



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 59

**AN ORDER REQUIRING ENERGY STAR EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES IN
EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, following recommendations by the Governor's Task Force on Energy Policy ("Task Force"), endeavors to lead by example in energy efficiency and conservation, especially in the management of its offices and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the U.S. Department of Energy jointly operate Energy Star, a labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Star program is expanding and the label now is available in more than 50 product categories including office equipment, appliances, lighting, and heating and cooling products and systems; and

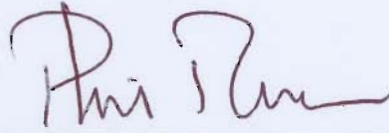
WHEREAS, the Task Force estimates that executive branch state agencies incurred approximately \$62 million in energy costs in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the EPA reports that state governments may obtain significant reductions in energy bills by changing purchasing policies to specify Energy Star qualified products.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law do hereby order and direct the following:

1. All future office equipment, appliances, lighting, and heating and cooling products and systems purchased by and for Executive branch state agencies shall be Energy Star qualified, provided that such Energy Star qualified products and systems are commercially available.
2. Purchasing contracts that do not provide as options Energy Star qualified office equipment, appliances, lighting, and heating and cooling products and systems shall not be renewed upon expiration. Subsequent contracts shall provide as options Energy Star qualified office equipment, appliances, lighting, and heating and cooling products and systems.
3. The Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish and publish guidelines providing direction to all executive branch state agencies regarding implementation of this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 16th day of December 2008.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

