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COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

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Members of ACTA:

TIA Engineering Committee TR-41, User Premises Telecommunications Requirements, and its subcommittees and working groups met during the week of May 7-11, 2001 in Tampa, FL. The following is an update on the status of various activities in support of ACTA.

All comments received to date on SP-3-0005 (to become TIA/EIA-968), were resolved by Subcommittee TR-41.9 and its TR-41.9.1 Working Group. There were some technical changes made to better align the document with the FCC's mandate requiring the initial set of technical criteria adopted by ACTA to be technically identical to that in 47 CFR 68 at the time the Report & Order establishing ACTA was issued. The technical changes require the document to be sent out for a default letter ballot, which cannot occur before the official first ballot close date of June 5, 2001. We also have an issue with low return rate on the first ballot because a large number of people from the security and alarm industry who signed up to vote on the document have not returned their ballots.

Because of this, we are conducting a separate ballot of the document with all changes incorporated into it as a TIA Interim Standard. This ballot is identified as PN-3-0016 (to become TIA/EIA-IS-968). It is being sent out to all members of T1E1 and the TCB Council in addition to the TR-41 membership to get widespread participation by all interested parties. We will continue to pursue ANSI approval of the identical text in SP-3-0005, with the intent of submitting it to replace the Interim Standard once ANSI approval is received.

TR-41.9 also resolved all comments on PN-3-0010 (to become TIA/EIA-IS-883), which will establish technical criteria identical to that in the current streamlined waver procedures for stutter dial tone detection devices and ADSL modems. Because technical changes were made to accommodate ballot responses, this document is being circulated for a default ballot as PN-3-0010-1.

Likewise, TR-41.11 resolved all comments on PN-3-0014 (to become TIA/EIA-TSB-168), which addresses numbering and labeling requirements. Technical changes were also made in this document, and it is being circulated for default ballot as PN-3-0014-1.

All three ballots (PN-3-0010-1, PN-3-0014-1, and PN-3-0016) have a common close date of June 14, and we anticipate submitting them to ACTA by the end of June for adoption and publication. Copies of the documents are being submitted as separate contributions to this meeting.

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TR-41.11 reviewed the concerns raised on behalf of Mr. Paul Rudolph at the May 2, 2001 ACTA kickoff meeting about improper installation of RJ-31-X jacks and medical alert devices. It formed a small group (including Council Members Whitesell, Chamney, and Nguyen) to review and propose any necessary changes to the customer instructions for such devices. The group is to provide a draft for discussion at the August meeting in Ottawa. TR-41.11 has also undertaken a new project to create a Telecommunications Services Bulletin (TSB) to serve as a User's Guide to the SDoC Process for Terminal Equipment.

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