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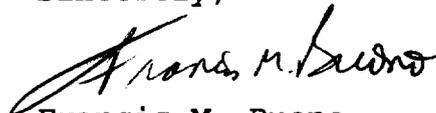
Re: Ex parte presentation in
ET Docket No. 93-7

Dear Mr. Caton:

During the course of a meeting today with Michael Katz and Jim Olson, Quincy Rodgers of General Instrument Corp., Jeff Krauss and Walt Ciciora, consultants of General Instrument Corp., and Phil Verveer and myself suggested the following in connection with the above-captioned proceeding: (1) the Commission should adopt the revised analog/digital Decoder Interface connector rather than the current analog-only version; (2) the Commission should not adopt standards that would preclude the component descrambler/decoder from containing functions currently contained in set-top boxes and any new functions; (3) the costs for the component descrambler/decoder should be recovered from cost-causative subscribers; and (4) the adoption of digital standards with respect to cable transmission, encryption, and terminal equipment should be approached with caution in light of the potentially negative effect that limiting standards could have on industry dynamism.

The attached diagram was handed out at this meeting.

Sincerely,

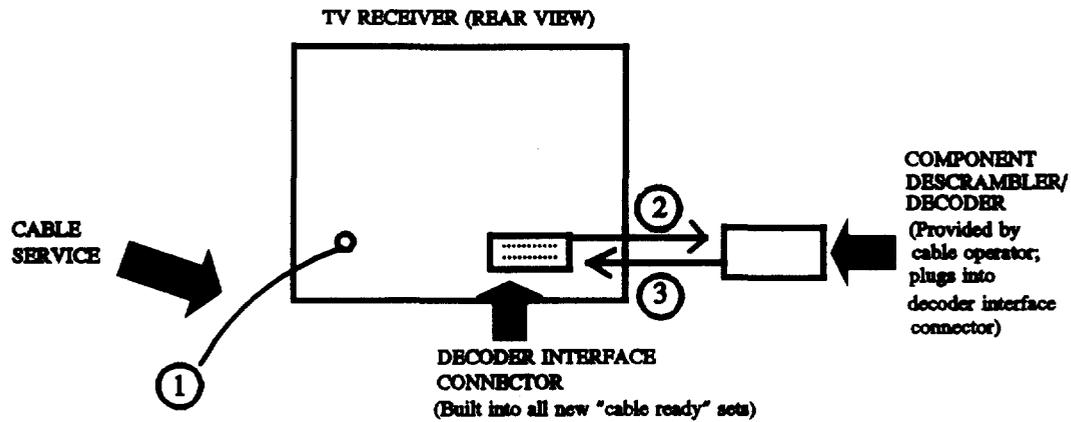

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COMPATIBILITY SOLUTION



- ① Cable service connects directly to TV, and signals are selected by the TV's tuner and remote control.
 - ② After a signal is tuned, the signal may be passed through the decoder interface connector to the component descrambler/decoder for further processing, e.g., to be descrambled.
 - ③ The component descrambler/decoder processes the signal and passes it back to the TV through the decoder interface connector for display on the TV screen.
- Because the component descrambler/decoder processes signals after the TV's tuner and remote control circuitry, the consumer regains the functionality of his TV, e.g., use of the TV remote control and picture-in-picture.