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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting
Implementation of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Amendments to the Commission's Rules Implementing Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996; In the Matter of Accessible Mobile Phone Options for People who are Blind, Deaf-Blind, or Have Low Vision; In the Matter of Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010
CG Docket No. 10-213; WT Docket No. 96-198; CG Docket No. 10-145; MB Docket No. 11-43

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, August 8, 2011, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (“COAT”), represented by, Jenifer Simpson, Senior Director for Government Affairs, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD); Eric Bridges, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind (ACB); Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB); and Andrew Phillips, Policy Attorney, National Association of the Deaf Law (NAD), met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, David Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor, Wireless, International, and Public Safety to Commissioner Clyburn, Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Jonathan Whitaker, and Nathaniel Brown.

COAT raised a few points about Advanced Communications Systems (“ACS”) such as the scope of coverage, achievability rules, exemptions, waivers, and enforcement. COAT stressed the importance of accessibility and usability of ACS for people with disabilities

in the future and the crucial link to reducing the disproportionately high rate of unemployment experienced by people with disabilities when advanced communications services and devices are not commonly available and designed with accessibility and usability.

COAT discussed the implementation of rules for Video Description and the need to interpret the law broadly in order to follow Congress' intent of making television accessible for people with visual impairments. COAT raised concerns about delays in implementation and the need for accessible guides/listings of audio described programming.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew S. Phillips".

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cc: David Grimaldi, Commissioner Clyburn's Office
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Karen Peltz Strauss, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
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