



# **ENERGY STAR Partner Meeting**

## **CE Panel: "Sleek, Streaming and Smart"**

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Big Picture. Small Footprint.

DIRECTV's energy efficient receivers save customers money while protecting the environment. For the second straight year, we stand alone among TV providers recognized by ENERGY STAR®



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## ENERGY STAR

- Service Provider Partner since 2009
- Set-top Box Manufacturer Partner since 2009
- 2010, 2011 & 2012 Awards for Excellence in Energy Efficient Product Design

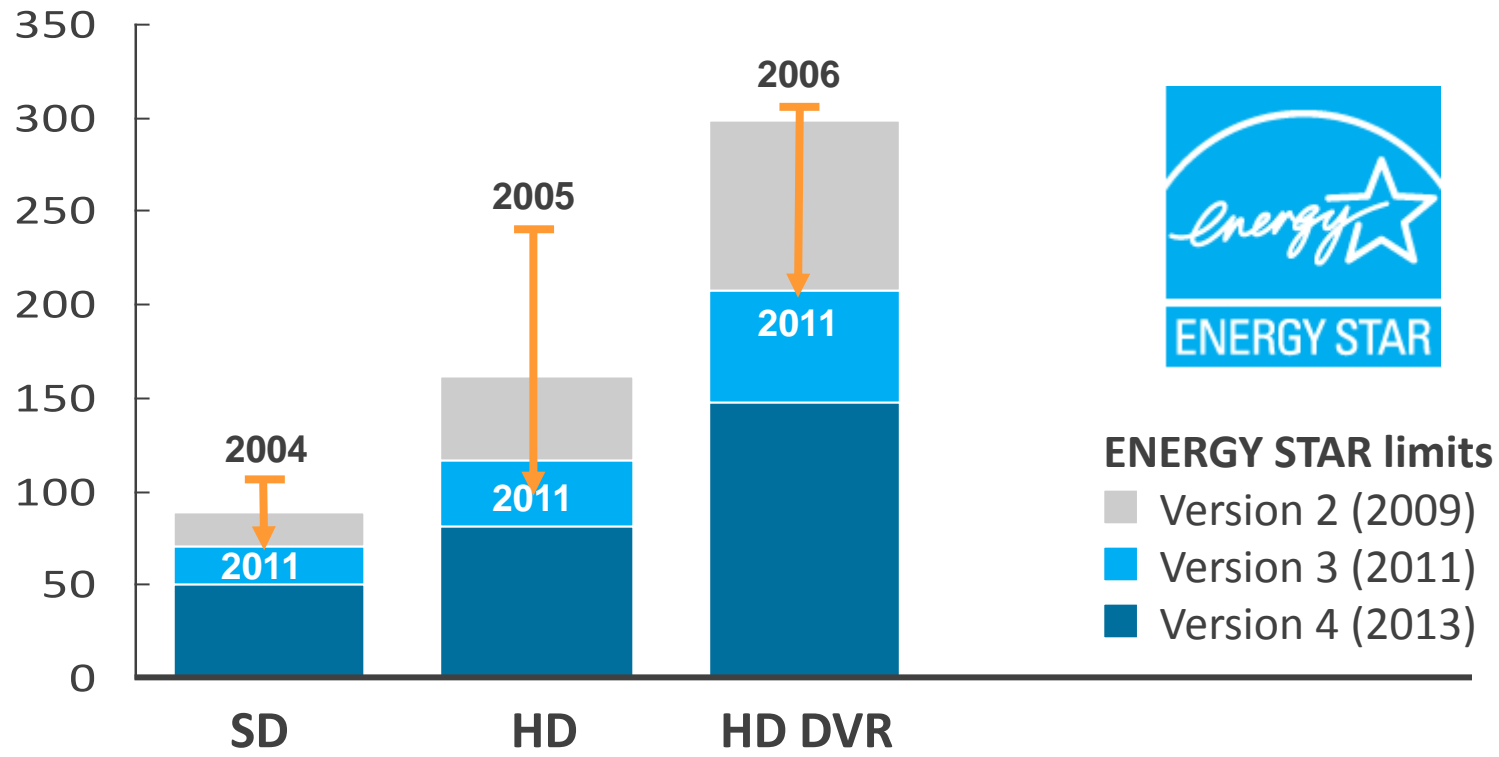


***DIRECTV joined the ENERGY STAR Set-Top Box program upon its inception, and has delivered more than 40 million ENERGY STAR qualified receivers to customers.***



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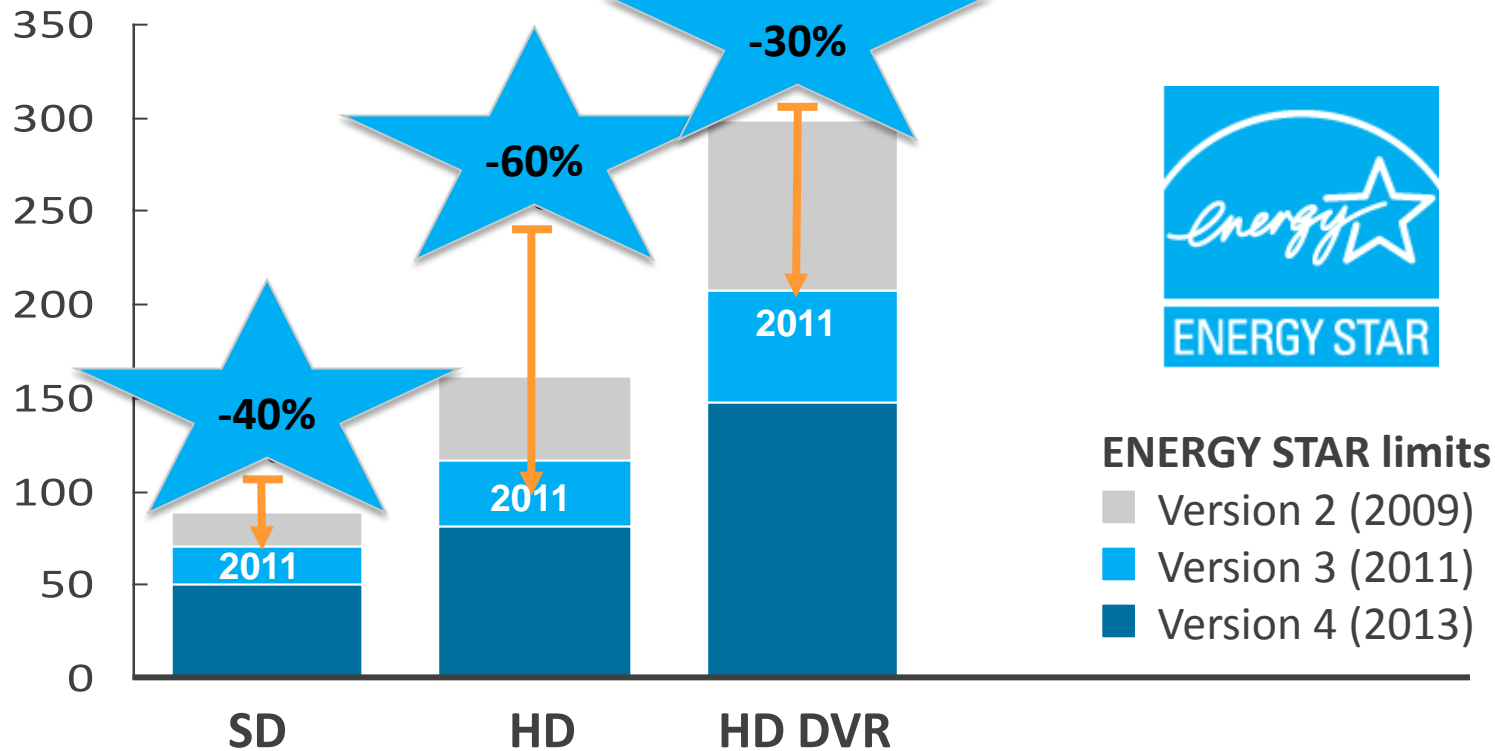
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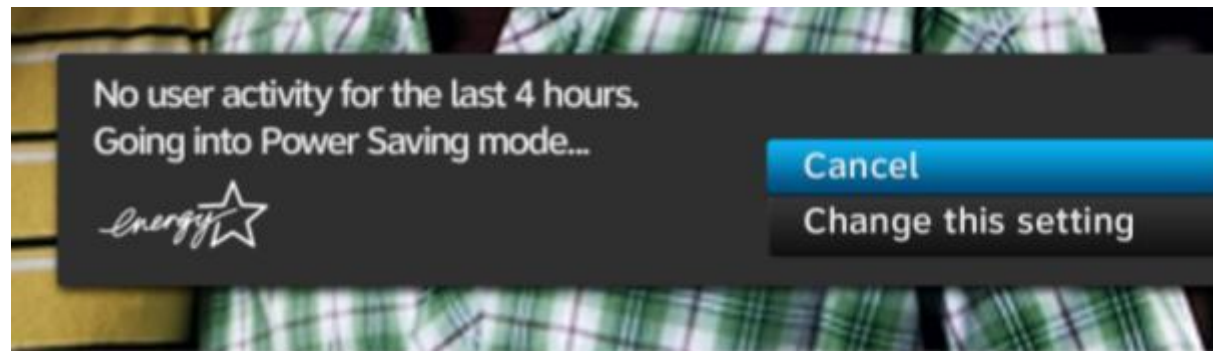
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# “Power Saving” STB Setting (2012)



- Rolled out to more than 20 million active HD STBs & HD DVRs
  - Enabled by default per ENERGY STAR 3.0 guidelines

- STB switches to standby after 4 hours with no user interaction



- New menu location for managing energy efficiency
  - To disable auto-power-down when needed
  - Future energy savings controls could be implemented here e.g. a home power monitoring application

# “Power Saving” STB Setting (2012), cont.



- New menu location for managing energy efficiency



## Power Saving



11:39a  
Thu 3/4

- Info & Test
- Display
- Audio
- Network Setup
- Remote Control
- Satellite
- Whole-Home
- Power Saving**
- Reset
- Done

To save electricity and help the environment, when Power Saving is set to ON, the receiver will turn off after 4 hours of no user activity. This will not affect any scheduled recordings.

Power Saving:

On

Off



- **New “over-the-top” providers offering premium content streamed and downloaded via Internet**
  - Netflix, iTunes, Hulu, etc.
- **Traditional providers doing this as well...but with more and better premium content! 😊**
  - DIRECTV, Comcast, Verizon, etc.
  - Enhances value of pay service, making it available on more devices and in more locations
  - aka “TV Everywhere”, “Authentication”
- **Availability of increasingly smart and connected consumer electronics driving this trend**
  - PCs, game consoles, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, etc.



## ● Positive impacts

- Tablets, smartphones, laptops and internet dongles (e.g. Roku) are more energy efficient than traditional set-tops
- New server-client “whole home” architectures allow energy efficient thin-clients & clients embedded in TVs
  - Enabled by new industry standards (e.g. RVU Alliance) and increasingly reliable digital home networks

## ● Negative impacts

- PCs and game consoles are much less energy efficient than traditional set-top boxes
- Availability of programming on additional displays is tending to increase viewing due to increased convenience



# DIRECTV "Genie" Multi-room Architecture



[www.rvualliance.org](http://www.rvualliance.org)

DIRECTV C31



RVU Client TEC 47 kWh/yr

# Whole-Home HD-DVR Energy Trend at DIRECTV



## ● 2012: New “Multiroom HD-DVR System” install

	On Mode			Light Sleep			Deep Sleep			Total Energy Consumption
	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	kWh/Yr
Room 1: Multiroom HD-DVR	24	7	61	23	17	142	0	0	0	203
Room 2: HD STB	13	7	33	11	17	68	0	0	0	101
Room 3: HD STB	13	7	33	11	17	68	0	0	0	101
<b>Total</b>			<b>127</b>			<b>278</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>405</b>

- All ENERGY STAR Version 3 qualified

## ● ~2014 projection: New “RVU HD-DVR Architecture” install

	On Mode			Light Sleep			Deep Sleep			Total Energy Consumption
	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	kWh/Yr
Room 1: HD-DVR Server	29	7	74	27	17	167	0	0	0	241
Room 2: HD Thin client	6	7	15	5	17	31	0	0	0	46
Room 3: HD Thin Client	6	7	15	5	17	31	0	0	0	46
<b>Total</b>			<b>104</b>			<b>229</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>333</b>

- HD-DVR & two HD Thin Clients connected via MoCA digital home network
- Server does not meet ENERGY STAR Version 3 limits
- Power consumption compared to 2012: -18%

## ● ~2016 projection: New “RVU HD-DVR Architecture” install

	On Mode			Light Sleep			Deep Sleep			Total Energy Consumption
	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	Watts	Hours	kWh/Yr	kWh/Yr
Room 1: HD-DVR Server	27	7	68	25	17	155	0	0	0	223
Room 2: HD Thin client	6	7	15	5	13	23	1	4	1	39
Room 3: TV client	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>83</b>			<b>178</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>262</b>

- No set-top box needed whenever RVU TV client is available
- Power consumption compared to 2012: -35%

- Past STB energy reductions driven by increased silicon integration and more efficient components
  - EPA: “ENERGY STAR qualified set-top boxes are on average 45 percent more efficient than conventional models”
- Newest reductions resulting from new “whole home” architectures
  - Additional 18 percent improvement vs. today
- In near future, many STBs will be replaced due to industry standard interfaces to Smart CE devices
  - 35 percent improvement vs. today



Samsung RVU Capable TV  
(32" model UN32D6000)

Don't just watch TV. **DIRECTV.**

