Liaison Statement to SRDC, WinForum

To: Mr. Donald Johnson, Chairman, WINForum SRDC

Date: January 19, 1998

Subject: Cooperation between IEEE 802.11 and the WINForum SRDC;

Your letter of December 2, 1997.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

IEEE 802.11 takes note of your letter on the subject and is pleased to establish a working relationship with the WINForum Sharing Rules Development Committee (SRDC).

We appreciate the accomplishments of WINForum and the SRDC in obtaining the 5.2 GHz U-NII band spectrum allocation through the FCC petition process. IEEE 802.11 recognizes this as a major effort benefiting the unlicensed wireless LAN industry.

We support your stated effort to develop sharing rules that permit the basic IEEE 802.11 MAC to operate effectively and to provide spectrum coexistence protection to the MAC in the presence of other non-interoperable systems. We also encourage WINForum to continue to work through the regulatory process to obtain favorable regulations with respect to the U-NII band and to other matters of concern to the unlicensed industry.

We welcome you as the liaison person between the IEEE 802.11 project and the WINForum SRDC.

With regard to your requested document sharing questions. IEEE 802.11 working documents are available to all and may be freely distributed. They can be downloaded from the IEEE FTP server at URL ftp://stdsbbs.ieee.org/802_main/802.11/active-files and back issues can be obtained from ftp://ftp.cs.utwente.nl/pub/doc/802.11/ibmpc/199x_docs where x is the last digit of the year you are interested in. Paper copies can be purchased from AlphaGraphics #35 Attn: Cary Brooks, 10209 N 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ Phone:(602) 863-0999 or FAX: (602) 866-8801

IEEE 802.11 draft standards can be purchased from Alphagraphics #35 while electronic copies are available only to members of IEEE 802.11. However, these can be made available to the SRDC on a case by case basis if they are needed for the purpose of standardization or regulation.

The current IEEE 802.11 standard is available from the IEEE at 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08855, phone (800) 678-4333.

I look forward to a productive working relationship between IEEE 802.11 and the WINForum SRDC.

Yours Sincerely,

Vic Hayes Chairman of IEEE P802.11

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