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## Venstar Updates ColorTouch Thermostat Skyport Mobility App to Enable Account Creation and Management Over Wi-Fi

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Jan. 29, 2014 — Venstar®, a leading thermostat and energy management systems supplier, today announced it has updated its Skyport™ Cloud Services mobility app for its award-winning ColorTouch® residential and commercial color touch screen, programmable thermostats. Users can now create accounts over Wi-Fi and control their ColorTouch thermostats directly from their mobile devices, including Apple® iPhone®, iTouch® or iPad® devices as well as BlackBerry® and Android™ devices.  Now available from the app stores, the Skyport Cloud Services app is free.

"We are excited about introducing Venstar's Skyport Cloud Services mobile app for ColorTouch to meet the demands of residential and commercial users who want to use their mobile devices to remotely control their ColorTouch thermostats," said Steve Dushane, CEO of Venstar.  "With the new update, ColorTouch users have more options than ever before, including creating accounts over Wi-Fi and controlling their ColorTouch thermostats, directly from their mobile devices."

The free updated mobile app enables users of ColorTouch thermostats to create an account and then set up and control their thermostats over Wi-Fi directly from their mobile devices, rather than having to use a computer.  Using the Skyport Cloud Services mobile application on their smartphones or tablet computers over Wi-Fi, 3G or 4G, or over the Internet, users can access their ColorTouch thermostats to remotely control their energy usage and reduce energy costs from any location at any time.

### Remotely Control Thermostats at Multiple Residences, Occupied or Not

Using the Skyport Mobile App on their mobile devices, users of ColorTouch residential thermostats can:

- Control up to 10 thermostats at up to 10 residences using the Skyport mobile app on their mobile devices;
- Manage energy usage at one or multiple residences by monitoring and controlling room temperatures and making sure the heating and cooling setpoints are set correctly for maximum energy savings;

- Manage energy usage and costs for occupied and unoccupied homes, including rental properties;
- Remotely access "Home" and "Away" buttons to instantly set ColorTouch thermostats to pre-set settings. Users simply press the "Home" button on the mobile app, and the ColorTouch instantly goes to the pre-set occupied, comfort settings. When users press the "Away" button on the mobile app, the thermostat will instantly go to the pre-set unoccupied status, which helps users save on their utility bills;
- Program temperatures for Supply Air Alert. The Supply Air Alert feature will send an email alert to the designated user when the supply air temperature (the air coming out of the HVAC equipment) is not within the pre-set thresholds for both heating and cooling;
- Monitor thermostat information, including system run time and current usage;
- View a pictorial display of the current weather and weather forecast for all thermostat locations; and
- Send text messages from the mobile device directly to the thermostat display, such as reminders and notes to family members.

For more information, visit:  https://venstar.skyportcloud.com

To download the Skyport Cloud Services mobile app, visit:

Google Play:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.venstar.skyport

iTunes:
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/venstar-skyport/id520220656?mt=8

AppWorld Blackberry Store:
http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/26327872/?countrycode=US&lang=en


**About ColorTouch Residential Thermostat (Models T5800 and T5900)**

The ColorTouch thermostat has won top awards for ease of programmability, its color touch screen and the ability to post up to 100 photos or graphics on thescreen.  Consumer Reports rated ColorTouch Number One in thermostats for the second year in a row in its November 2013 issue. It also includes a free mobile app for Android, BlackBerry and Apple iOS® mobile devices, so contractors or homeowners can remotely access and control their ColorTouch thermostats via their Venstar Skyport Cloud accounts.  Compatible with virtually every type of heating and air conditioning system, ColorTouch can be configured to display one of three languages: English, French or Spanish.  ColorTouch is the thermostat that thinks it's a digital picture frame!

For more information on updating ColorTouch firmware, visit Update the ColorTouch Firmware.

For more information on ColorTouch, visit http://www.venstar.com/Thermostats/.

For product videos, visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8reHhhLdMQ.

**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 25-35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in $CO_2$ emissions.  Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of more than 20,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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