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Dear Set-top Box Stakeholder:

EPA welcomes your input on the **Draft 1 ENERGY STAR[®] specifications for Set-top Boxes**. Four documents are included for your review:

1. Partnership Agreement between ENERGY STAR and an ENERGY STAR Partner (generic version). This document is the standard agreement that ENERGY STAR and its partners enter into. This agreement references the partner requirements, commitments, and eligibility criteria proposed in the below documents. EPA is sharing this key agreement today as a number of the organizations receiving this distribution are new to ENERGY STAR and the nature of the partnership that EPA and ENERGY STAR partners share.
2. The Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Cable, Satellite, and Telecom Service Providers. This document proposes commitments service providers must meet to partner with ENERGY STAR including purchase and deployment of ENERGY STAR qualified boxes, assuring continued energy savings from boxes deployed to subscribers, and consumer education. EPA will develop more explicit requirements associated with the above activities with stakeholder input for inclusion in Draft 2, expected to be released in mid-September.
3. Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Set-top Boxes, which outline the partner commitments for manufacturers and technical requirements for assessing energy efficiency of boxes across a calculated duty cycle. Please note that this first draft technical specification provides a framework, but does not include actual energy-efficiency criteria. EPA will develop proposed energy-efficiency criteria for set-top boxes with stakeholder input for inclusion in Draft 2, expected to be released in mid-September.
4. An industry-developed proposed approach for enhancing existing test procedures for set-top boxes.

All manufacturers, service providers, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the Draft 1 ENERGY STAR specification for set-top boxes and provide *initial* comments by **July 12, 2007**. Please direct any questions or comments to kaplan.katharine@epa.gov or (202) 343-9120 or Darcy Martinez, ICF International, at dmartinez@icfi.com or (202) 862-1234. In an effort to keep the specification revision process as transparent as possible, EPA will post any comments it receives from stakeholders on the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment, unless the comments are marked to remain confidential.

Receiving initial comments by July 12 will allow EPA to review input prior to the stakeholder meeting on **July 18, 2007** from noon to 5:30 p.m. at 1725 Eye Street, NW in Washington, DC. We hope you will be able to attend this meeting and contribute to the discussion on the Draft 1 specifications. Additional meeting information will be forthcoming. Please relay your intention to participate in this meeting to dmartinez@icfi.com.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review Draft 1 of the ENERGY STAR specifications for set-top boxes and for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Best Regards,

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

Katharine Kaplan, EPA Product Manager
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Enclosures:

Partnership Agreement between ENERGY STAR and an ENERGY STAR Partner (generic version).

ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Set-top Boxes, DRAFT 1 – Version 2.0

ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Cable, Satellite, and Telecom Service Providers, Partner Commitments, DRAFT 1 – Version 1.0

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