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CEC COMPUTER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS



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Computers and displays are responsible for 4-5% of electricity use in California

Computers, monitors, displays energy use in California

CEC Staff Proposal	8,282 GWh/y
EIA - Miscellaneous Electric Loads - 2013¹	12,125 GWh/y



4-5 power plants

Actual energy use could be even higher, when adjusted for real-usage²

Desktop	+ 15%
Integrated Desktop	+ 25%
Notebook	+ 40%



4-5 MMT CO₂/y



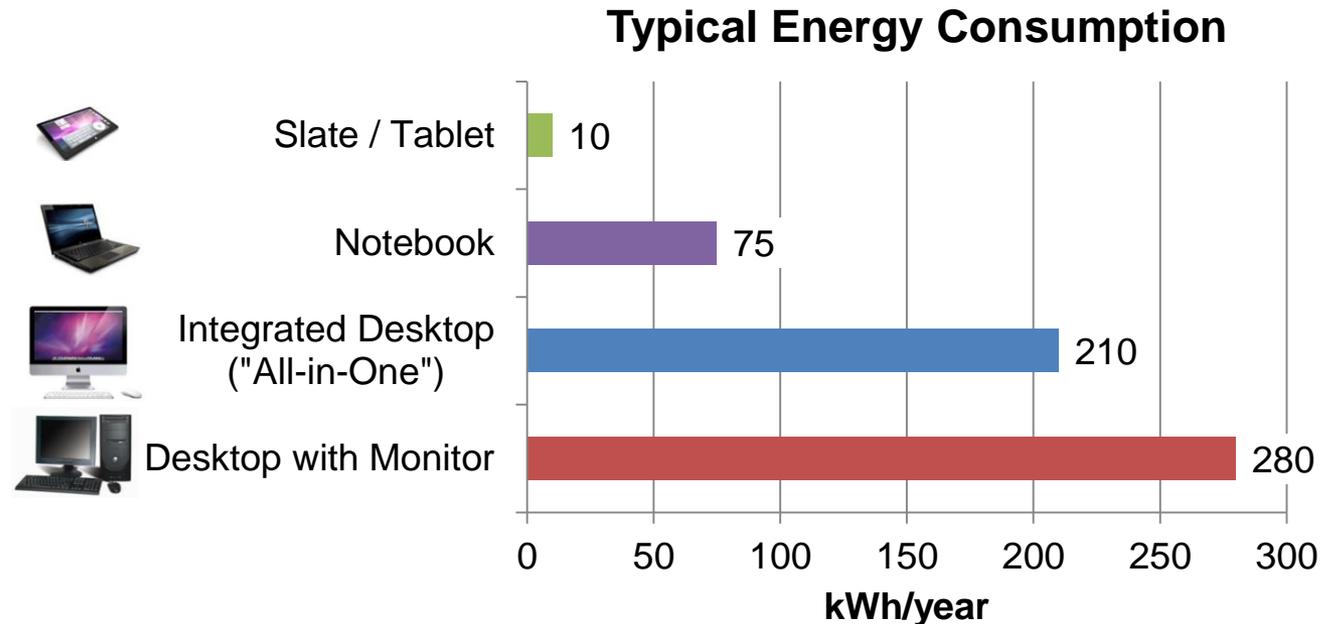
\$1.5-2 billion/y

1. <http://www.eia.gov/analysis/studies/demand/miscelectric/pdf/miscelectric.pdf>
2. CA IOUs, Real World Adjustment Factor, Oct 2014 CASE report addendum, Docket #12-AAER-2A

LARGE ENERGY SAVING POTENTIAL WITH EXISTING TECHNOLOGY

Large efficiency gap between computer form factors

Battery-powered devices of similar capabilities and price have radically lower power use



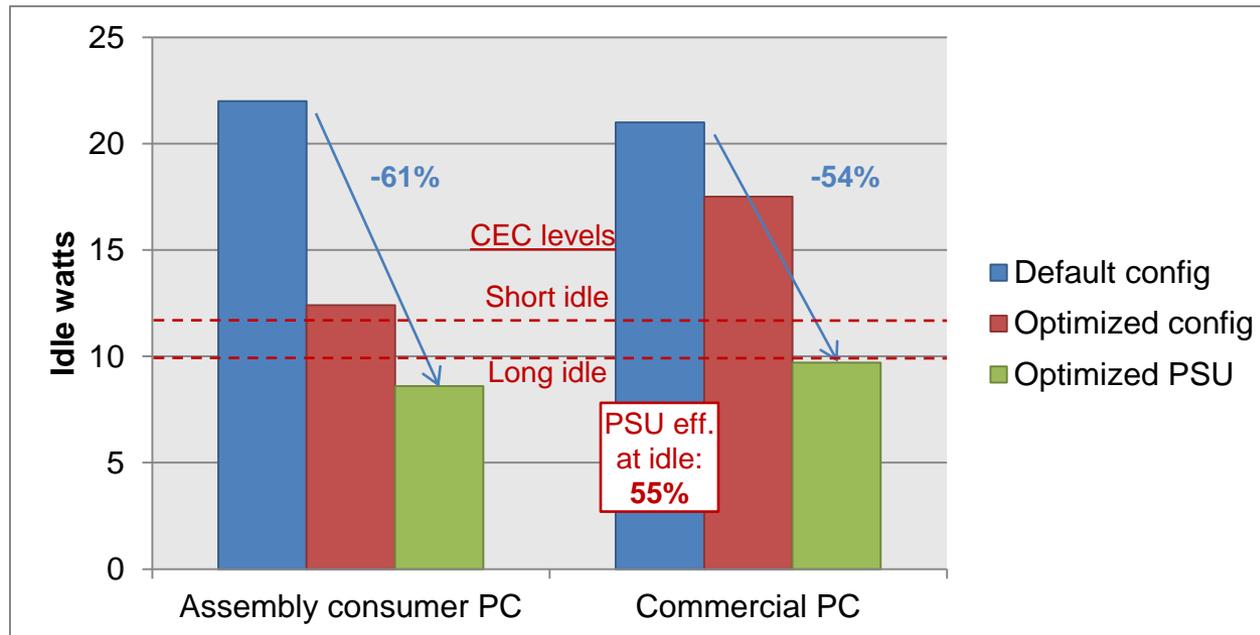
Source: Fraunhofer 2014, plus real-world adjustment factor.

Much progress made on low-power technology since previous standards

Recent efficiency technology	ENERGY STAR v6, EU Ecodesign Tier 1 (2010-2012 computers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low-power processor states (C6/C7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not available
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motherboard switches off inactive components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Components remain on throughout idle mode
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peripheral interface PCIe L1.2 sub-state	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not available
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graphics switching on desktop (switch to integrated gfx for low-intensity gfx tasks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notebooks only
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right-sized and efficient power supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum efficiency requirements, but many still oversized
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Keystroke sleep” (real-time power management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15-min power management

Today's mainstream desktops capable of achieving CEC proposal with minor changes

Aggios demonstration project:



- Reduced power by **54-61%** from out-of-the-box configuration
- Through power management software, BIOS and OS configuration changes, and inexpensive power supply upgrade
- No impact on latency or performance

Integrated Desktops: significant energy saving potential beyond current CEC proposal

Apple iMac
21.5-inch



Annual TEC:
73 kWh

HP EliteOne 800 G1
21.5-inch Non-Touch
AiO PC



Annual TEC:
113 kWh

CEC
proposed limit¹



Annual TEC:
100-125 kWh

ENERGY STAR
limit^{1,2}



Annual TEC:
205-230 kWh

iMac **22% lower** than proposed CEC limit,
HP EliteOne 10% lower, without optimizations

- (1) HP model has higher adders than the iMac
- (2) Both computers in ENERGY STAR I3 performance category, and have same screen size

Notebooks: very large energy saving potential beyond current CEC proposal

Apple MacBook Pro
13-inch with Retina
Display



Annual TEC:
15.5 kWh

Dell Latitude
E6440, 13-inch



Annual TEC:
42.2 kWh

ENERGY STAR
limit^{1,2}



Annual TEC:
50-65 kWh

CEC
proposed limit²



Annual TEC:
55-72 kWh

MacBook Pro **78% lower** than proposed CEC limit

- (1) Both laptops in ENERGY STAR I2 performance category, and have same screen size
- (2) MacBook Pro has higher adder due to higher resolution screen

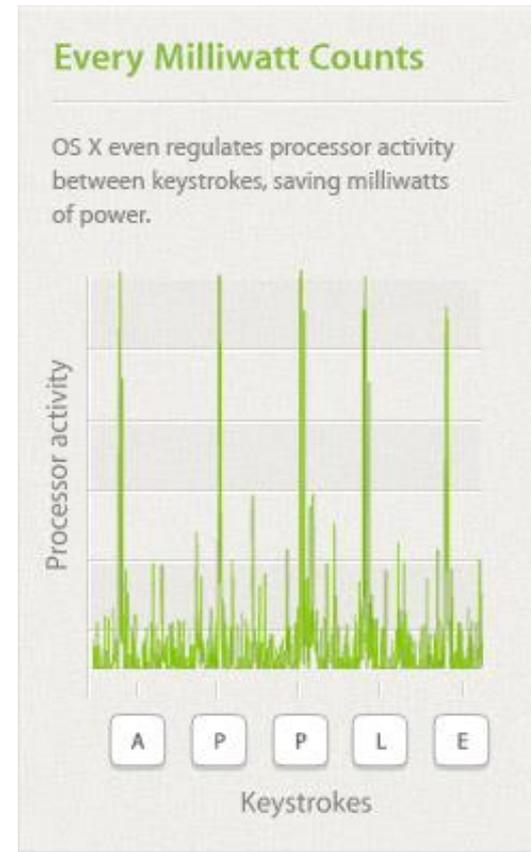
Real-time power management: sleep between keystrokes

Smartphone- and tablet-like power management:

Apple's MacBook Pro manages power at millisecond level

Goes to low-power "sleep mode" between keystrokes

- Demonstrates technical feasibility of much lower levels for notebooks



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CEC's proposal is generally sound, technically feasible, very cost-effective

- ✓ **Large energy saving opportunity:** 1-2 power plants, \$430 million, 1-2 million tons CO₂ in CA (much more nationally and globally)
- ✓ **Performance-based:** flexibility for industry to achieve levels
- ✓ **Idle mode only:** no impact on new features or performance in active mode

NRDC is committed to working with all stakeholders to make the standards work for all parties.