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Dear ENERGY STAR® Televisions Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

EPA would like to thank stakeholders for their feedback on the Draft 1 Version 6.0 Televisions specification. In light of current efforts to gather information and develop a test method for televisions that implement Automatic Brightness Control (ABC), an important energy-savings feature, EPA intends to delay the release of the Draft 2 Version 6.0 Televisions specification until Fall 2011, with the aim of finalizing the specification by the end of 2011 and having it take effect in Fall 2012.

As conveyed during the Version 5.3 development process, EPA is committed to referencing in Version 6.0 an accurate and representative test method for testing televisions with ABC enabled. It will be constructive to factor into the test method the findings from the Consumer Electronic Association's study of average room illuminance levels in consumer homes, which is being conducted this summer. Additionally, EPA will harmonize its ENERGY STAR television testing requirements with those under development by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Televisions products specification and to review comments, please visit the Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs and click on "Televisions."

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Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verena Radulovic".

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