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**ENERGY SAVINGS FROM VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS TO CONTINUE
UNINTERRUPTED PENDING FINALIZATION OF EXTENDED COMMITMENTS**

Washington, DC, January 2, 2018 – In 2013, the nation’s largest pay-TV service providers, major consumer electronics manufacturers, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), NCTA – The Internet and Television Association, and the Consumer Technology Association reached a historic “Voluntary Agreement” to improve the energy efficiency of set-top boxes. In 2015, many of these same parties, along with major retail manufacturers, launched a second Voluntary Agreement to improve the energy efficiency of residential broadband “small network equipment” (SNE) such as modems and routers. These agreements include commitments by service providers and retail vendors that 90 percent of these new devices meet rigorous new energy efficiency levels.

An independent auditor found the set-top box agreement had already saved consumers more than \$2 billion in energy costs and avoided 11.8 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions by the end of 2016, and that the SNE Voluntary Agreement’s standards represent approximately an 18 percent reduction in energy usage from other recently deployed models.

The initial commitments of these Voluntary Agreements expired on December 31, 2017. The signatories have been working diligently to extend the agreements for additional multi-year terms that will include further improvements to the energy efficiency levels. To assure that energy savings continue uninterrupted while the new terms are finalized, the Steering Committees for each agreement have adopted the attached resolutions that effectively maintain existing commitments during extension discussions.

These resolutions are intended to make clear to consumers, regulators, and other stakeholders that the benefits of the Voluntary Agreements remain ongoing. The parties will publicly announce the new terms of the extended agreements as soon as they are available.

More information about the Voluntary Agreements is available at www.energy-efficiency.us, including links to the independent auditor’s reports and energy usage information for consumers about each of the new models that each company offers.

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**Resolution of the Steering Committee of the Voluntary Agreement for Ongoing
Improvement to the Energy Efficiency of Set-Top Boxes**

Whereas the Voluntary Agreement has been successful in improving the energy efficiency of set-top boxes while affording service providers with room to innovate with new products and features;

Whereas the commitments by the Service Provider Signatories that 90% of their purchases of new set-top boxes would meet the energy-efficiency levels established by the Voluntary Agreement is scheduled to expire after December 31, 2017;

Whereas the Signatories remain engaged in discussions to extend the Voluntary Agreement;

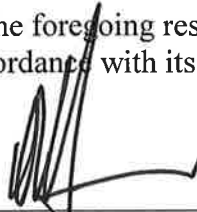
Whereas the Signatories desire to make clear that the energy savings secured by the Voluntary Agreement will continue uninterrupted;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Steering Committee adopts the following resolution:

During the period while an extension of the Voluntary Agreement is being discussed by the Signatories, each of the Service Provider Signatories of the Voluntary Agreement will continue to purchase new Set-Top Boxes in a manner that would enable it to meet a commitment that 90% of its purchases in 2018 meet the Tier 2 efficiency levels of the Voluntary Agreement.

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I, Mark Hess, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Steering Committee by unanimous consent, in accordance with its bylaws, effective December 31, 2017.



Mark Hess
Chairman

**Resolution of the Steering Committee of the Voluntary Agreement for Ongoing
Improvement to the Energy Efficiency of Small Network Equipment**

Whereas the Voluntary Agreement has been successful in improving the energy efficiency of small network equipment (SNE) while affording service providers and manufacturers with room to innovate with new products and features;

Whereas the commitments by the Signatories that 90% of their sales or purchases of new SNE would meet the energy-efficiency levels established by the Voluntary Agreement is scheduled to expire after December 31, 2017;

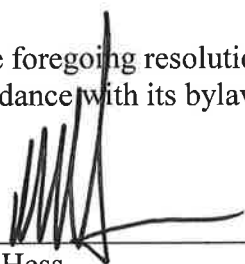
Whereas the Signatories remain engaged in discussions to extend the Voluntary Agreement;

Whereas the Signatories desire to make clear that the energy savings secured by the Voluntary Agreement will continue uninterrupted;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Steering Committee adopts the following resolution:

During the period while an extension of the Voluntary Agreement is being discussed by the Signatories, each of the Service Provider Signatories will continue to purchase new SNE, and each of the retail Vendor Signatories will continue to sell new SNE, in a manner that would enable them to meet a commitment that 90% of its purchases or sales in 2018 meet the efficiency levels of the Voluntary Agreement.

I, Mark Hess, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Steering Committee by unanimous consent, in accordance with its bylaws, effective December 31, 2017.



Mark Hess
Chairman