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**Venstar's New ComfortCall Accessory Remotely Adjusts Home  
Thermostats From Any Telephone for Improved  
Energy Management and Comfort**

**ComfortCall Is the Only Low-Cost Accessory That Lets Users Adjust Their  
Thermostats Before Arriving or After Leaving Home**

CHATSWORTH, Calif., April 6, 2011 — Venstar®, a leading thermostat and energy management systems supplier, today announced the availability of ComfortCall, an accessory that allows users to remotely adjust their Venstar Slimline residential thermostats from any telephone. Using voice recognition and voice synthesis, ComfortCall literally talks to the user over the telephone and takes voice commands.

“ComfortCall makes it easy for users to remotely call and turn their systems on or off, whether they are headed home or are away and just forgot to reset the system to the energy savings setting,” said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. “With ComfortCall, users can rest assured that their systems are as green as possible while still making their homes comfortable when they return.”

ComfortCall has a small, attractive attachment that plugs into the bottom of any Venstar Slimline thermostat. It allows users to call and literally talk to their thermostats from any telephone. ComfortCall will tell the caller what the inside and outside temperatures are, the status of the thermostat (if the heating or cooling is currently on or off), and will allow the user to adjust the thermostat to its pre-set comfort settings or energy saving settings or turn the system off. This is all done via voice or keypad entry from any telephone. Expert mode makes making changes very fast and easy for the user. In literally seconds, he or she can call and tell ComfortCall what to do.

In addition to the small attachment on the thermostat, ComfortCall has a small wireless base station, about the size of a deck of cards, which connects directly to the telephone line or answering machine. It is fully compatible with answering machines, utilizing a command that sends the call to the ComfortCall thermostat attachment and hangs up the answering machine.

ComfortCall is also compatible with X10, which allows ComfortCall to also turn on and off the lights that are configured into the system so that when the user turns the thermostat to comfort settings, it will also automatically turn on the designated lights. As well, when the user turns the thermostat to energy saving settings, it will turn off the designated lights. Built-in security codes ensure that only authorized users may access ComfortCall.

### **Easy for Contractors to Install and Program**

ComfortCall is easy to install and is compatible with Venstar's full line of Slimline thermostats, including models T1700, T1800, T1900, T2700, T2800 and T1900.

### **Availability**

Venstar sells ComfortCall via a nationwide distribution network with thousands of contractors. For more information, visit: <http://www.venstar.com/Thermostats/>

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### **About Venstar Inc.**

Founded in 1992, Venstar Inc. is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) supplier, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products, as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar's Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 25 percent of their energy costs, which translates to millions of dollars in savings and dramatic reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of more than 13,000 retail locations across the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

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