

***Ex Parte* Meeting Summary**  
**DTV Converter Box Coupon Program**

**Date:** August 23, 2006

**Outside Attendees:** Les Tyler, President THAT Corporation  
Greg Rohde, e-Copernicus  
Robert A. Mazer, Counsel to THAT Corporation

**NTIA Attendees:** Wayne Ritchie  
William Cooperman  
Milton Brown

This meeting was held via teleconference on August 23, 2006. The outside attendees were advised about *ex parte* guidelines and told that we would primarily be listening to their briefing and that we would summarize the meeting as part of the record. They were also told to file their written comments in the formal proceeding. The attached letter from Robert A. Mazer summarizes the points addressed in the meeting

September 12, 2006

Milton Brown  
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National Telecommunications & Information Administration  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Coupon Program for Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes  
Notice of Ex Parte Filing

Docket No.: 06051212129-6179-01

Dear Mr. Brown:

On August 23, 2005, THAT Corporation (“THAT”) met telephonically with yourself, Wayne Ritchie and William Cooperman of the Office of Telecommunications and Information applications at NTIA. THAT was represented by Les Tyler, its president, Greg Rohde of e-Copernicus, and the undersigned. In this conversation, THAT made the following points:

- NTSC is the current standard for analog TV video;
- BTSC is the current standard for analog TV stereo audio; and
- If the viewer experience is to be preserved for over-the-air broadcasting when analog signals are turned off in February, 2009 for consumers who must purchase converter boxes, NTIA in its DTV set-top box coupon rulemaking, should require the converter box to deliver to a television NTSC video and BTSC stereo audio.

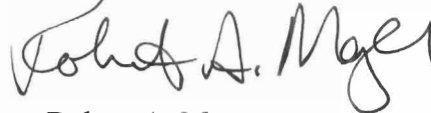
In order to facilitate this goal THAT proposed at minimum that the following changes on page 12 of the NPRM (suggested changes indicated in **[bold]**):

- (c) delivers Channel 3 or 4 switchable (NTSC **[video with BTSC stereo audio]**) RF output for television receivers

- The outputs shall be channel 3 or 4 (NTSC [**video with BTSC stereo audio**] modulated signals), composite video (NTSC baseband), and audio (stereo).
- The Channel 3 or 4 analog output (Type F connector) answers that older style NTSC analog television receiver [**as well as BTSC receivers**] can be connected to eligible boxes can be connected to eligible boxes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel for THAT Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Mazer  
Counsel to THAT Corporation

Enclosure

cc: Wayne Ritchie  
William Cooperman