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Comment on Energy Star Thermostats
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National Grid is supportive of the comments that will be filed by CEE on Climate Controls Specification, and we would add to those comments that

we support having a premier level (i.e. Energy Star Platinum) for thermostats and other controls that meet or exceed the standard Energy Star requirements and also have two way communications capabilities that meet an open standard for HAN communications. I believe the current open standards are Zigbee (1.0 or later) HomePlug, and other 802.1x protocols such as wifi and Bluetooth.

At this point we believe that thermostats with two way communications and other HAN enabled devices such as smart plugs, water heater controls and newer appliances will play a significant role in load management aggregations as well as leading to the next level of energy efficiency beyond static programmability going forward.

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