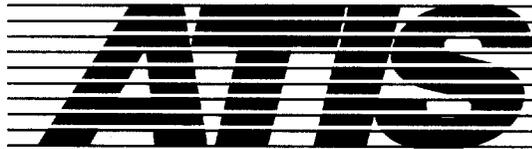


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Dear Anna:

Federal Communications Commission Office of Secretary

This is to confirm that we are in receipt of your letter to George Edwards, President of ATIS, regarding the comments of the Alliance For Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") filed on behalf of its sponsored committee, Committee T1, specifically the lack of practical test data supporting the FCC's proposal to relax Section 68.308 encoded analog signal power limits to -6dBm for PCM modems. These comments were filed on October 28, 1998 in CC Docket No. 98-163, In the Matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Modifications to Signal Power Limitations Contained in Part 68 of the Commission's Rules.

As you note in your letter, Committee T1's Technical Subcommittee T1A1 (Performance and Signal Processing), specifically T1A1.7 -- a working group of T1A1 on performance and signal processing for voice band services completed its work and Committee T1 has approved "A Test Plan for Investigating the Crosstalk Potential of Digital Modems Conforming to ITU-T Recommendation V.90." With receipt of this letter, we wanted to inform you that we are reviewing your request for "cooperative industry testing" for crosstalk potential on PCM modems within one month or less. To this end, we will keep you informed of efforts to address this request.

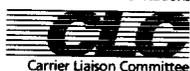
If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 434-8828. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Miller

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