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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its *Report and Order* in the above captioned proceeding, the Commission adopted the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers ("SMPTE") Timed Text format (SMPTE-TT) "as a safe harbor interchange and delivery format (*see* ¶ 124; *see also* 47 C.F.R. §§ 79.4(c)(1)(i) and 79.103(c)(11)). In doing so, the Commission specifically referenced and incorporated by reference into its rules SMPTE standard SMPTE ST 2052-1:2010. In addition, in discussing the conversion of CEA-608 data to SMPTE-TT, the Commission referenced SMPTE Recommended Practice RP 2052-10-2010 (2010), and the Commission noted its expectation that a "similar recommended practice regarding the conversion of CEA-708 data to SMPTE-TT" would be developed. (*See n. 521.*)

We wish to inform the Commission and the industry that SMPTE has updated both SMPTE ST 2052-1:2010 and RP 2052-10-2010 (2010) to correct errors and clarify text that could cause differences in implementations, potentially leading to interoperability issues. The updated documents are:

- SMPTE Standard ST 2052-1:2013, Timed Text Format (SMPTE-TT); and
- SMPTE Recommended Practice RP 2052-10:2013, Conversion from CEA-608 Data to SMPTE-TT.

Consistent with the Commission's expectation, SMPTE also has published a new document in the SMPTE Timed Text suite:

- SMPTE Recommended Practice RP 2052-11:2013, Conversion from CEA-708 Caption Data to SMPTE-TT.

All of the documents are available free of charge from the SMPTE Digital Library located at:
<http://standards.smpte.org>

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,