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The Door Is Open To Controlling Energy Costs

(NAPSA)—As energy prices continue to rise, homeowners are faced with climbing home utility costs. Homeowners can possibly reduce these costs by conducting a home energy audit. This audit will reveal areas in the home that can be improved to make the home more energy efficient.

A likely area for improvement is air leaks around windows and doors, which, according to the Department of Energy, are common. One quick solution for homeowners is to mitigate air leaks with caulk and insulation.

Better yet, homeowners can opt to install a new door unit equipped with doorglass that meets ENERGY STAR® criteria. ENERGY STAR-qualified windows, doors and skylights save energy and money, increase a home's comfort and protect valuable possessions from sun damage.

Not only will a new door provide better insulation for the home, one with doorglass is a great way to let in natural light, reducing the amount of energy needed to light the home.

For the best energy performance, look for doorglass with built-in blinds and shades. ODL, Inc., the manufacturer that pioneered doorglass treatments more than 10 years ago, offers a full line of doorglass blinds and shades that meet or exceed ENERGY STAR requirements as well as the latest green building criteria.

According to Scott Spence, product manager for the company, "Doorglass treatments are a great



Motorized doorglass blinds are sealed between the glass, improving energy efficiency and eliminating dusting.

way to bring in natural light while still offering control over light and privacy. Additionally, because the blinds and shades are sealed between two panes of insulated glass, homeowners never have to bother with cleaning them."

Spence adds that doorglass blinds and shades can significantly reduce solar heat gain and heat transfer, further enhancing the energy efficiency provided by the insulated glass.

Doorglass blinds and shades are easy to use, maintenance-free and a great solution for homes with children or pets because there are no hanging cords that present safety hazards.

To learn more about doorglass energy-efficiency ratings, visit www.ODL.com and click on the Doorglass tab.