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Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Summary Disclosure of *Ex Parte* Presentation in: PP Docket No. 00-67 (Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment); MM Docket 00-39 (Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television); and CS Docket 97-80 (Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices).

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 8, 9 and 10, 2002, representatives of Thomson multimedia ("Thomson") escorted a number of FCC Commissioners and staff on tours of Thomson's exhibit at the International Consumer Electronics Show ("CES"). The tour included a discussion on the status of efforts regarding DTV-cable compatibility and copy protection, as well as addressing briefly proposals to require forced integration of DTV reception capability in all TV receivers. Participants included the following:

FCC Attendees

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Peter Tenhula, Office of Chairman Powell  
Bryan Tramont, Office of Commissioner Abernathy  
Matthew Brill, Office of Commissioner Abernathy  
Catherine Bohigian, Office of Commissioner Martin  
Rick Chessen, MMB (Chief of FCC DTV Task Force)  
Robert Ratcliffe, MMB  
Bruce Franca, OET  
Robert Bromery, OET  
Alan Stillwell, OET  
Bruce Romano, OET  
Bill Johnson, CSB  
Jonathan Levy, OPP

Thomson Multimedia Representatives

David Arland, Thomson Multimedia, Inc.

Lawrence R. Sidman, Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand (counsel to Thomson)

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Thomson reported that its new RCA Scenium line of HDTV monitors will include copy-protected DVI-HDTV interfaces and its RCA Scenium fully integrated receivers will include both DVI-HDTV and DTVLink (1394) copy protected interfaces to accommodate concerns of digital content suppliers. The inclusion of these copy protection measures makes more imperative the resolution of outstanding issues associated with the proposed PHILA license to provide for fulfillment of consumers' recording expectations within their home networks. Thomson acknowledged that issuance of version 1.0 of the OCAP standard was a helpful step toward DTV-cable compatibility, but stressed the need for further collaboration between the CE and cable industries to develop a true standard to be embraced by all major MSOs that would provide for nationwide portability and interoperability of DTV receivers with cable. Finally, Thomson reiterated its concerns (as reflected in multiple comments and reply comments in the DTV Biennial Review proceeding) about the negative effects that forced integration of DTV reception capability in all TVs would have on consumers and the DTV transition. Thomson's views tracked those contained in its comments in the aforementioned proceedings, and are further reflected in the attached materials, which were distributed during the tour.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter, including attachments, is being filed with your office. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Lawrence R. Sidman

Attachments

cc (w/out attachments): Peter Tenhula  
Bryan Tramont  
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Catherine Bohigian  
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