



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Stakeholder:

The purpose of this letter is to formally begin the process to examine and revise the ENERGY STAR specification for External Power Supplies (EPSs). The current ENERGY STAR Tier 1 specification for this product category has been in place since January 2005 and market share of qualified models has been steadily growing. In addition, a number of U.S. states and international governments have introduced or are in the process of issuing performance levels that are comparable to or more stringent than existing ENERGY STAR requirements. To ensure that ENERGY STAR continues to represent the top performers in terms of energy efficiency, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be revisiting the current ENERGY STAR specifications for EPSs to determine new Tier 2 performance levels.

As a key step to beginning the process, EPA invites stakeholders to submit any suggestions, questions or concerns that they have for the Tier 2 EPS specification, along with supporting data. Any aspect of the performance specification and test procedure is open to comment (e.g., ac-ac models, standby levels, power factor correction, multi-voltage power supplies). In addition, if you would like to meet individually with EPA, please contact Robin Clark, ICF International, at rclark@icfi.com to make arrangements.

Once EPA has completed its preliminary research, a Draft 1 Tier 2 specification will be released in early summer to all stakeholders for review and comment. Additional drafts will follow as necessary with an expected specification completion date of September 2007. In the original specification document, EPA included a Tier 2 effective date of January 2008. If needed, EPA will delay this effective date by up to six months in order to ensure a thorough revision process.

As with all ENERGY STAR specification development and revision efforts, EPA intends to run a transparent, open, and inclusive process that results in a high quality end product in a reasonable amount of time. As EPA moves forward with revising the ENERGY STAR EPS specification, we will solicit input from stakeholders on an ongoing basis. The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to developing a meaningful specification and contributing to the overall success of ENERGY STAR. As such, we welcome and look forward to your input and participation in all aspects of the specification development process. Additionally, EPA encourages all stakeholders to visit the ENERGY STAR Web site periodically at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment for important updates and resources. (Click on Revisions to Existing Specifications.) In addition to official

documents, presentations and draft revisions of the specification, this Web page also will include written comments EPA receives from stakeholders, unless marked as confidential.

Thank you for your support of ENERGY STAR. I look forward to working with you to revise the EPS specification so that it advances superior energy efficiency in the marketplace. Please contact me at (206) 553-6377 or fanara.andrew@epa.gov with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fanara', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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