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EIA MEETING - WASHINGTON, D.C. - JANUARY 8, 1976

Present

C. Tuttle - President, Aerovox
R. Hauser - President, EUC
R. Clark - Gen. Mgr., Universal Electronics
R. Rollins - Chief Engineer/Director, Jard Co.
C. P. Dibble - Gen. Mgr., Mallory Capacitor Co.
C. Lopes - Engineering Manager, Cornell-Dubilier
J. Herger - G. E., Hudson Falls
J. Flynn - G. E., Schenectady, Lawyer
G. Wallis - Mallory Research
R. Willy - Eng. Mgr., McGraw Edison
J. Butner - Eng. Mgr, Sangamo
R. Wills - Westinghouse, Lawyer
T. Nourse - Sec., EIA
D. Wood)
W. B. Papageorge) Monsanto, St. Louis
J. C. Weber)

1. The first item, pre-empting the planned agenda, was to review the meeting of Monsanto with the EIA steering group on Wednesday, the 7th of January.
I was asked to summarize RGP's statement. I made the following points.
   a) Monsanto was committed to phasing out of PCBs in an orderly fashion and in a manner responsible to the electrical industry and society.
   b) MCS-1238 was Monsanto's non-PCB candidate for capacitors.
   c) If the capacitor industry selected some other product as their preferred replacement, this was recognized by Monsanto as an area purely within the industries area of decision.
   d) Now, we had pilot production MCS-1238. A crash program could be mounted with industry support to make MCS-1238 available from interim facilities in 10-12 months. A dedicated plant could be on-stream in 1978.
   e) Within 60-90 days, we expected to be in a position to discuss in more detail commercial proposals.
   f) Our interim production was planned to cover the needs of the total U.S. industry.

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g) Environmental tests would be complete by mid-1976 except for 2 year-feeding studies.
h) In the first quarter, 1976, we plan to discuss our environmental program with Government Agencies.
i) We are just establishing sample program on transformer replacement candidates.
j) Our transformer program accordingly is approximately 12 months behind our capacitor program.
k) J. Fitzgerald/W. B. Papageorge will represent Monsanto at EPA on January 14th.
l) Our approach on the 14th will not be put forward in the detail presented today to the capacitor industry. It will stress our commitment to cooperate in transitioning away from PCBs in a responsible manner while remaining responsible to our customers.

Tuttle stated his acceptance of Monsanto's position and said that in his opinion, the industry had 18 months maximum to tell Monsanto if MCS-1238 was a suitable replacement product.

Several members asked if Monsanto had fixed a definite timetable for termination of PCBs. I stressed that no firm dates had been fixed, since this would be in contradiction to our expression of responsibility, but that equally this could not be taken as an indefinite commitment to supply Aroclor.

2. EIA position at meeting January 14th

It was agreed that companies would speak individually, but that 4 topics would be assigned to be emphasized during the meeting.

a) Summary presentation of EIA position paper (R. Rollins - Jard).
b) Aroclor 1016 not found in environment (C. Tuttle-Aerovox).
c) Fire resistance concerns and associated consumer safety and product liability impact (R. Clark-Universal).
d) July 1, 1977, impossible date for achieving conversion. Need for minimum 30-month program (R. Hauser-EUC).

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Note: Companies were asked to give minimum times for conclusion on alternates if everything went well.

Sangamo - 7 months to 1 year
EUC - 1 year
G.E. (Herger) - 1½ years
Mallory - 1-1½ years
C-D - 1-1½ years
Aerovox - 1½ years
McGraw - decided for Dow product XFS-4169L after 4 years of testing.
Westinghouse - no comment
Universal - 1-1½ years.

Consensus was that 9-12 months should be added to this for conversion after decision made.

There was great emotional concern that the ground rules were not clearly set for the 14th, and if Russell Train was sufficiently dedicated to achieving a result that he would personally be present for the full-3 hr. meeting. There was sufficient disenchantment with the previous performance of some EPA staffers that certain members said that if Train turned over the meeting to lieutenants, they might leave, themselves.

3. Other agenda items will be reported separately.

David Wood
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