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**STATE EXPANDS COMMERCIAL LINE
WITH TITAN™ POWERED- BURNER GAS WATER HEATER**

ASHLAND CITY, TENN. – January 23, 2004 – The new State Titan™ and Titan™ LV powered-burner commercial gas water heaters are now available. Both Titan and large-volume Titan LV models offer 80 percent efficiency. Additionally, Titan LV units are available in gas, oil-fired or convertible gas/oil “dual fuel” models.

The State Titan LV (“TP” models) combines storage capacities up to 600 gallons with inputs up to 2.5 million BTU, made possible by powered-burner design. With large-volume storage and recoveries as high as 2,400 gallons, Titan LV is designed for large commercial, industrial and institutional applications such as hospitals and large hotels and requires a smaller footprint than conventional gas water heaters or boilers installed with storage tanks.

“Titan and Titan LV are the first of many new State commercial products we’ll introduce in 2003,” said Matt Schulz, State Water Heaters product manager, standard commercial products. “It’s going to be a big year for State and our customers, and we are excited to add these high-delivery, high-performance water heaters to our commercial lineup.”

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The standard Titan (“GP” models) offers inputs up to 750,000 BTUs. These powered burner models are suitable for small to medium-sized commercial applications and are mounted on rugged channel iron skids for easy transport during installation.

For more information on Titan, and the complete line of State commercial gas water heaters, call the State Customer Care Center, 1-800-365-0024, or visit www.stateind.com.