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Taylor Jantz-Sell
ENERGY STAR Lighting Program Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20004

Dear Ms. Jantz-Sell:

The United Illuminating Company (UI) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR® Lamps Specification. We believe the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through its ENERGY STAR brand has successfully created a symbol that consumers look to for high quality products that produce optimal energy savings. After careful review of the Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR Lamps Specification, however, we are concerned that some of the new specifications may reduce customer satisfaction and diminish reliance on the ENERGY STAR brand.

UI serves 17 communities in Connecticut and provides electricity and energy related services to more than 325,000 customers. Consumers are easily confused with the multitude of lighting choices in the market and we currently promote the ENERGY STAR brand, as its mark enables customers to effortlessly find reliable products to help achieve their energy goals. We are concerned that lowering specifications, specifically in regards to the omni-directionality and hours of use standards, may dilute the ENERGY STAR brand among our customers and discourage customers from purchasing the most efficient options on the market.

We strongly encourage ENERGY STAR to continue to raise the bar on the products that are certified and only designate the highest quality and most efficient options to continue to offer customers a clear option when looking for reliable high quality energy efficient options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick McDonnell'.

Patrick McDonnell
Sr. Director of Conservation and Load Management