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Dear Game Console Stakeholder:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is distributing, for your review and comment, the Draft 2 Game Console Performance Requirements and Rev. Feb-2012 Test Method. EPA & DOE received stakeholder comments on the first draft of these documents and have made several modifications in response to these comments. We invite stakeholders to continue to engage with the Agency on these revisions. EPA will work with stakeholders to finalize these testing and performance requirements as well as EPA recognition strategies for manufacturers and products that meet the final requirements by early-April 2012.

Key revisions to the Performance Requirements include:

- Language allowing an exception to APD requirements for legacy games has been added;
- A number of definitions have been changed to better align with industry standards;
- Language has been updated to reflect consistency between Root Menu and Home Menu; and
- Language has been updated to specify a maximum time before APD.

Key revisions to the Test Method include:

- The Input Power Requirements (for units rated at over 1500 W) Table has been removed;
- As Shipped Condition, TV/Display, Network Connection, Auto Power Down Verification, Streaming Media, and Game Title requirements have been moved from the Test Procedure Section to the Test Conduct Section to clarify the requirements for Game Console network connectivity during testing;
- The testing of bi-directional power management with TV/displays has been removed as automated TV shutdown is outside the scope of these performance requirements;
- Language for Off Mode testing has been added to coincide with the Off Mode definition included in Draft 2 of the proposed performance requirements for Game Consoles;
- Requirements for measuring unit power consumption following APD have been added;
- Game Play Pause APD testing has been added; and
- Continuing Verification (former Section 6.4) has been removed.

Other Updates:

- A reporting template has been developed to be used in conjunction with the proposed Test Method.

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments on the proposed Performance Requirements and Test Method via email to gameconsoles@energystar.gov **no later than March 9, 2012**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Game Console website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Stakeholder Webinar Meeting to Proposed Performance Requirements and Test Method

EPA invites you to participate in a webinar on **March 2, 2012, from 1:00-3:00 PM Eastern** (10:00AM – noon Pacific), to discuss the proposed Performance Requirements and Test Method and EPA recognition for companies that commit to meeting these requirements. To RSVP, please email

gameconsoles@energystar.gov. A detailed agenda will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the webinar meeting.

Schedule

The anticipated schedule for the development of the Game Console Performance Requirements and Test Method is as follows:

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| Friday, March 2, 2012 | Webinar Meeting on Proposed Game Console Performance Requirements and Test Method |
| Friday, March 9, 2012 | Stakeholder Comment Period closes |
| Early April | 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 www.energystar.gov/NewSpecs 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 proposal. EPA looks forward to working with you over the next couple months to refine these performance requirements and the structure of EPA recognition.

Sincerely,



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