

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear Telephony Equipment Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

With this letter the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching the revision of the ENERGY STAR[®] Telephony Specification, last updated in 2008, and currently with a market share of more than 60 percent for Cordless Phones and 80 percent for Combination Cordless Phone/Answering Machines. With this revision, EPA seeks to both refresh the requirements for currently covered products and expand the scope of the specification to include Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Phones.

As a first step in this specification revision process, EPA is releasing for stakeholder review the attached revised Draft ENERGY STAR Test Method for Telephony. The attached draft is based on the current test method for telephony, but includes sections permitting the testing of VoIP Phones. EPA invites stakeholders to comment on this draft Test Method **by October 13, 2011**. Comments may be submitted by emailing telephony@energystar.gov.

In particular, EPA seeks feedback on:

- Any gaps anticipated when addressing VoIP phones, whether corded or cordless, for both consumer and commercial applications;
- Any inconsistencies with the current test method regarding the treatment of cordless phones;
- Appropriateness of all measurements and metrics to future specification development; and
- Any relevant data collection parameters that should be added to the test method.

EPA will also host with the U.S. Department of Energy a **webinar to discuss the test method and next steps on October 4, 2011 from 12 to 2pm Eastern Time**. Please RSVP by emailing telephony@energystar.gov to receive call-in information closer to the meeting date. EPA would appreciate your response by September 30, 2011.

Following receipt of stakeholder feedback on this Test Method, EPA will release a revised Test Method and assemble data for VoIP phones that will inform the ENERGY STAR specification development process. At that time, EPA will also seek to augment its dataset of qualified cordless phones and associated products with any non-qualified product data the Agency receives.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the review of this test method. EPA looks forward to continuing to work with stakeholders through subsequent data assembly, and Draft 1 specification development. The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, product manufacturers, and other interested parties is critical to our success. If you know of others who may be interested in participating in

this process, please forward this announcement and encourage them to send their contact information to telephony@energystar.gov to be added to the stakeholder contact list.

Please direct any specific questions to Katharine Kaplan, at kaplan.katharine@epa.gov, or 202-343-9120, or Matt Malinowski, ICF International, at mmalinowski@icfi.com or 202-862-2693.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

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Enclosures:

Draft ENERGY STAR Test Method for Telephony (Rev. Sep-2011)