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WEST VIRGINIA'S SECOND ENERGY STAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY EXPANDS

Improved Benefits to Taxpayers

CHARLESTON, W.VA.—Governor Joe Manchin and Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced West Virginia's second ENERGY STAR® Sales Tax Holiday will take place September 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

During this year's three month long holiday, West Virginians will not have to pay sales and use tax on certain ENERGY STAR® qualified products valued at \$5,000 or less. Tangible personal property for use in a trade or business is not subject to this Sales Tax Holiday.

"Last year, West Virginians had seven days to take advantage of the holiday and improve the energy efficiency of their homes at a lower out of pocket cost," Manchin said. "For 2009, the holiday is increased to three months. The per purchase price limit was \$2,500 in 2008. For 2009, it is increased to \$5,000. West Virginia citizens will have a greater opportunity to benefit from taking part in the holiday."

Governor Manchin introduced the holiday legislation in 2008 and the West Virginia Legislature supported the idea by funding consumer initiatives like this. Attorney General Darrell McGraw's Office successfully litigated against two credit card companies on behalf of West Virginia consumers. The results will fund future consumer initiatives.

"I am happy that the work of the Attorney General's office is being used to provide tax relief and contribute to energy conservation," McGraw said.

The typical U.S. household spends \$2,200 a year on energy bills. With ENERGY STAR® qualified products, consumers can save more than 30 percent or more than \$700 per year, with similar savings of greenhouse gas emissions, without sacrificing features, style or comfort. ENERGY STAR® helps consumers make energy-efficient choices. The ENERGY STAR® label is now on over 60 product categories including major appliances, office equipment, lighting, and home electronics. EPA has also extended the label to cover new homes and commercial and industrial buildings.

All West Virginia retailers of ENERGY STAR® qualified products will participate in the sales tax holiday. West Virginia retailers, who sell ENERGY STAR® qualified products, have been asked to display a sign in the store's windows, on the door, or in the aisles, noting their participation in the September 1 through November 30, 2009 Sales Tax Holiday.

ENERGY STAR® qualified products are designated by the EPA and are identified by the following label:



Purchases qualify for the sales and use tax holiday if the purchase is for a product that:

- Has earned the ENERGY STAR® label.
- Costs \$5,000 or less.
- Is for noncommercial home or personal use.

Learn more about the holiday and the qualified products at www.wvtax.gov/energyStarSalesTaxHoliday.html.

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