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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication In the Matter of Review of the Commission's Rules
and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television (MM docket 00-39)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 30, 2002, Michael Petricone, Vice President, Technology Policy, Consumer Electronics Association ("CEA") and David Siddall, of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, met with Stacy Robinson, legal advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy.

Our discussion concerned the Commission's lack of legal authority to mandate a digital television tuner in television receivers. The discussion reiterated points made in CEA's Comments and Reply Comments in this proceeding. We handed out a summary of these points, which is attached.

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, are being filed with your office with a copy to Ms. Robinson. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



David R. Siddall
for PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

Enclosure

cc: Stacy Robinson