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

Re: Ex Parte Presentation in MB Docket 02-230 (Digital Broadcast Copy Protection)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, April 2, 2003, Lawrence R. Sidman and Sara W. Morris of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, and Thomas B. Patton and Michael Epstein of Philips Electronics North America Corporation ("Philips"), met with the following Commission staff to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding:

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Rick Chessen
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Mary Beth Murphy
Steven Broeckaert
Michael Lance

Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis

Amy Nathan

Philips presented the Commission staff with technical information concerning the comparative capabilities and defects of various methods for digital broadcast content protection, including encryption-based systems such as the broadcast flag-based regime proposed by the Motion Picture Association of America, et. al., as well as a more holistic solution (for the protection of both digital and analog content) based principally on watermarking. Philips also discussed its view that the Commission lacks jurisdiction under current law to adopt a digital content protection system. The specific issues discussed at the meeting are reflected in the presentation attached hereto, and track Philips' comments and reply comments filed in this proceeding.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence R. Sidman

Enclosure

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