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Joint Statement of Parties to Voluntary Agreement

The attached letter is submitted on behalf of the following parties to the Voluntary Agreement for Ongoing Improvements in the Energy Efficiency of Set-Top Boxes by the Chair of its Steering Committee, Mark Hess.

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)

ARRIS

AT&T/DIRECTV

Cablevision

CenturyLink

Charter Communications

Comcast

Consumer Technology Association

Cox Communications

DISH Network

EchoStar Technologies

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

NCTA "The Internet & Television Association

Technicolor

Verizon

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

June 16, 2017

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office
Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards Rulemaking
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
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Re: Docket No. 17-AAER-11, Set-Top Boxes

Dear Commissioners:

The parties to the Voluntary Agreement for Ongoing Improvements in the Energy Efficiency of Set-Top Boxes (“VA”) are providing this joint statement to the Commission to supplement individual comments submitted by some of these parties in response to the Commission’s Invitation to Participate Phase 2 Pre-Rulemaking.

The signatories to the VA are the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC); the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP); service providers AT&T/DIRECTV, Comcast, Charter Communications, DISH, Verizon, Cox, Cablevision, and CenturyLink; and major manufacturers ARRIS, Technicolor, and EchoStar Technologies. NCTA – The Internet & Television Association and the Consumer Technology Association also serve on the Steering Committee for the VA.

According to the independent audit report issued by D+R International, the VA is on track to save U.S. consumers more than \$1 billion in energy bills annually and avoid millions of tons of CO₂ emissions nationwide. The VA has achieved these substantial savings while affording service providers with room to innovate with new products and features. All of D+R’s annual reports and information about all of the set-top box models offered by the service provider signatories are available at www.energy-efficiency.us, enabling the Commission and other stakeholders to monitor the energy usage of set-top boxes in California.

The organizations participating in the VA, including the energy efficiency advocates, set-top box manufacturers, and service providers, are beginning negotiations to extend the VA, which currently is set to expire after the release of the 2017 annual report in 2018, and would welcome an opportunity to meet with Commission staff to discuss this process and to get your input. The parties are optimistic that they will be able to reach consensus on the terms of a renewed VA and that it will generally fulfill the CEC’s objectives for a roadmap for set-top boxes.

Respectfully submitted,

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