

ClimateTalk Alliance Releases New Standards for Zoning and Water Heaters
Expanded standards set keeps HVAC industry at forefront of the Connected Home

SAN RAMON, CA, January 28, 2013 – The ClimateTalk Alliance, an organization of industry experts committed to developing a common communication infrastructure for HVAC and Smart Energy devices, today announced the release of ClimateTalk Version 2.0, unveiling new standards for zoning and water heaters. The second major release of the ClimateTalk Open Standards package within two years now includes zone controls and water heaters. The two, new application profiles help the HVAC industry stay at the forefront of the Connected Home and enable digital communication, plug and play installation, and interoperability of new devices on the existing ClimateTalk network, which previously supported HVAC systems.

“The ability of the ClimateTalk Alliance to develop new industry standards offers unlimited possibilities for advanced control and differentiation of solutions and is a testament to the potential open standards has to change our industry,” says Ron Bartos, Director of Electronics and Water Systems, A.O. Smith Corporate Technology Center.

ClimateTalk Version 2.0 is backward compatible with Version 1.0 devices and includes capabilities for expanded node count and support for up to five zones or water heaters on a single network. The ClimateTalk network architecture has also been advanced to support the next phase of development, including wireless nodes and solutions leveraging industry standards such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth® and Zigbee® protocols.

“The ClimateTalk zone profile gives us the ability to match the capacity of the HVAC system to the demand load of the home, providing optimum comfort and maximum energy savings,” says Dick Foster, President of ZONEFIRST. “The plug and play capabilities of ClimateTalk make communicating zone controls attractive for both legacy and communicating HVAC system installations.”

“With an open standard and engagement in the Alliance we are able to ensure the standards meet our needs and offer advanced zoning solutions to our customers at a fraction of the cost of going it alone,” says Mike Reilly, V.P. of marketing for EWC Controls.

The ClimateTalk 2.0 Open Standards package is available for review on the ClimateTalk Alliance website. Membership in the Alliance is a requirement to manufacture products to the standards. For more information, contact Diana Roberson, Executive Director at (925) 275-6681.

For more information, please visit www.ClimateTalk.org

About ClimateTalk Alliance

The ClimateTalk Alliance is an open, non-profit organization of industry-leading companies committed to developing a common communication infrastructure for residential devices. ClimateTalk Open Standards support an ecosystem of plug and play, interoperable applications that leverage digital communications to offer innovative solutions for complex systems. Because of the fragmentation in the residential communications market, ClimateTalk is being developed in a collaborative environment to provide choice, innovation and flexibility that drives competition. The ClimateTalk Alliance is open to companies that want to join creating a platform for advancement in a world where connectivity and information open doors to new business opportunities. For more information, visit www.ClimateTalk.org.

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