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Dear Doris,

I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about CMC's residential activity and how your company can better participate in our ENERGY STAR programs. As a long standing player in the energy efficiency industry, you and your concerns are important to us as we implement national programs with very large goals.

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR team has encouraged CMC to participate in current sponsored programs – especially where you have trained resources such as in New Jersey. There are several areas where CMC could contribute, either as a front end consultant performing the comprehensive home energy assessments or as a contractor delivering the needed up grades – or both. With your extensive experience, we believe many of our program sponsors would gladly include CMC as a contractor to help them reach performance goals.

As you are aware, our Home Performance with ENERGY STAR sponsors are given flexibility in designing their programs. Many choose to hire an implementation contractor to design, market, and manage their entire program. In New Jersey, the Board of Public Utilities has hired an implementation contractor to run all aspects of the program, from contractor recruitment to quality assurance. Further, this implementation contractor has its own existing residential modeling tool that all participating contractors are required to use. With one computer based tool, the program data management is more efficient.

We do not require our sponsors to use a rating under Home Performance with ENERGY STAR. Ratings have a useful purpose to establish a home's performance measure relative to a home built to the model energy code, and raters all over the country are contributing to the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR programs – either as stand alone consultants or with companies delivering remediation. Our current guidance to our sponsors on selecting estimating modeling tools is to consider either RESNET approved software or software used within the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Programs. This is only guidance and we are allowing

