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WEST VIRGINIA'S FIRST ENERGY STAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY ENABLES CITIZENS TO SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY

CHARLESTON, W.VA.—Governor Joe Manchin and Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced West Virginia's first ENERGY STAR® Sales Tax Holiday will take place September 1-7, 2008.

During the holiday, West Virginians will not have to pay sales and use tax on certain ENERGY STAR® qualified products valued at \$2,500 or less. Tangible personal property for use in a trade or business is not subject to this Sales Tax Holiday.

"Each and every West Virginia business must participate in the sales tax holiday," Manchin said. "I encourage all West Virginians to use this opportunity to purchase products that will help reduce home energy costs."

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.

According to the Department of Environmental Protection, the average American household spends about \$2,000 a year on energy. With ENERGY STAR® dishwashers using at least 41 percent less energy, and qualified washing machines saving nearly 7,000 gallons of water a year, the financial and environmental impact of these products makes them attractive to environmentally conscious consumers.

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 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 \$2,500 or less
- Is for noncommercial home or personal use.

Learn more about the holiday and the qualified products at www.state.wv.us/taxrev/taxholiday.html.

