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Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

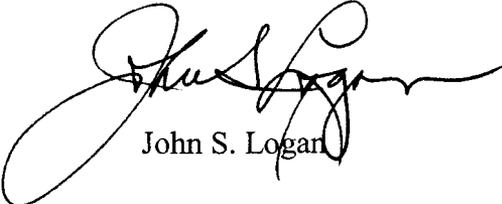
Re: Notification of Ex Parte Communication
ET Docket No. 05-24

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, that on March 17, 2006, Anne Swanson of this firm and I met with Julius P. Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, and Alan Stillwell, Senior Associate Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, to provide background on and review the positions PDI Communications Systems, Inc. ("PDI") has previously taken in the above-referenced docket. At the meeting, PDI provided a handout that presents a written summary of the issues. A copy of the handout is attached.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being filed and a copy of this notice is being provided to the Commission participants in the meeting.

Very truly yours,

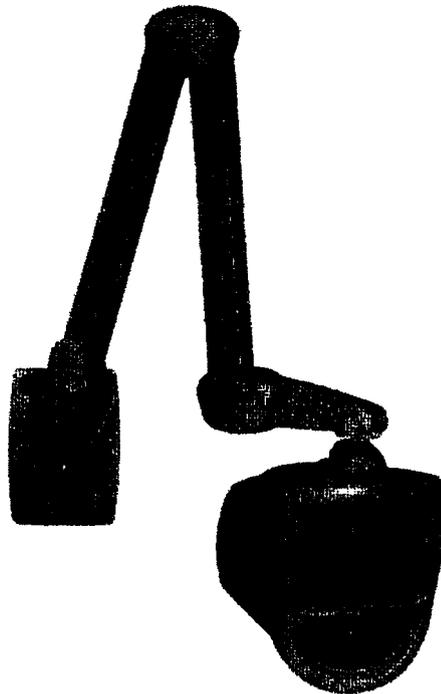


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Enclosure
cc with enclosure (by email):
Mr. Julius Knapp
Mr. Alan Stillwell

PDI'S UNIQUE VIDEO RECEIVER UNITS, WHICH FOR MEDICAL FACILITY SAFETY REASONS CANNOT OPERATE ON A STAND-ALONE BASIS, ARE NOT THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH THE FCC DEEMED THE DTV TUNER DEADLINE ESSENTIAL (ET DOCKET NO. 05-24)

- PDI manufactures a specialized, one-of-a-kind video system used exclusively in the health care industry.
- Because the PDI system has to meet special Underwriters Laboratory environmental and shock-prevention requirements to protect patients undergoing intravenous therapies, the dependent display device is connected to a central unit by a single coaxial cable that combines power and programming.
- **The dependent display units are not sold to consumers. They cannot be used on a stand-alone basis by viewers.**
- Unlike regular TV receivers, there is no standard electrical plug on the special patient viewing unit. The sole source of power for the patient viewing unit is through the specialized coaxial connection.
- There is no port, outlet, or other opening for the connection of an over-the-air antenna to the patient viewing unit. The patient viewing unit can only receive video signals (together with operating power) through the specialized coaxial connection to the central unit.
- **Given the very unique attributes of this product, the application of the tuner requirements to the PDI video system would not serve the purposes the Commission set forth in its November 8 Order when it established a March 2007 deadline for DTV tuners in small receivers.**



PDI 9" Television

A Personal Color TV Designed Expressly for Hospitals, Dialysis Centers and Nursing Homes

The Persona 9" Television has been designed to mount on either the Model 500 Series or 400 Series Arm for optimum Patient viewing convenience.

- *Forward facing speaker and earphone jack for better sound control and clarity*
- *Sealed medical grade membrane switches*
- *Four tiers of operation including Patient accessible Self Rental*
- *Built-in Closed captioning with front access button*
- *Setup buttons are disabled to prevent patient tampering*
- *Hospital  approved for use in both the United States and Canada*
-  *Energy Star qualifies TV*