

MM Docket No. 87-268

From: Noam Shendar <noam@bigger.net>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(BKENNARD)
Date: Mon, Oct 11, 1999 3:23 PM
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Noam Shendar (noam@bigger.net) writes:

I would like to voice my support of the EXISTING digital television standard.

I am a United States citizen residing in the San Francisco Bay Area and have been receiving digital television broadcasts using an indoor antenna for nearly a year.

I do NOT believe the existing standard is deficient. Granting Sinclair's petition would, at best, significantly delay the adoption of DTV in the U.S. More likely, it will completely halt the adoption by confusing consumers to the point of inaction.

We have made significant strides already. There is not a night when HDTV pictures are not available. This is not the time to revisit the adopted standard. Sinclair's challenge, regardless of its validity, should have been made long ago. Accepting it would be tantamount to changing horses in midstream--a doomed endeavor.

Please reject the petition to revisit the digital television standard. Stay the course and Let DTV adoption happen uninterrupted. All other options would be disastrous.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Noam A. Shendar

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Vic Grubb (vic@aeiresources.com) writes:

With the progress that we have seen, I don't see how we could consider changing HDTV at this point. A lot of people and stations have already spent a lot of money on HDTV. To change the technology at this point would seem like an injustice to the American people.

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Date: Wed, Oct 13, 1999 12:12 AM
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Dudley Braun (dudleyb@pacbell.net) writes:

I'm very much against the Sinclair Broadcasting proposal.
Please regard the interest of HDTV viewers like me. I don't want them upsetting the progress of the system and equipment.

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Harlan Talley (harlan_talley@vcd.hp.com) writes:

I have closely followed the years of defining an hdtv standard. Please do not let the debate start again!

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Robert W. Smith (bob@cracker.com) writes:

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Sir,

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I believe the revisitation of the ATSC's 8VSB standard to implement COFDM would be detrimental to the future of HDTV broadcasting. The resulting confusion would stop the american public from buying an HDTV receiver, and thus market penetration would cease. This would destroy the US's lead in HDTV and make us second rate in the technology we invented.

The same people who set standards in digital television are the ones who produced the 8VSB standard. It is hard for me to believe this group of scientists could lead the world in producing digital television technology, and knowingly produce a flawed transmission scheme. Sinclair was present at the committee meetings and presented COFDM and it was rejected in favor of 8VSB. I have been receiving 8VSB for over a year in the San Francisco Bay area with no problems, it is a wonderful transmission system.

Sinclair has stated publicly they have no interest in HDTV, only in multiple SD broadcasts or datacasts.

We should be using the spectrum placed in the broadcasters trust by the American public for improved quality of video transmission, not to unfairly give the broadcasters free reign over their spectrum allotment.

COFDM is better suited to "narrowcasting" than broadcasting, it is a model that doesn't fit the American model.

8VSB works, it will improve, American technology will see to that. Let's not throw our hands up and accept European technology to fix a problem we don't even know exists. Phase Alternate Line is a transmission technology that now burdens everyone designing television

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circuitry and was developed to fix an immediate problem in the 50s that hasn't existed for the last 20 years.

Let's stay the course on 8VSB, there are already advantages to it over COFDM, and the Americans have the ingenuity to fix the few advantages COFDM claims to have.

Bob Smith

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