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Sent from my iPhone

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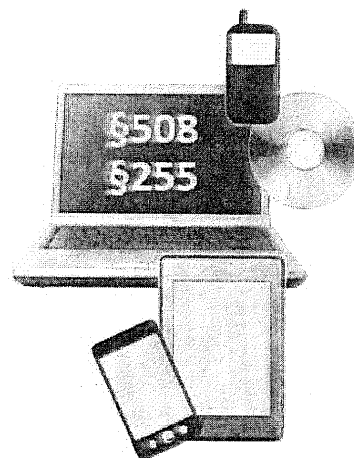

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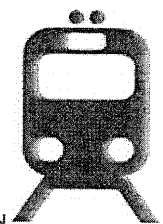
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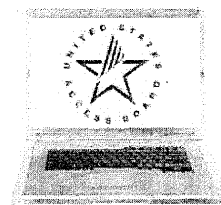**www.streamtext.net/player?event=ACCESSBOARD02261
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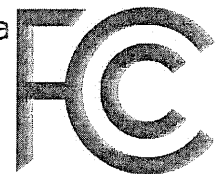
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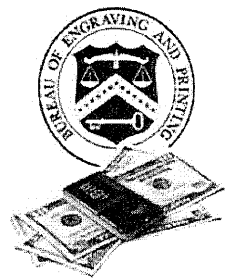
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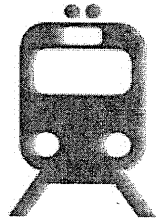
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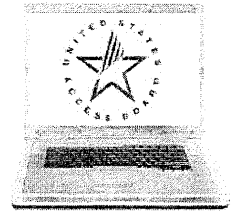**www.streamtext.net/player?event=ACCESSBOARD022615**
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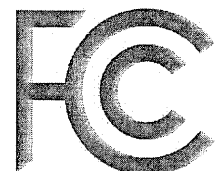
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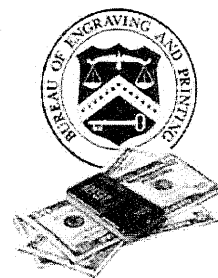
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Here is an example of how one standards development organization made their accessibility standard available to the public, in response to an Access Board rulemaking. (In this case, it is a permanent page.) http://www.aami.org/he75/

Thank you.

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Sent:	Tuesday, December 02, 2014 3:24 PM
To:	Baquis, David
Subject:	Re: ANSI C63.19-2011

Hello David,

I can try to accommodate this public review for 60 days. Can you tell me what dates you need?

Thanks,

Ana

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Cc:	danhoolihanemc@aol.com
Subject:	Fwd: Request for C63 copy

David,

What address can we send the C63.19 standard to for your use?

Dan Hoolihan
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From: Patricia Roder <p.roder@ieee.org>
To: Daniel Hoolihan <danhoolihanemc@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Mar 27, 2014 10:57 am
Subject: Re: Request for C63 copy

Hi Dan,
Do we have an address that it could be sent to?
Regards,
Pat

On Wed, Mar 26, 2014 at 1:58 PM, <danhoolihanemc@aol.com> wrote:
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Can we send these guys a free copy of the C63.19 standard?

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Oh, thank you for that helpful clarification. Here is what we are seeking please:

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We have approximately 20 standards that begin with "C63." Our most well-known standard is "C63.4."

I would have to discus with the IEEE and ANSI what we might be able to do for you if you want more than one standard.

Is there a particular C63 standard that you are interested in?

See www.c63.org for more details on our standards.

Best Regards,

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651-213-0966

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