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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *In the Matter of: Digital Output Protection Technology and Recording Method
Certifications: Windows Media Digital Rights Management Technology
Docket Number: MB 04-66
Ex Parte Communication*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 7, 2004, Andy Moss, Director, Worldwide Technical Policy for Microsoft Corp. and Paula Boyd, Regulatory Counsel for Microsoft, along with Mary Newcomer Williams and the undersigned, its counsel, met with the Media Bureau and Commission Staff (including William Johnson, Rick Chessen, Susan Mort, Steve Broeckaert, Alison Greenwald, Patrick Donovan, Mike Lance, Mary Beth Murphy, and Amy Nathan from the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis) to discuss Microsoft's above-captioned certification for inclusion as an accepted broadcast copy protection technology. We explained how Microsoft's Digital Rights Management (DRM) technology meets the requirements for robustness, security, and copy protection and is appropriate for use in covered digital entertainment devices to give effect to the Broadcast Flag. We discussed ways in which WMDRM can prevent the unlawful and indiscriminate redistribution of content encoded with the Broadcast Flag.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Gerard J. Waldron

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