

## **Energy Savings from Small Network Voluntary Agreement To Continue Uninterrupted Pending Finalization of Extended Commitments**

**Washington, DC, December 8, 2021** – In 2015, all of the nation’s largest residential wireline Internet service providers, many major retail manufacturers of Internet access devices, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, and the Consumer Technology Association launched a Voluntary Agreement to improve the energy efficiency of residential broadband “small network equipment” (SNE) such as modems and routers. The agreement includes commitments by service providers and retail vendors that 90 percent of these new devices meet specified energy efficiency levels. Those levels were made more rigorous in 2020 under an amendment adopted in 2018. According to the latest [report](#) issued by the independent auditor of the Voluntary Agreement, the average idle-mode energy use of SNE relative to average broadband download speed decreased by approximately 75% since the agreement was established in 2015.

These commitments are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021. The signatories have been working diligently to extend the agreement on terms that will include further improvements to its energy efficiency levels. To assure that energy savings continue uninterrupted while the new terms are finalized, the signatories have agreed to maintain existing commitments during extension discussions. This action is intended to make clear to consumers, regulators, and other stakeholders that the benefits of the Voluntary Agreement will remain ongoing. The parties will publicly announce the new terms of the extended agreements as soon as they are available. More information about the Voluntary Agreement is available at [www.energyefficiency.us](http://www.energyefficiency.us), including links to the independent auditor’s reports and energy usage information for consumers about each of the new models that each company offers.