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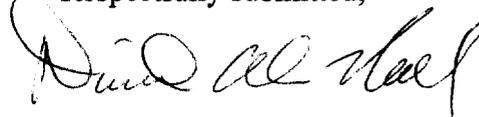
RE: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation: CS Docket No. 98-120: Carriage of the Transmissions of Digital Television Broadcast Stations

Dear Madam Secretary:

On August 6, 1998, representatives of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association ("CEMA") met with Dale Hatfield, Bruce Franca, and Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering and Technology, Karen Kornbluh of the Mass Media Bureau, John Wilkins, Jonathan Levy, and Trevor Hall of the Office of Plans and Policy, and William Johnson and Michael Lance of the Cable Services Bureau. CEMA was represented by George Hanover, Michael Petricone and the undersigned. Also attending on behalf of CEMA and on behalf of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America were Peter Fannon and Paul Schomburg. The National Cable Television Association and Cable Labs were also represented at this meeting.

CEMA's representatives reported on the progress of standards-setting activities with respect to receivers of digital broadcast transmissions carried over cable systems. Specifically, CEMA reported that activities were underway with the goal of establishing an Electronic Industries Alliance ("EIA") standard for the interoperation of audio/video components based on IEEE 1394, the high performance serial bus standard, by November 1, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Dale Hatfield, Bruce Franca, Alan Stillwell, Karen Kornbluh,, John Wilkins, Jonathan Levy, Trevor Hall, William Johnson, Michael Lance

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