Dear Emily:
On behalf of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), I am writing to invite you to moderate a roundtable discussion during ANSI’s Legal Issues Forum, which will be part of World Standards Week 2012 in Washington, DC.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10 and is entitled, “Incorporation by Reference, Reasonable Availability, and Copyright.”

As you may know, the Legal Issues Forum is traditionally one of ANSI’s most popular events. With this year’s forum, we are looking to engage in an interactive roundtable discussion on the incorporation by reference of voluntary consensus standards into government regulation. This dialogue is expected to touch upon reasonable availability, copyright concerns, and more.

ANSI is currently in the process of securing a balanced and diverse group of speakers for this roundtable, and we thought your extensive experience with the subject would make you the ideal moderator. In addition to yourself, we will be seeking participation from government agencies including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Office of the Federal Register; standards developers; attorneys; and academics.

If you agree to serve as moderator, ANSI staff will of course work with you to put some sample questions together, and we’ll organize a teleconference with you and all the panelists in advance so we can go over the game plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this invitation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this invitation further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best regards,
Scott