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

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80: Joint Status Report of the Consumer Electronics Association and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Consumer Electronics Association (“CEA”) and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (“NCTA”), hereby submit the status report called for in the Second Report and Order in CS Docket No. 97-80, FCC 05-76, 20 FCC Rcd 6794 (rel. March 17, 2005) (“Second R&O”). In the Second R&O, the Commission reviewed progress in negotiations, and pending issues, between the consumer electronics and cable industries, involving at times other interested parties, and required (par. 34) that “NCTA and CEA shall file joint status reports and hold joint status meetings with the Commission on or before August 1, 2005 and every 60 days thereafter on progress in bidirectional talks and a software-based conditional access agreement.”

The parties have not met since the September 29, 2006 joint status report was filed. The parties are currently reviewing opportunities to renew their discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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