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NEW APPLIANCES RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS ON CONSUMERS' ELECTRICITY BILLS

WASHINGTON, DC (November 19, 2012)—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) has released the 2011 Energy Efficiency and Consumption Trends data for major home appliances. This data, based on 2011 shipments of major appliances, shows the continuing trend of decreased energy consumption. If consumers were to replace their 10-year-old refrigerator, clothes washer and dishwasher of average efficiency with more energy efficient models manufactured in 2011, they would save, on average, $90 per year on their electricity bill. Upgrading to an ENERGY STAR® unit may offer additional energy savings.

Energy consumption in refrigerators continued to decline in 2011 with new refrigerators using an average of 452 kWh per year, over 50% less than units made in 1990. Dishwasher energy consumption is down nearly 51% due to advances in energy efficiency and new technologies such as soil sensors that use only as much water as needed and more stainless steel interiors which help dry dishes faster. Clothes washer tub volume continues to increase while energy consumption decreases, meaning those who bought new clothes washers in 2011 can fit more clothes in each load while using less energy. Clothes washers show a 75% decrease in energy consumption per unit since 1990, while tub capacity increased by more than 32%.

Complete historical tables of energy efficiency and consumption trends data are available through AHAM. Click here for a direct link to purchase the 2011 Energy Efficiency and Consumption Trends data, or you may visit AHAM's website at www.aham.org.

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