

From: []@sharplabs.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2002 9:50 AM
To: []; 'bpdg-tech@list.lmicp.com'
Subject: RE: BPDG: Proposed requirements/report draft revisions and Table A

Greetings,

Due to scheduling issues, I have only the following comments on the draft report. However, once a full list of 'tabs' is published, I am likely to have additional comments as to the completeness of material included in those 'tabs'.

In section 1.2, the text "(i.e., no technology license is needed to decrypt content)" should be deleted. This text is not explanatory and is, in fact, wrong. Removal of this section does not change the (appropriate and correct) meaning of the sentence. However, it is certainly not true that OTA 8-VSB content may be tuned, demodulated, demultiplexed, decoded and displayed with 'no technology license ... needed ...'

In each subsection of section 5, consistent and appropriate weight should be given to the minority proponents' arguments and the prevailing opponents' arguments. In each subsection, the (failed) proposal should certainly be identified. However, there should be either arguments in favor or both arguments in favor and against or none for each item. It seems that some items have more description than others, and some have both argument and rebuttal while some do not, etc. Suggested changes include: Section 5.6, remove words starting with "The MPAA" through the end of the section; Section 5.7, remove words starting with "Motion picture companies" through the end of the section; Section 5.8, remove words starting with "A small number" through the end of the section.

Furthermore, summaries of important dissent are not included in section 5 - notably, Sharp's comments as to whether using the broadcast flag technologies to pirate prerecorded DVDs was in scope (and indeed, whether it is even the most appropriate solution to the problem).

And finally, clear and unambiguous text should be added early in the document that makes it perfectly clear that the solution to the problem is not by any measure complete. There are large significant issues yet to be resolved (and proposed for the 'parallel' group) and great (and possibly increasing) dissent.

[]
Manager, Standards
Sharp Laboratories of America