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Response to EPA's
ENERGY STAR[®] Program Requirements
for
Computer Servers

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Response

Netapp agrees with SNIA that a separate storage specification is needed. Compute servers are typically optimized to support high rates of computation, while storage servers are optimized to deliver high rates of I/O, as well as high degrees of data safety and assurance. These lead to different design parameters and should be treated differently when evaluated for energy consumption.

Respectfully,

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