dear Telephony Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to present the Final Draft Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR® Telephony Specification. With this letter, DOE and EPA are also publishing the Final ENERGY STAR Test Method.

Since the release of the Draft 2 Version 3.0 Telephony Specification and Final Draft Test Method on August 14, 2013, DOE and EPA received no comments on the Final Draft Test Method, and thus made no substantive changes to the document. Stakeholders were generally supportive of the changes proposed in the Draft 2 Specification and EPA received very few comments. EPA determined that one of these comments, however, warranted modification to the display power management requirements.

The change acknowledges that particularly heavy users, such as those in commercial settings, would have a better user experience if the default power management time requirement was extended. As such, EPA now proposes that color and backlit displays power down to the default as-shipped Partial On Mode test state in a time period less than or equal to 20 minutes instead of the 5 minutes proposed in prior drafts. This period harmonizes with the Draft European Commission ErP Ecodesign Directive Lot 26 for Networked Standby.

In order to ensure clear communication to consumers about their ENERGY STAR certified telephony products, EPA has also clarified packaging requirements in the ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments. Since Telephony products are frequently bundled together and sold in the same package, EPA is requiring that all models included in the box and covered by the Version 3.0 scope be ENERGY STAR certified in order for the ENERGY STAR mark to be placed on packaging. For example, the ENERGY STAR mark may only be applied to the packaging if both the base station Telephone and Additional Handset(s) are individually ENERGY STAR certified. If one or more of these products are not ENERGY STAR certified, individual models that have been certified must carry the ENERGY STAR mark on the top/front of the actual product and in model specific literature, but the bundled packaging may not be labeled.

Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR Telephony Program Requirements Effective Date

The ENERGY STAR Telephony specification shall take effect on **October 1, 2014**. Yet, immediately after the specification is finalized in December 2013, manufacturers may elect to have their EPA-recognized certification body (CB) certify eligible products to the Version 3.0 requirements. EPA encourages products newly added to the scope of the program, including VoIP Telephones and Corded Analog Telephones, to begin certifying to the ENERGY STAR at that time.

Submittal of Written Comments

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of the ENERGY STAR program. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit any final comments to telephony@energystar.gov by **Monday, December 9, 2013**. This is the last opportunity to submit comments prior to EPA finalizing the Version 3.0 specification. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise. Further information on specification development activities to date, including recent comments received on the Draft 2 specification, is posted at <http://www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs> under the link "Telephony Version 3.0."

Thank you for taking the time to review this Final Draft specification. Please contact Verena Radulovic, EPA, at Radulovic.Verena@epa.gov or (202) 343-9845 or Rachel Unger, ICF International, at Rachel.Unger@icfi.com or (202) 572-9446, with any questions or concerns on the specification. Questions regarding the Final Test Method may be directed to Bryan Berringer, DOE, at bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-0371.

Best Regards,



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Enclosures:

Partner Commitments for ENERGY STAR Telephony
Final Draft Version 3.0 Specification for ENERGY STAR Telephony
Final Test Method and Reporting Template for ENERGY STAR Telephony
Draft 2 Version 3.0 Specification Comment and Response Summary