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Dear ENERGY STAR® Vending Machine Manufacturer or Other Interested Party,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the attached Draft 2 ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments to EPA no later than April 6, 2012.

EPA received several comments from stakeholders on the Draft 1 specification. Changes proposed in the Draft 2 specification are in response to these comments and additional feedback shared during the January 24th ENERGY STAR stakeholder webinar. To view the Draft 1 comments and EPA’s webinar presentation, visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on “Vending Machines”.

**Key Changes to Version 3.0**
The Maximum Daily Energy Consumption (MDEC) level for Machine Type B has been revised from 20% to 10% more stringent than the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) standard. A new MDEC level for Machine Type A is proposed that is 5% more stringent than the DOE standard. New and remanufactured machines will continue to be evaluated using the same energy performance level.

Combination and other non-beverage vending machines continue to be excluded under Version 3.0. However, EPA is interested in learning more about these machine types and how they might be addressed separately under a subsequent version.

**Submittal of Written Comments**
Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments on the Draft 2 Version 3.0 specification to vendingmachines@energystar.gov by April 6, 2012. To track EPA’s progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification, visit www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs. All specification development materials, including data plots to support the Draft 2 proposal, will be posted to the Vending Machine webpage.

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. Stakeholders with questions or concerns can contact me directly at (202) 343-9046 and via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov or Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (434) 202-7875 and rduff@icfi.com.

Sincerely,

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