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Re: Patent Disclosure Statement

Dear Mr. Richer,

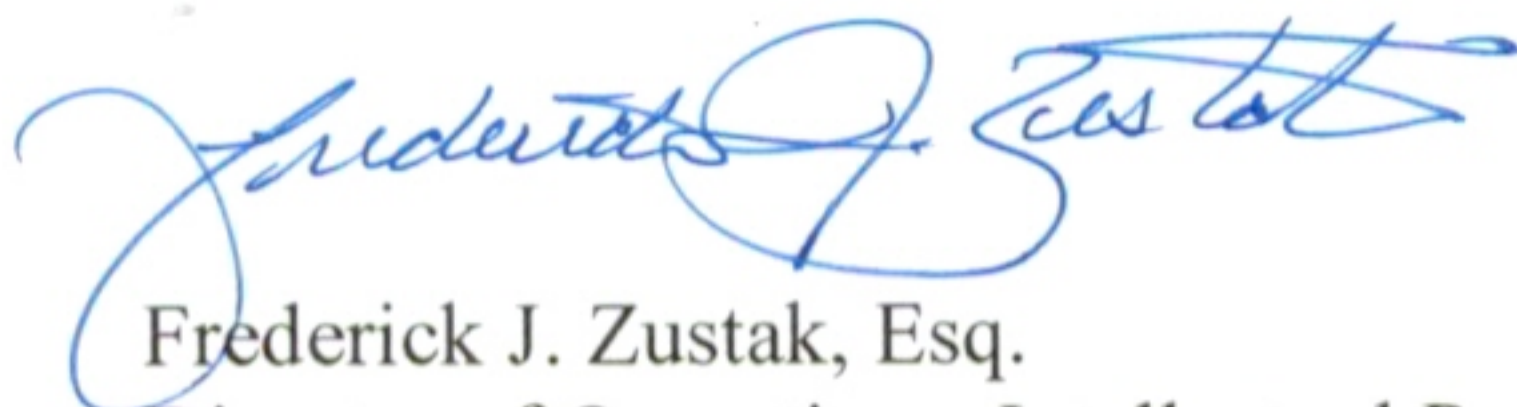
Attached hereto is a Patent Statement and Licensing Declaration submitted by Sony Electronics, Incorporated pursuant to ATSC policy document B/04.

Sony Electronics, Incorporated believes it holds one or more Essential Claims relating to closed-caption carriage technologies described in a recently submitted document entitled: "Technology Group Report: Caption Carriage in E-VSB and New Codecs", Doc. TSG-676. In particular, the Essential Claims relate to carrying closed-caption and caption-related information in a program element separate from video. These Essential Claims are in a recently filed utility application claiming priority to a provisional patent application, serial number 60/652,996. The non-provisional serial number has not yet been received by Sony Electronics, Inc.

Sony Electronics, Incorporated will make available licenses under the foregoing Essential Claims, to the extent they issue as such in a granted U.S. patent, upon request to all applicants on a worldwide, non-discriminatory basis and on fair and reasonable terms and conditions solely to use the patented material for the purpose of implementing the Standard Document containing the proposal.

We believe this statement is in full compliance with the ATSC patent policy. Please let us know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,



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