

January 6, 2012

Via ECFS

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication: MB Docket No. 11-154, *Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This is to notify you that on January 4, 2012, the undersigned, representing HDMI Licensing, LLC (“HDMI Licensing”) spoke via telephone with Sherrese Smith, Senior Counsel & Legal Advisor, Office of Chairman Julius Genachowski, and Jessica Almond, Special Counsel to Chairman Genachowski. On January 5, 2012, I spoke again via telephone to Jessica Almond of the Chairman’s office and separately via telephone to Erin McGrath, Acting Legal Advisor for Media Issues, Office of Commissioner Robert McDowell. During each of these calls, the parties discussed the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC” or “Commission”) implementation of the Internet Protocol captioning provisions of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (“CVAA”) as it affects interfaces and interconnection mechanisms.

In these discussions, HDMI Licensing reiterated its support of rule language that requires interfaces and devices to be able to “render or pass through” closed captioning. The “render or pass through” approach is consistent with the CVAA, avoids the wasted time and expense of an unnecessary mandate that digital interfaces carry captioning data in a closed format, and allows ongoing innovation in devices and interfaces to continually improve consumers’ interactions with their home electronics. HDMI Licensing repeatedly has made these points on the record, and the conversations on January 4 and 5 specifically discussed HDMI Licensing’s prior filings in this proceeding and were fully consistent with such filings.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Comments of HDMI Licensing, LLC, MB Docket No. 11-154 (filed Oct. 18, 2011); Reply Comments of HDMI Licensing, LLC, MB Docket No. 11-154 (filed Nov. 1, 2011); Letter from Natalie G. Roisman, Counsel to

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This letter is filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, and copies will be delivered to each of the Commission participants. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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