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Dear Large Network Equipment Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are holding a kickoff webinar on October 24th from 11:00 AM to 3:00PM Eastern Time to discuss the development of an ENERGY STAR® specification for Large Network Equipment (LNE). Call-in details will be sent next week to those stakeholders that have RSVP'd via email to largenetwork@energystar.gov.

The attached discussion document identifies specific product types that could be covered by the Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR LNE specification, proposes product definitions and areas of focus for the program, and describes the types of criteria that have been used in related product specifications that could be applied to LNE. The document also raises questions for further discussion with stakeholders. EPA looks forward to discussing these questions with stakeholders at the upcoming webinar and to receiving additional written stakeholder feedback.

Additionally, DOE is initiating the development of an ENERGY STAR LNE test method. The attached document outlines a proposed testing approach that is consistent with relevant industry test procedures. This document contains several noteboxes which identify specific issues that DOE is seeking comment on. Additionally, DOE welcomes comments from stakeholders on any ambiguities, suggested revisions, or concerns with the proposed testing approach. As the process moves forward, DOE will be working with manufacturers to view how they perform LNE testing, and will be reaching out to all stakeholders to have more in depth conversations about the test method.

Stakeholder participation is critical to developing a meaningful specification and test method, and to ensuring the overall success of ENERGY STAR. Please direct any specific questions to RJ Meyers, EPA, at Meyers.Robert@epa.gov, or 202-343-9923; or John Clinger, ICF International, at John.Clinger@icfi.com, or 202-572-9432. Please direct any specific test method questions to Bryan Berringer, DOE, at Bryan.Berringer@ee.doe.gov, or 202-586-0371.

Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Meyers".

Robert Meyers
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