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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket No. 97-80 and PP Docket No. 00-67.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 23, 2005, Eric W. Anderson, Chairman of the 1394 Trade Association (and an engineering manager at Apple Computer); James Snider, Executive Director of the 1394 Trade Association; and the undersigned, on behalf of the 1394 Trade Association, met with Commissioner Adelstein and Legal Advisor Rudy Brioché; with Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps; with Bill Johnson, Rick Chessen, Steve Broeckaert, Alison Greenwald, Natalie Roisman, and Jeffrey Neumann of the Media Bureau; and with Bruce Franca and Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering and Technology.

In each meeting, the attached was reviewed as a PowerPoint presentation. It was noted, additionally, that a functional utilization, by navigation devices, of the standardized capabilities of the IEEE 1394 interface would aid the DTV Transition by (1) allowing integration into home networks of content received over antennas; (2) interactively serving television displays that are not hooked up to any antenna without the necessity of a leased set-top box; and (3) making possible the design of set-top boxes without MPEG decoders. It was also noted that a home network's reliance, via the 1394 interface, on the MPEG decoder in a display should also result in higher quality displays of content, as the picture would be specifically mapped to the display.

This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered to the parties listed below.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Commissioner Adelstein
Rudy Brioche
Bill Johnson
Rick Chessen
Steve Broeckaert
Natalie Roisman
Alison Greenwald
Jeffrey Neumann
Bruce Franca
Alan Stillwell