


Subject: ENERGY STAR Computer Program: Proposed Version 5.2 Clarification for Review

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

This message is a notice of a possible clarification to the ENERGY STAR Version 5.2 Computer specification. As industry continues to take advantage of low-power technology from the mobile space in more traditional computer platforms, products are beginning to offer idle power levels on par with what was previously seen only in low power modes. Though such products may lack a traditional system sleep mode, they present a significant energy savings opportunity.

To account for such products under the current Version 5.2 specification, EPA is proposing the following clarification for stakeholder review:

For low-energy desktop computers that lack a discrete system sleep mode but otherwise fit both the scope of the ENERGY STAR Computer program and any applicable product type definitions, power in Idle may be used in place of sleep in the TEC equation, provided both of the following are true:

- Display sleep is implemented as required by the specification (after 15 minutes of inactivity, enabled upon shipment); and
- Idle power is less than or equal to 10 watts.

EPA welcomes written comments on this proposed clarification and will consider those forwarded to computers@energystar.gov by **Thursday, December 8th**. Final guidance will be issued after EPA reviews feedback. EPA will work with stakeholders as part of the Version 6.0 specification development effort to address such products formally within the program.

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