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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte, In the Matter of Petition to Amend Part 68 of the Commission's rules to Include Terminal Equipment Connected to Basic Rate Access Service Provided via Integrated Services Digital Network Access Technology and In the Matter of Petition to Amend Part 68 of the Commission's Rules to Include Terminal Equipment Connected to Public Switched Digital Services, CC Docket No 93-268, RM 7815, RM 6147

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to update the record regarding CC Docket No. 93-268. On September 16, 1996, the Telecommunications Industry Association User Premises Equipment Division ("TIA") filed its Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification ("Petition") to CC Docket No. 93-268. Since the Commission was in the process of adding Integrated Services Digital Network ("ISDN") services to its Part 68 rules, in its Petition TIA recommended specifically listing the TIA Standard for Hearing Aid Compatibility ("HAC") for ISDN terminal equipment which was an Addendum to EIA-504, *Magnetic Field Intensity Criteria for Telephone Compatibility with Hearing Aids*. TIA specifically referred to ANSI/TIA/EIA-504-1-1994, *Magnetic Field Intensity Criteria for Telephone Compatibility*, TIA's Standard explicitly covering HAC for ISDN equipment and recommended listing that Standard in Section 68.316 in addition to EIA-504 in order to prevent manufacturers from attempting to apply the wrong standard since ISDN equipment is going to be registered under Part 68.

Since filing this Petition, circumstances have changed. Standards EIA-504 and ANSI/TIA/EIA-504-1-1994 have been combined and revised, and have been reissued as ANSI/TIA/EIA-504-A-1998, *Magnetic Field Intensity Criteria for Telephone Compatibility with Hearing Aids*. If the Commission finds the revised standard will assist in registering ISDN and other equipment under Part 68, TIA recommends that this revised standard be listed in Section 68.316 of the Commission's Part 68 Rules. Further, TIA suggests that the FCC follow the guidance of Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-119, *Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities*, 63 Fed Reg



8545, February 19, 1998, paragraph 6j, which specifies that an agency "should reference voluntary consensus standards, along with sources of availability, in appropriate publications, regulatory orders, and related internal documents....If a voluntary standard is used and published in an agency document, [the Commission] must observe and protect the rights of the copyright holder and any similar obligations."

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Attached are the cover and the table of contents for ANSI/TIA/EIA-504-A-1998. A courtesy copy of the standard will be sent under separate cover for use by FCC staff.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta E. Breden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roberta E. Breden
Director, Technical and Regulatory Affairs

cc with attachments:

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TIA/EIA-504-A

TIA/EIA STANDARD

**Telecommunications-Telephone
Terminal Equipment-Magnetic Field
and Acoustic Gain Requirements for
Handset Telephones Intended for Use
by the Hard of Hearing**

TIA/EIA-504-A

(Revision of EIA-504)

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