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TIA Committee TR-41
c/o Steve Whitesell, Chair
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Subject: ACTA Solicits Harms Prevention Criteria for Next Generation Terminal Equipment

Dear Mr. Whitesell:

The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) is soliciting input from ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) regarding their existing or future work-programs to establish technical standards for Consumer Premise Equipment (CPE) interfaces to Next Generation Networks (NGNs).

With growing consumer demand for digital and broadband services -- along with innovations related to Customers Premise Equipment (CPE) -- the use of fiber and/or coaxial -based CPE interfaces to wireline carrier networks are likely to become more prevalent in the future. Consequently, ACTA is seeking input from industry standards development organizations on their (existing or future) efforts to establish technical criteria for fiber and/or coaxial -based CPE interfaces to wireline carrier networks. Specifically, ACTA is seeking feedback on the development of criteria to ensure CPE intended for connection to wireline carrier networks meets parameters governed under 47 C.F.R. Part 68; namely, (1) electrical hazards to telephone company personal; (2) damage to telephone company equipment; (3) malfunction of telephone company billing equipment; and (4) degradation of service to persons other than the users of the subject terminal equipment, their calling or called parties.

Today, Intelligent Homes and Business, as well as IP and Ethernet -based services and equipment are being deployed. It is important, therefore, that as industry SDOs actively develop standards to ensure these services and equipment interoperate and interconnect, they also proactively establish criteria that protect the telecommunications networks from harm.

To this end, ACTA is keen on learning of any existing or future work-programs to develop such criteria. ACTA also would welcome any and all input on work-efforts towards the establishment of technical standards for fiber and/or coaxial technologies that could potentially include criteria relevant to protecting the network from harm.

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In closing, should you have any questions regarding this request for information or need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me by email at js5906@sbc.com or by phone at (713) 567-8095.

We look forward to your response.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy Salinas".

Jimmy Salinas
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