



November 2, 2004

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Diabetes Care division, 1360 South Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502 ("Abbott"), I am writing to avoid the public disclosure of Abbott Proprietary Information by American TCB and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

The accompanying Form 731 is being filed with American TCB and the Commission on Abbott's behalf by Elliott Laboratories, Inc., a consulting and testing laboratory. Included as exhibits with the enclosed application are block diagrams, schematics, and a detailed description of the theory of operation of the device (collectively, "Abbott Proprietary Information").

It is Abbott's intention to provide American TCB and the Commission with a full disclosure of relevant elements of Abbott's product that is the subject of the application so that its merits can be evaluated. Indeed, Abbott is pleased to provide any further information that American TCB or the Commission might wish to see. It is not Abbott's intention, however, to make Abbott Proprietary Information or any of Abbott's proprietary processes a matter of public record.

In view of the fact that the block diagrams, schematics, and associated theory of operation, disclose the mechanism of Abbott's process, Abbott asks that these portions (block diagrams, schematics, and theory of operation) of Abbott's application be withheld from public inspection as provided under FCC section 0.459. These documents contain details of the proprietary operation of product. These details are not readily discernible - even to technically sophisticated individuals - from Abbott's hardware and constitute trade secrets and/or proprietary processes.



Abbott requests therefore that these documents and this letter be segregated from the body of Abbott's evaluation report and withheld from public inspection.

Thank you for your attention. Please let the undersigned know if American TCB or the Commission disagrees with Abbott's position or requires further justification.

Sincerely

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