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Dear Battery Charging System Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

Thank you for participating in EPA's webinar on the Draft 1 Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR[®] specification for Battery Charging Systems (BCSs) held on December 14, 2010. During the webinar, several stakeholders expressed concern regarding the proposed timeline for development of the ENERGY STAR BCSs specification and requested that EPA delay its process until DOE completed portions of its standard development work.

Following a discussion with DOE, EPA is acting on stakeholder comments by adjusting its proposed timeline with the intention of aligning more closely with DOE's standard development work for the consumer BCS product category. In particular, EPA proposes to delay development of portions of the specification that would be impacted by the DOE test procedure and standard.

Please note, however, that specification development relating to definitions, scope, nonactive power allowance, additional environmental benefits, and industrial BCSs will continue as scheduled, with **comments due by January 15, 2011**. Additional details are provided in the table below.

Milestones	Tentative Dates
• Stakeholder conference call	Conducted on December 14, 2010.
• Stakeholder comment on Draft 1 Specification due	January 15, 2011, for all product classes: Please submit comments on definitions, scope, nonactive power allowance, and additional environmental benefits proposed in Draft 1. January 15, 2011, for industrial products: Draft 1 specification as distributed on December 7, 2010
• BCS efficiency testing	Consumer products: Testing to be launched within 1 week of release of final DOE test

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	<p>procedure. Stakeholders will be asked to complete testing in 4 weeks.</p> <p>Industrial products: Please share data by January 15, 2011.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize test method (in coordination with DOE) 	<p>In coordination with DOE for consumer products.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue additional Draft specifications • Host conference calls, as needed 	<p>February – May 2011</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Final Draft specification 	<p>Within 4 weeks of release of DOE NOPR.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Final specification 	<p>Within 1 week of DOE Final Rule.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.0 BCS specification takes effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon finalization of specification (golf car, industrial, and previously excluded consumer BCSs). • 9 months after final specification is issued (other consumer BCSs).

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We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important energy efficiency initiative.

Sincerely,



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