## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Room Air Conditioner Brand Owners and Other Interested Parties:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) are pleased to share the final ENERGY STAR Test Method to validate Demand Response capabilities of Room Air Conditioners with connected functionality. EPA and DOE would like to thank the stakeholders who have invested time and effort to inform the development of this test method.

This test method can be applied at the option of Room Air Conditioner partners wishing to have their Room Air Conditioner identified as having connected functionality on the ENERGY STAR Product Finder and/or wishing to make use of the 5% allowance. Going forward, the final Demand Response Test Method will be required for any new Room Air Conditioner listings for which the brand owner wishes to designate the product as having connected functionality in the ENERGY STAR Product Finder. In addition, use of the 5% credit towards the efficiency performance requirement will be an option for products validated using the test.

On behalf of EPA, I look forward to working with you as you validate Demand Response capabilities and market your ENERGY STAR certified room air conditioners with connected functionality. The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, DOE and stakeholders is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9464 or <a href="mailto:fifter.melissa@epa.gov">fifter.melissa@epa.gov</a> or Bryan Berringer at (202) 586-0371 or <a href="mailto:bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov">bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov</a>. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

Melissa Fiffer, Product Manager

**ENERGY STAR Appliances**