

CAC Meeting 11/15/12

Called to order 7:45pm

Attendance: Oleg Volinsky, John Covert, Chet Ruszczyk, Mike Gowing, ACAT members – Dick Calandrella, Simon C. Bunyard, Rick Degon.

Meeting call to order at 7:45pm

Simon Bunyard updated the Committee about the ActonTV considerations for going to digital transmission of PEG channels. Two approaches are being considered one-shot switchover, where all the required equipment is switched over at once and a piece-meal approach, the switch-over to digital equipment is done gradually as old equipment is phased out.

John Covert has clarified that the original request for the ActonTV to send 480p digital signal to the cable providers. Eventually, the quality of the digital signal could be updated. This proposal is looking to achieve the improvement in quality of transmission from ActonTV to Comcast (who distributes the signal to Verizon as well).

ActonTV would not require switching wholesale to HD equipment in terms of video recording and etc, and can migrate to generating HD content gradually.

The change in transmission of the signal from ActonTV has dependency on Comcast and/or Verizon in terms of them switching to digital transmission to HD. At the meeting in April 2012, Comcast was going to contact ActonTV about what needs to be done to get digital transmission from studio to Comcast. So far, ActonTV has not been contacted. The Committee to follow up with Comcast regarding the coming to December or January Cable Committee meeting to discuss the work the Comcast needs to do with regards to switching to digital transmission. The Committee has suggested that Comcast representative should consider bringing an engineer to the Committee meeting. The backup date for Comcast representative invitation is January 17th.

The Committee will move the December meeting to December 13th at ActonTV studio.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

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