

# Cannot deploy change to power settings in Windows 2000

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Accidentally posted this in the security group by mistake...

I've run into a bit of a brick wall trying to change the power management settings remotely for a fleet of Windows 2000 machines. On our WinXP boxes, powercfg.exe works like a charm, but in Win2K, it's not working – the changes made via commandline act as if they were never received. I realize powercfg.exe is unsupported on Win2K, but figured i'd give it a try anyway.

So far, I've tried updating the Control Panel\PowerCfg\CurrentPowerPolicy registry setting – it shows the change in the PowerCfg.cpl applet, but the monitor doesn't reflect the actual change (currently the machines are set to Never / Never / Never and I'm trying to change to 15 / never / never – from profile 0 "Home/Office Desk" to 4 "Minimal Power Management")... instead of the monitor shutting off after 15 minutes, the screensave shows up and the monitor never turns off – I've gone so far as to wait an hour to see if it shuts off, but it doesn't.

Anybody know of a way to do this with Group Policy or some other method since both powercfg.exe and updating the registry are not working for me?

Or is there something I'm neglecting when changing the PowerCfg setting in the user's registry?

Help!

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