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Bob and Andy:

Please include the following statement from Thomson multimedia as one of the "Tab" sections in the final Broadcast Protection Discussion Group report that is due to be issued early in the week, or as appropriate in the final report:

On behalf of Thomson multimedia, which has interests in serving studio customers, retailers, and consumers, we encourage an ongoing dialogue between the many stakeholders in the digital TV transition. The Broadcast Protection Discussion Group (BPDG) is working to find consensus in an arena with many divergent opinions and business plans. Indeed, our own corporate position will change depending on the specifics of the various proposals under discussion for implementation. As we said in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee, Thomson believes that it is critical for the target to be clearly identified so that appropriate technologies may be developed, approved, and implemented. The final BPDG report underscores that vast differences of opinion still exist on what problems we are working to solve and what content protection methods might be deployed to prevent unauthorized digital TV content redistribution. Specifically, Thomson seeks to balance the valid copyright interests of content owners with the expectations of consumers. We look forward to finding and supporting a balanced approach that is in the best interest of all involved.

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