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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computers Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing the [Final Draft, Version 8.0 ENERGY STAR Computer specification](#) and [Final Draft, Computers Test Method](#). EPA thanks stakeholders for the feedback that they provided and has taken that feedback into consideration in developing this draft specification. EPA has included an anticipated effective date of July 15, 2020 for the Version 8.0 specification.

This final draft reflects significant engagement with stakeholders and strikes a reasonable balance across the numerous criteria that make up this specification. In response to stakeholder feedback, EPA has made modest adjustments to a select set of adders including reducing the adder for hard disk drives and notebook storage and adding an adder for higher throughput ports used by higher end content creation products. EPA has also made minor adjustments to the base allowances that account for the changes to the adder values. In addition, EPA has amended the incentive structure for full network connectivity to allow for tiered incentives based on how efficient the alternative low power mode is and to provide access to the incentive by integrated desktops.

Stakeholders may submit any comments on this Final Draft specification to [computers@energystar.gov](mailto:computers@energystar.gov) no later than September 24, 2019. All comments will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR Product Development website](#) unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the [computers product development website](#).

Please contact me at [Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov](mailto:Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov) or (202) 343-9153 or John Clinger, ICF, at [John.Clinger@icf.com](mailto:John.Clinger@icf.com) or (215) 967-9407 with questions or concerns regarding the specification. For any test method questions, please contact Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, [Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov](mailto:Jeremy.Domm@EE.Doe.Gov), or (202) 586-9870. For any other Computer related questions, please contact [computers@energystar.gov](mailto:computers@energystar.gov). Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Fogle".

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Enclosures:  
[Final Draft, Version 8.0 Specification](#)  
[Final Draft, Computers Test Method](#)

[Draft 2, Comment Response Matrix](#)