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Dear Game Console Stakeholder:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the Draft 1 Performance Requirements for Game Consoles and distributing EPA & DOE data from 2010 game console testing.

Conference Call on Proposed EPA Recognition for Game Consoles

Rather than using the ENERGY STAR label to differentiate high efficiency game console models (since there are only three), EPA is considering an alternative that involves Agency recognition of manufacturers who commit to adopting the finalized efficiency criteria for their systems. EPA looks forward to collaborating with stakeholders to determine the potential recognition elements of greatest value, so as to prompt widespread efficiency improvements.

EPA invites you to participate in a **conference call on September 20, 2011, from 1-3PM Eastern**, to discuss potential EPA recognition for companies that commit to meeting game console performance requirements. To RSVP, please email gameconsoles@energystar.gov. Further details and a detailed agenda will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the conference call.

Comment Period Extension

To allow for further stakeholder input, EPA is extending the comment period for the Draft 1 Performance Requirements for Game Consoles. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments on the proposed performance requirements and test method via email to gameconsoles@energystar.gov **no later than September 30, 2011**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Game Console website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

EPA & DOE Game Console Test Data

In December of 2010, EPA & DOE performed testing at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in West Virginia to validate existing game console test procedure drafts from EPA, NRDC and others. The testing was performed to validate repeatability, appropriateness of the test and to discover any problems or anomalies in testing procedure. A major component was to validate the active game play test procedures. In response to stakeholder requests, EPA and DOE are sharing this.

Schedule

The anticipated schedule for the development of the Game Console performance requirements and test method is as follows:

Tuesday, September 20, 2011	Conference Call on Proposed EPA Recognition for Game Consoles
Friday, September 30, 2011	Stakeholder Comment Period closes
Late October	Revised Proposed Game Console Performance Requirements and Test Method

To follow EPA's progress in developing Game Console performance and testing requirements, visit the ENERGY STAR New Product Development website at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=new_specs.new_prod_specs and click on "Game Consoles."

Please direct any specific questions to Paul Karaffa, US EPA, at karaffa.paul@epa.gov or (202) 343-9401; Katharine Kaplan US EPA, at kaplan.katharine@epa.gov or (202) 343-9120; or Evan Haines, ICF International, at ehaines@icfi.com or (202) 572-9456. Thank you for taking the time to review this announcement. EPA looks forward to working with you over the next few months to refine performance requirements and the structure of an EPA recognition campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Karaffa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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