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Cutting Home Energy Bills

(NAPSA)—The average family spends approximately \$1,900 a year on energy bills, with heating and cooling accounting for as much as half of a home's energy use. To help you get the most out of your heating and cooling system, experts recommend properly maintaining your existing equipment, using a programmable thermostat and finding and sealing air leaks around windows, doors and ducts that cause drafts and make your heating and cooling system work overtime.

If vou're in the market for new equipment, Energy Star®-qualified models can reduce your annual energy costs by as much as 20 percent. Energy Star is a voluntary partnership of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), local utilities, product manufacturers, retailers, builders and financial institutions. The partnership helps consumers identify and purchase the most energy-efficient products on the market. To be ENERGY STARqualified, products must meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the DOE and the EPA.

When compared to standard models, ENERGY STAR products are between 15 and 25 percent more efficient. This means the products use less energy, helping to improve the environment.

It could make sense, then, for homeowners to consider ENERGY STAR models as they shop for new furnaces or heat pumps this heating season. To help consumers purchase the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly products on the market, the York®



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brand of Johnson Controls offers a variety of ENERGY STAR-qualifying home heating products. For example, the York Latitude™ 14 SEER model heat pump and the York Affinity™ 15 and 18 SEER model heat pumps are ENERGY STAR qualified and offer Heating Seasonal Performance Factors (HSPF) of 7.4 through 8.5+ energy efficiency.

The Affinity 92+ percent Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency furnaces are also ENERGY STAR qualified and include single-stage, two-stage and modulating models. A modulating furnace with variable speed and Clima-Trak™ technology offers maximum energy efficiency, effective humidity control, reduced sound levels and improved indoor air quality.

To learn more about energy efficient home-heating equipment, visit www.yorkupg.com, or call (800) 910-YORK.