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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.”

Since the November 28, 2007 status report, negotiating team members have had no formal meetings. Negotiations among team members or subsets thereof may continue in the coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

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