



# ENERGY STAR® Product Specification for Large Network Equipment

## Eligibility Criteria Draft 1 Version 1.0

1 Following is the Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR product specification for Large Network Equipment. A  
2 product shall meet all of the identified criteria if it is to earn the ENERGY STAR.

3 **Note:** This draft specification builds upon the previously distributed Framework Document. EPA received  
4 substantial written feedback from stakeholders on the Framework Document, and has since conducted a  
5 series of individual and group meetings to further develop the EPA perspective on Large Network  
6 Equipment efficiency opportunities. EPA welcomes feedback and additional data from all interested  
7 stakeholders to support this specification development effort.

## 8 1 DEFINITIONS

### 9 A) Product Classifications:

- 10 1) Network Equipment: A device whose primary function is to pass Internet Protocol traffic  
11 among various network interfaces/ports.
- 12 2) Large Network Equipment (LNE): Network Equipment that is rack-mounted, intended for use  
13 in standard equipment racks, or contains more than eleven (11) wired Physical Network  
14 Ports.
- 15 A. Fixed Product: An LNE product in which greater than half of the total number of available  
16 physical network ports in the product are not swappable or interchangeable.
- 17 B. Modular Product: An LNE product in which half or more of the total number of available  
18 physical network ports in the product are swappable or interchangeable.

19 **Note:** EPA received stakeholder requests to provide further clarity on the delineation between fixed and  
20 modular LNE products. Suggestions were provided to create three types of modularity. Due to a lack of  
21 data to support the suggested modularity types at this time, EPA is proposing to separate fixed and  
22 modular products by whichever port type is more prevalent in the product. EPA welcomes feedback on  
23 this proposal.

24 Additionally, EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on alternative means to delineate between Small  
25 (SNE) and Large Network Equipment. The current approach of using port count was created during the  
26 development of the SNE V1.0 specification. Should an alternate approach that more effectively delineates  
27 be identified, EPA anticipates applying the approach to both product specifications.

### 28 B) Product Types:

- 29 1) Router: A network device that routes network packets from one logical network to another,  
30 along a predefined or dynamically discovered path, based on network layer information  
31 embedded in the Network packet header (OSI layer #3).
- 32 2) Switch: A network device that delivers packet data frames to specific physical ports on the  
33 device, based on the destination address of each frame from the Data Link (OSI layer #2),  
34 within a logical network.
- 35 3) Security Appliance: A stand-alone network device whose primary function is to protect the  
36 network from unwanted traffic (e.g. secure tunnel and firewall appliances).
- 37 4) Access Point Controller: A network device whose primary function is to manage wireless local

38 area network (WLAN) traffic through one or more wireless access point devices.

39 **Note:** EPA proposes a Switch definition that makes clear that some devices can perform both native data  
40 link layer switching and also encapsulate data frames in network packets for intra and extra network  
41 routing at multiple link layers (e.g. 2, 3 & 4). These devices are considered switches in this document.

42 EPA also received stakeholder feedback on whether virtual private network (VPN) servers were included  
43 in the definition of security appliances. EPA proposes that appliances whose primary function is to  
44 provide VPN and firewall services are included in the Security Appliance definition.

45 C) Product Characteristics:

46 1) Processor Managed Product: An LNE product whose management is handled through a  
47 distinct co-management processor within the product itself that has independent control over  
48 the LNE product.

49 2) Network Managed Product: An LNE product that is not Processor Managed, where  
50 management of the product is handled through processing power provided by a separate  
51 device within the network it is connected to.

52 3) Stackable Product: A product, which supports the ability to join multiple discrete products of  
53 similar type to form a single larger autonomous functioning unit.

54 4) Core Product: A product which commonly has all physical ports active and operates at a  
55 typical load of 20% or greater compared to its maximum capability.

56 5) Edge Product: A product which typically only has a portion of its physical ports active and  
57 operates at a typical load of less than 20% compared to its maximum capability.

58 **Note:** EPA received stakeholder feedback on the Framework Document stating that an unmanaged LNE  
59 product is not an applicable characteristic. Rather, the managed product characteristic should be divided  
60 by whether the management of the product is occurring internally through the use of a management  
61 processor, or externally over the network. EPA welcomes feedback on this proposal.

62 EPA also received stakeholder feedback concerning the treatment of stackable products (typically  
63 stackable switches) in the energy efficiency criteria section. While EPA is evaluating treatment of these  
64 products, the Agency seeks stakeholder feedback on the proposed definition

65 Finally, EPA is proposing Core and Edge definitions to separate LNE products which are often not fully  
66 loaded or connected from products which face routinely higher loads and are typically fully connected.  
67 This distinction is reflected in the accompanying Draft 2 Test Method in sections 6.1 and 6.2. If adopted, it  
68 will inform future development of active state energy efficiency criteria. EPA is proposing to allow  
69 manufacturers to choose which of these descriptions more accurately reflects their product or product  
70 family, and that is the designation that will be referenced for all specification and test method purposes  
71 related to that product or product family.

72 D) LNE Components:

73 1) Power Supply Unit (PSU): A device that converts ac or dc input power to one or more dc  
74 power outputs for the purpose of powering an LNE product. An LNE product's PSU must be  
75 self-contained and physically separable from the motherboard and must connect to the  
76 system via a removable or hard-wired electrical connection.

77 A. Ac-Dc Power Supply: A PSU that converts line-voltage ac input power into one or more  
78 dc power outputs for the purpose of powering an LNE product.

79 B. Dc-Dc Power Supply: A PSU that converts line-voltage dc input power to one or more dc  
80 outputs for the purpose of powering an LNE product. For purposes of this specification, a  
81 dc-dc converter (also known as a voltage regulator) that is internal to an LNE product and  
82 is used to convert a low voltage dc (e.g., 12 V dc) into other dc power outputs for use by  
83 the LNE product's components is not considered a dc-dc power supply.

84 C. Single-output Power Supply: A PSU that is designed to deliver the majority of its rated  
85 output power to one primary dc output for the purpose of powering an LNE product.  
86 Single-output PSUs may offer one or more standby outputs that remain active whenever  
87 connected to an input power source. For purposes of this specification, the total rated  
88 power output from any additional PSU outputs that are not primary and standby outputs  
89 shall be no greater than 20 watts. PSUs that offer multiple outputs at the same voltage as  
90 the primary output are considered single-output PSUs unless those outputs (1) are  
91 generated from separate converters or have separate output rectification stages, or (2)  
92 have independent current limits.

93 D. Multi-output Power Supply: A PSU that is designed to deliver the majority of its rated  
94 output power to more than one primary dc output for the purpose of powering an LNE  
95 product. Multi-output PSUs may offer one or more standby outputs that remain active  
96 whenever connected to an input power source. For purposes of this specification, the  
97 total rated power output from any additional PSU outputs that are not primary and  
98 standby outputs is greater than or equal to 20 watts.

99 2) Standard Equipment Rack: An equipment enclosure commonly seen in data centers or  
100 managed facilities and intended to house a variety of information technology equipment.  
101 Front panel width is typically 19 inches (482.6 mm). Standard equipment racks are defined by  
102 EIA-310, IEC 60297, or DIN 41494.

103 3) Modular Chassis: An equipment enclosure used in a modular LNE product that houses all the  
104 components of the product together in one place (e.g. PSUs, backplane, line cards).

105 4) Backplane: A circuit board within the chassis of a modular LNE product into which line cards  
106 or modules are inserted to allow communication between the various connected modules.

107 5) Line Card: A pluggable module that can be inserted into the backplane of a modular LNE  
108 product to provide various forms of connectivity to edge products connected to the network.

109 6) Processor: The logic circuitry that responds to and processes the basic instructions that drive  
110 an LNE product. For purposes of this specification, a processor is a central processing unit  
111 (CPU) which can be used to provide basic function and/or management function.

112 **Note:** EPA is proposing new definitions for the primary components inherent in LNE products and  
113 welcomes feedback on them. Stakeholders are also encouraged to identify additional terms and  
114 definitions that further delineate this product type from other IT equipment and drive LNE energy  
115 performance.

116 E) Other Enterprise and Datacenter Information Technology Equipment:

117 1) Small Network Equipment (SNE): Network Equipment that is intended to serve users in either  
118 small networks or a subset of a large network. SNE includes a) all Network Equipment with  
119 integral wireless capability and b) other Network Equipment meeting all of the following  
120 criteria:

121 i) Designed for stationary operation

122 ii) Contains no more than eleven (11) wired Physical Network Ports; and

123 iii) Primary configuration for operation outside of standard equipment racks.

124 2) Computer Server: A computer that provides services and manages networked resources for  
125 client devices (e.g., desktop computers, notebook computers, thin clients, wireless devices,  
126 PDAs, IP telephones, other computer servers and other network devices). A computer server  
127 is sold through enterprise channels for use in data centers and office/corporate environments.  
128 A computer server is primarily accessed via network connections, versus directly-connected  
129 user input devices such as a keyboard or mouse. For purposes of this specification, a product  
130 must meet all of the following criteria to be considered a computer server:

131 i) is marketed and sold as a Computer Server;

- 132 ii) is designed for and listed as supporting computer server operating systems (OS) and/or  
133 hypervisors;
- 134 iii) is targeted to run user-installed applications typically, but not exclusively, enterprise in  
135 nature;
- 136 iv) provides support for error-correcting code (ECC) and/or buffered memory (including both  
137 buffered DIMMs and buffered on board (BOB) configurations)
- 138 v) is packaged and sold with one or more ac-dc or dc-dc power supplies; and
- 139 vi) is designed such that all processors have access to shared system memory and are  
140 visible to a single OS or hypervisor.
- 141 3) Storage Product: A fully-functional storage system that supplies data storage services to  
142 clients and devices attached directly or through a network. Components and subsystems that  
143 are an integral part of the storage product architecture (e.g., to provide internal  
144 communications between controllers and disks) are considered to be part of the storage  
145 product. In contrast, components that are normally associated with a storage environment at  
146 the data center level (e.g., devices required for operation of an external SAN) are not  
147 considered to be part of the storage product. A storage product may be composed of  
148 integrated storage controllers, storage devices, embedded network elements, software, and  
149 other devices. While storage products may contain one or more embedded processors, these  
150 processors do not execute user-supplied software applications but may execute data-specific  
151 applications (e.g., data replication, backup utilities, data compression, install agents).
- 152 4) Storage Networking Products: Products whose primary purpose is the transfer of data  
153 between computers systems and storage products. This includes products that use typical  
154 storage networking protocols (e.g. Fibre Channel), as well as those that support IP based  
155 storage traffic such as iSCSI capable networking products.
- 156 5) Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS): Combination of convertors, switches, and energy  
157 storage devices (such as batteries) constituting a power system for maintaining continuity of  
158 load power in case of input power failure.
- 159 6) Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM): A network device that connects multiple  
160 digital subscriber line (DSL) interfaces to a backbone network that in turn connects to a larger  
161 service provider network.
- 162 7) Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS): A network device that connects multiple cable  
163 television (CATV) interfaces to a backbone network that in turn connects to a larger service  
164 provider network. Note that CATV connections are often also used to transfer IP traffic.
- 165 8) Network Caching Device: A network device connected to a network that caches content from  
166 a remote source that allows connected devices on the downstream network faster  
167 subsequent access by later serving the cached content to the downstream devices rather  
168 than content accessed directly from the original source.
- 169 9) Load Balancing Device: A network device connected to a network that distributes network  
170 traffic across several downstream devices. These products allow increased capacity and  
171 reliability of data transfer over the network.

**Note:** EPA has added IT equipment definitions to describe the equipment proposed to be out of scope of Version 1.0. The following definitions are fully harmonized with other ENERGY STAR specifications and should not require revision: computer server, storage product, uninterruptable power supply. EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on the proposed definitions in Section 1) I) "Other Enterprise and Datacenter Information Technology Equipment".

177 F) Operational Power States:

- 178 1) Active State: The operating state where the product is carrying out work in response to prior  
179 or concurrent external requests.

180 2) Idle State: The operating state where the product is capable of carrying out work, but is not  
181 actively transferring data.

182 **Note:** EPA received several comments to focus on the two states specified above. However, several  
183 stakeholders suggest that EPA include a new Low Power State that is an optional state available in some  
184 LNE products. EPA is requesting additional information on the functionality of Low Power States and how  
185 prevalent they are in LNE products.

186 G) Additional Terms:

187 1) Physical Network Port: An integrated physical connection point primarily intended to accept  
188 IP or similar traffic via a cable. Fiber-optic connections are **not** considered Physical Network  
189 Ports for the purposes of this specification.

190 a) Uplink Port: A port designated for transferring consolidated data traffic from multiple  
191 devices or downstream networks attached to the downlink ports to an upstream network  
192 or device.

193 b) Downlink Port: A port designated for distributing data from the consolidated uplink port to  
194 a single device or downstream network.

195 **Note:** EPA has clarified that fiber-optic connections are not considered Physical Network Ports in this  
196 document.  
197 EPA is proposing definitions for uplink and downlink ports as they are referenced in the Draft 2 test  
198 method. EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on these definitions.

199 2) Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE): A technology which enables reduced power consumption of  
200 Ethernet interfaces during times of low data throughput. Defined in Clause 78 of IEEE 802.3  
201 (originally specified in IEEE 802.3az).

202 **Note:** EPA received stakeholder feedback to update the IEEE reference to EEE, and has revised the  
203 definition accordingly.

204 3) Power over Ethernet (PoE): A technology which enables transfer of electrical power, along  
205 with data, to network end point devices through an Ethernet cable. PoE is defined in Clause  
206 33 of IEEE 802.3 (originally specified in IEEE 802.3af and IEEE 802.3at). The PoE  
207 specification defines two types of equipment:

208 a) Type 1: Powered devices may require up to 13.0 watts

209 b) Type 2: Powered devices may require up to 25.5 watts

210 **Note:** EPA received stakeholder feedback to update the IEEE references to PoE, and has revised the  
211 definition accordingly.

212 H) Product Family: [TBD]

213 **Table 1: Product Family Requirements**

Base Components	Same Part Number Required?	Same Technical Specifications Required?	Same Quantity Required?	Notes
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TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

214 1) Maximum Configuration: A product configuration that includes the combination of base

215 components that generates the maximum possible energy consumption with a product family  
216 [TBD].

217 2) Minimum Configuration: A product configuration that includes the combination of base  
218 components that generates the least possible energy consumption within a product family  
219 [TBD].

220 3) Typical Configuration: A product configuration that lies between the minimum and maximum  
221 configurations that is representatives of a product with high volume sales. [TBD]

222 **Note:** EPA is proposing a placeholder for “Product Family” in this draft, which resembles the original  
223 approach taken in both computer servers and data center storage. EPA will further develop the product  
224 family concept in later draft specifications.

## 225 2 SCOPE

### 226 2.1 Included Products

227 2.1.1 Products that meet the definition of Large Network Equipment in Section 1 of this document  
228 are eligible for ENERGY STAR certification under this specification. Products explicitly  
229 excluded from Version 1.0 are identified in Section 2.2.

### 230 2.2 Excluded Products

231 2.2.1 Products that are covered under other ENERGY STAR product specifications are not eligible  
232 for certification under this specification. The list of specifications currently in effect can be  
233 found at [www.energystar.gov/specifications](http://www.energystar.gov/specifications).

234 2.2.2 The following products are not eligible for certification under this specification:

- 235 i. Small Network Equipment;
- 236 ii. Computer Servers, including blade switches sold within a Blade Server configuration;
- 237 iii. Storage Products, including Blade Storage;
- 238 iv. Storage Networking Products;
- 239 v. Security Appliances;
- 240 vi. Access Point Controllers;
- 241 vii. DSLAM/CMTS equipment;
- 242 viii. Network Caching Devices; and
- 243 ix. Load Balancing Devices.

244 **Note:** EPA is proposing to exclude items i-iii as they are already covered by other ENERGY STAR  
245 specifications. EPA received stakeholder requests to exclude items iv-ix and agrees with the rationale in  
246 removing them from scope in Version 1.0. EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on this exclusion list.

## 247 3 CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

### 248 3.1 Significant Digits and Rounding

249 3.1.1 All calculations shall be carried out with directly measured (unrounded) values.

250 3.1.2 Unless otherwise specified in this specification, compliance with specification limits shall be  
251 evaluated using directly measured or calculated values without any benefit from rounding.

252 3.1.3 Directly measured or calculated values that are submitted for reporting on the ENERGY STAR  
253 website shall be rounded to the nearest significant digit as expressed in the corresponding  
254 specification limit.

## 255 3.2 Power Supply Requirements

256 3.2.1 Power supply test data and test reports from testing entities recognized by EPA to perform  
257 power supply testing shall be accepted for the purpose of certifying the ENERGY STAR  
258 product.

259 3.2.2 Power Supply Efficiency Criteria: Power Supplies used in products eligible under this  
260 specification must meet the following requirements when tested using the Generalized Internal  
261 Power Supply Efficiency Test Protocol, Rev. 6.6 (available at [www.efficientpowersupplies.org](http://www.efficientpowersupplies.org)).  
262 Power Supply data generated using Rev. 6.4.2, 6.4.3, or 6.5 are acceptable provided the test  
263 was conducted prior to the effective date of Version 1.0 of this specification.

264 i. Fixed LNE Products: To certify for ENERGY STAR, a fixed LNE product must be configured  
265 with **only** PSUs that meet or exceed the applicable efficiency requirements specified in Table  
266 2 **prior to shipment**.

267 ii. Modular LNE Products: To certify for ENERGY STAR, a modular LNE product shipped with a  
268 chassis must be configured such that **all** PSUs supplying power to the chassis meet or  
269 exceed the applicable efficiency requirements specified in Table 2 **prior to shipment**.

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**Table 2: Efficiency Requirements for PSUs**

Power Supply Type	Rated Output Power	10% Load	20% Load	50% Load	100% Load
Multi-output	All Output Levels	N/A	85%	88%	85%
Single-output	All Output Levels	80%	88%	92%	88%

271 **Note:** EPA is proposing to use 80Plus Gold PSU levels, with an additional 80% efficiency requirement for  
272 the 10% load. EPA believes the 10% load requirement is vital to assess the performance of PSUs in  
273 products that supply PoE power or which may be bought with an overcapacity PSU to facilitate future  
274 expansion by the end user.

275 These requirements (including the 10% load requirement) match those found in the current Version 2.0  
276 ENERGY STAR Computer Servers Eligibility Criteria. EPA received stakeholder feedback stating that  
277 many LNE products share hardware similar to that of Computer Servers, and even that there is a growing  
278 trend to replace switches/routers with generic computer servers running software to mimic the  
279 aforementioned devices. As a result of this feedback, EPA feels that setting levels at 80Plus Gold for LNE  
280 products is appropriate and welcomes additional PSU test data from LNE manufacturers.

281 3.2.3 Power Supply Power Factor Criteria: Power Supplies used in products eligible under this  
282 specification must meet the following requirements when tested using the Generalized Internal  
283 Power Supply Efficiency Test Protocol, Rev. 6.6 (available at [www.efficientpowersupplies.org](http://www.efficientpowersupplies.org)).  
284 Power Supply data generated using Rev. 6.4.2, 6.4.3, or 6.5 are acceptable provided the test  
285 was conducted prior to the effective date of Version 1.0.

286 i. Fixed LNE Products: To certify for ENERGY STAR, a fixed LNE product must be configured  
 287 with **only** PSUs that meet or exceed the applicable power factor requirements specified in  
 288 Table 3 **prior to shipment**, under all loading conditions for which output power is greater  
 289 than or equal to 75 watts. Partners are required to measure and report PSU power factor  
 290 under loading conditions of less than 75 watts, though no minimum power factor  
 291 requirements apply.

292 ii. Modular LNE Products: To certify for ENERGY STAR, a modular LNE product shipped with a  
 293 chassis must be configured such that **all** PSUs supplying power to the chassis meet or  
 294 exceed the applicable power factor requirements specified in Table 3 **prior to shipment**,  
 295 under all loading conditions for which output power is greater than or equal to 75 watts.  
 296 Partners are required to measure and report PSU power factor under loading conditions of  
 297 less than 75 watts, though no minimum power factor requirements apply.

298 **Table 3: Power Factor Requirements for PSUs**

Power Supply Type	Rated Output Power	10% Load	20% Load	50% Load	100% Load
Multi-output	All Output Ratings	N/A	0.80	0.90	0.95
Single-output	Output Rating ≤ 500 W	N/A	0.80	0.90	0.95
	Output Rating > 500 W and Output Rating ≤ 1,000 W	0.65	0.80	0.90	0.95
	Output Rating > 1,000 watts	0.80	0.90	0.90	0.95

299 **Note:** EPA is proposing power factor requirements in line with those required in both the ENERGY STAR  
 300 Version 2.0 Computer Servers and Version 1.0 Data Center Storage Eligibility Criteria. EPA welcomes  
 301 stakeholder data to better inform these requirements.

302 **3.3 Energy Efficiency Feature Requirements**

303 3.3.1 To certify for ENERGY STAR, an LNE product must have the following features enabled in its  
 304 as-shipped configuration, implemented as specified:

305 i. Port Power Down: An LNE product must have the ability to power down unused physical  
 306 network ports in an automated fashion, which does not require input from the end-user.

307 ii. Remote Port Administration: An LNE product must provide the end-user with the ability to  
 308 conduct remote administration of individual physical network ports.

309 iii. Adaptive Active Cooling: Primary components of an LNE product must utilize adaptive  
 310 cooling technologies that reduce the energy consumed by the cooling technology in  
 311 proportion to the current cooling needs to the LNE product. (e.g., reduction of variable speed  
 312 fan or blower speeds at lower ambient air temperature). This requirement is not applicable to  
 313 devices that employ passive cooling.

314 iv. Energy Efficient Ethernet: All physical network ports in an LNE product must be compliant  
315 with IEEE 802.3 Clause 78.

316 **Note:** EPA received feedback from stakeholders on the Framework Document that the proposed energy  
317 efficiency features above were reasonable and achievable by LNE products already on the market.

318 Several stakeholders stated that the ability to scale power dynamically with the level of product utilization  
319 was an industry goal, but that it would require multiple generations of product development before it is  
320 reached. Similar comments were made with regard to operation at higher temperature levels.

321 EPA understands that these capabilities are not yet common in the market, but is interested in further  
322 discussion on how to potentially incentivize and accelerate the adoption of these features.

### 323 3.4 Active State Efficiency Criteria for Fixed Products

324 3.4.1 Active State Data Reporting: To certify for ENERGY STAR, an LNE product or LNE Product  
325 Family must be submitted for certification with the following information disclosed in full and in  
326 the context of the complete Active State efficiency rating test report:

327 i. [TBD]

328 3.4.2 Active State Efficiency: To certify for ENERGY STAR, an LNE product must meet the following  
329 I active criteria [TBD].

330 **Note:** Active state efficiency requirements will be developed in more detail in subsequent draft  
331 specifications, following the gathering of additional product data to support level setting. One of EPA's  
332 goals in creating this Version 1.0 specification is to develop a simple, easy-to-understand energy  
333 performance assessment for LNE products, which can be fairly and consistently applied to products and  
334 which can provide end users with an apples to apples product comparison. To that end, the ongoing  
335 gathering of data will ideally result in one or more measurements that are applicable across all LNE  
336 products within each product category.

### 337 3.5 Active State Efficiency Criteria for Modular Products

338 3.5.1 Active State Data Reporting: To certify for ENERGY STAR, an LNE product or LNE Product  
339 Family must be submitted for certification with the following information disclosed in full and in  
340 the context of the complete Active State efficiency rating test report:

341 i. [TBD]

342 **Note:** Active state power and performance data will be reported for all modular products as a requirement  
343 to gain ENERGY STAR certification, but no active state efficiency criteria will be proposed for modular  
344 products in Version 1.0. EPA welcomes additional stakeholder feedback on the most appropriate  
345 boundaries and configuration guidance that can be provided with the intention of creating a standardized  
346 approach to configuring modular products for certification testing. EPA's goal is to ensure that the data  
347 generated in this process strikes an acceptable balance between test burden and providing data, which is  
348 meaningful and beneficial for the end-user.

## 349 4 STANDARD INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### 350 4.1 Data Reporting Requirements

- 351 4.1.1 All required data fields in the ENERGY STAR Version 1.0 LNE Qualified Product Exchange  
352 form shall be submitted to EPA for each ENERGY STAR certified LNE product or LNE Product  
353 Family.
- 354 4.1.2 The following data will be displayed on the ENERGY STAR website through the product finder  
355 tool:
- 356 i. model name and number, identifying SKU and/or configuration ID;
  - 357 ii. product characteristics (utilization type, modular vs. fixed, power specifications, etc.);
  - 358 iii. product type (management scheme, stackable, etc.);
  - 359 iv. tested system configuration(s);
  - 360 v. energy consumption and performance data from required Active State Efficiency Criteria  
361 testing;
  - 362 vi. PoE capability (number of PoE ports supported, maximum PoE class supported, maximum  
363 total PoE power supported, etc.);
  - 364 vii. available and enabled power saving features (e.g., power management);
  - 365 viii. for product family certifications, a list of certified configurations with qualified SKUs or  
366 configuration IDs; and
  - 367 ix. for a modular LNE products, a list of compatible chassis that meet ENERGY STAR  
368 qualification criteria.
- 369 4.1.3 EPA may periodically revise this list, as necessary, and will notify and invite stakeholder  
370 engagement in such a revision process.

371 **Note:** EPA has proposed an initial list of information that it intends to collect and display as part of the  
372 certification process for Version 1.0. EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on additional information that  
373 should be displayed on the ENERGY STAR website.

## 374 5 STANDARD PERFORMANCE DATA MEASUREMENT AND OUTPUT 375 REQUIREMENTS

### 376 5.1 Data Elements

- 377 5.1.1 Data Elements: Core LNE products shall be capable of measuring and reporting the following  
378 data elements at the LNE product level:
- 379 i. Input Power, in watts. Input power measurements must be reported with accuracy within  
380  $\pm 5\%$  of the actual value for measurements greater than 200 W, through the full range of  
381 operation. For measurements less than or equal to 200 W, the accuracy must be less than  
382 or equal to 10 W multiplied by the number of installed PSUs; and
  - 383 ii. Inlet Air Temperature, in degrees Celsius, with accuracy of  $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .

384 5.1.2 Reporting Implementation:

- 385 i. Data shall be made available in a published or user-accessible format that is readable by  
386 third-party, non-proprietary management systems;
- 387 ii. Data shall be made available to end users and third-party management systems over a  
388 standard network connection;
- 389 iii. Data shall be made available via embedded components or add-in devices that are  
390 packaged with the LNE product (e.g., a service processor, embedded power or thermal  
391 meter or other out-of-band technology, iPDU, or pre-installed OS);

392 5.1.3 Sampling Requirements:

- 393 i. *Input power:* Input power measurements must be sampled internally to the LNE product at  
394 a rate of greater than or equal to 1 measurement per contiguous 10-second period.
- 395 ii. *Inlet air temperature (optional):* Inlet air temperature measurements must be sampled  
396 internally to the LNE product at a rate of greater than or equal to 1 measurement every 10  
397 seconds.
- 398 iii. *Timestamping:* Systems that implement time stamping of environmental data shall sample  
399 internally to the LNE product data at a rate of greater than or equal to 1 measurement  
400 every 30 seconds.
- 401 iv. *Management Software:* All sampled measurements shall be made available to external  
402 management software either via an on-demand pull method, or via a coordinated push  
403 method. In either case the system's management software is responsible for establishing  
404 the data delivery time scale while the LNE product is responsible for assuring data  
405 delivered meets the above sampling and currency requirements.

406 5.1.4 Documentation Requirements: The following information shall be included in the data  
407 submission:

- 408 i. Guaranteed accuracy levels for power and optional temperature measurements, and  
409 ii. The time period used for data averaging (if present).

410 5.1.5 Use of iPDUs: Section 5.1 may be satisfied using iPDUs. In order to satisfy the Data Elements  
411 requirement, an iPDU must:

- 412 i. Meet all requirements for accuracy, sampling, and data reporting;  
413 ii. Be made available for sale and delivery with certified ENERGY STAR LNE products by  
414 appearing on the manufacturer's website and/or in marketing material where information  
415 on the LNE product is displayed.

416 **Note:** EPA received stakeholder feedback stating that most LNE products are currently able to measure  
417 many variables including power, throughput, latency, and utilization in real or near-real time through  
418 vehicles including the Management Information Base (MIB) and Simple Network Management Protocol  
419 (SNMP). Stakeholders did indicate that there is generally some work to be done on the software side to  
420 make all of this data available to other devices on the network. EPA believes that this hurdle may largely  
421 be addressed for Core products with typically high-utilization (e.g. data center applications) during the  
422 development of the Version 1.0 specification and is proposing to include the reporting of power and  
423 temperature at this time. Note that EPA is not proposing to apply these requirements to Edge products in  
424 Version 1.0.

425 **6 TESTING**

426 **6.1 Test Methods**

427 6.1.1 Test methods identified in Table 2 shall be used to determine certification for ENERGY STAR.

428 **Table 2: Test Methods for ENERGY STAR Certification**

Product Type	Test Method
All	ENERGY STAR Test Method for Large Network Equipment (Rev. August-2014)
All	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) – 0600015.03.2013 Energy Efficiency for Telecommunication Equipment: Methodology for Measurement and Reporting for Router and Ethernet Switch Products

429 **6.2 Number of Units Required for Testing**

430 **Note:** In this section, EPA typically defines product families and describes how products are certified as a  
431 family. EPA welcomes discussions with stakeholders on this topic.

432 **6.3 International Market Certification**

433 6.3.1 Products shall be tested for certification at the relevant input voltage/frequency combination for  
434 each market in which they will be sold and promoted as ENERGY STAR.

435 **7 EFFECTIVE DATE**

436 7.1.1 Effective Date: The Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Large Network Equipment specification shall  
437 take effect on **TBD**. To certify for ENERGY STAR, a product model shall meet the ENERGY  
438 STAR specification in effect on the model's date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is  
439 specific to each unit and is the date on which a unit is considered to be completely assembled.

440 **Note:** New specifications are generally effective immediately upon completion.

441 7.1.2 Future Specification Revisions: EPA reserves the right to change this specification should  
442 technological and/or market changes affect its usefulness to consumers, industry, or the  
443 environment. In keeping with current policy, revisions to the specification are arrived at  
444 through stakeholder discussions. In the event of a specification revision, please note that the  
445 ENERGY STAR certification is not automatically granted for the life of a product model.

446 **8 CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE REVISIONS**

447 8.1.1 **TBD**