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TO: Magalie R. Salas,
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DATE: August 14, 1998

SUBJECT: Placement of an item in CC Docket 88-57

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Request for Information

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Review of Sections 68.104 and 68.213 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to the Telephone Network and Petition for Modification of Section 68.213 of the Commission's Rules filed by the Electronic Industries Association

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Request for Information

In its Petition for Expedited Rulemaking, dated August 22, 1995, the Building Industry Consulting Service International (BICSI) requested that the Commission amend section 68.213(c)¹ of its rules to provide minimum standards for simple inside wire² quality and marking.

In CC Docket No. 88-57, the Commission requested comments³ on BICSI's proposals⁴ and has received a number of responses from interested parties. No commenters, however, address what would be a reasonable implementation period should the Commission amend its rules to comport with BICSI's proposal. To that end, we request that you respond to the following questions:

Regarding the impact of the proposed rule changes upon entities within the telecommunications inside wiring and related industries:

1. What industry sectors will be impacted, and in what way, if the Commission amends section 68.213 of its rules in accordance with BICSI's proposal for enhanced inside wiring standards?
2. What is the average minimum amount of time that the parties involved in the simple inside wiring industry (i.e. wire manufacturers, electrical contractors, home builders) will require to adjust their operations to ensure that new inside wire installations conform with BICSI's proposed enhanced standards, should the Commission adopt them? Please list and describe

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 213(c).

² Section 68.213 only applies to "unprotected" premises wiring used with simple installations with up to four line residential and business service, or "simple inside wiring". See 47 C.F.R. § 213(a).

³ Review of Sections 68.104 and 68.213 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to the Telephone Network and Petition for Modification of Section 68.213 of the Commission's Rules filed by the Electronic Industries Association, *Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order and Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 88-57, 12 FCC Rcd 11897, . (1997) (SFNPRM).

⁴ BICSI requests that the Commission amend section 68.213(c) to require that inside wiring "[c]onductors shall be solid, 24 gauge or larger, twisted copper pairs [marked to indicate compliance with] the electrical specifications for Category 3 or higher as defined in the ANSI/EIA/TIA Building Wiring Standards." SFNPRM at 11927-328.

specific factors that affect the minimum time period. (Answers should be specific to the type of affected party).

3. Are there specific, additional factors that the Commission should consider when determining a reasonable implementation period should the Commission choose to adopt enhanced inside wiring standards?

Please note that the information we seek is intended for inclusion in the public record in CC Docket 88-57. This request will also be included in the docket for this proceeding. We request that you include your response in the docket. Please respond with your answers to these questions, and any additional information that may be helpful in this matter, to:

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