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SUBJECT: WCMA Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2011

LOCATION: CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda MD

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CPSC ATTENDEES:

Bob Ochsman, Human Factors
Rana Balci-Sinha, Human Factors
Renae Rauchschwalbe, Compliance
Rich O'Brien, International Programs
Andy Kameros, Compliance
Marc Schoem, Compliance

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:

Ralph Vasami, WCMA
Teri Williamson, Levolor
Tom Merker, Springs Window Fashions
Derick Marsh, RollEase
Joe Jankoski, Hunter Douglas
Mark Johnson, Levolor
Mike Gidding, Brown&Gidding
Paul Nathanson, Bracewell & Giulani
Carol Pollack-Nelson, Independent Safety Consulting
Sean Naron, Consumer Federation of America
Kelly Cybulski, RILA
Linda Kaiser, Parents for Window Blind Safety, via teleconference
Deb Barrett, Window Dressings Inc., via teleconference
Jim Onder, The Onder Law Firm, via teleconference
Mary Ann Plumlee Workroom Assn of America, via teleconference

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

WCMA representatives described the solutions to make window coverings safer such as cordless, single retractable cord, clutch with restraining device, cord lock, clutch with tension device, and motorization and identified the current applicability of these solutions for major window coverings. They identified the challenges with certain technologies including usability of the product by elderly, reach restrictions of short statured people and maximum force requirements to operate the product.