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Subcommittee: TR41.3.9 Cordless Telephone Range Measurement Procedures

Chair: Harry A. Van Zandt

Editor: James R. Bress (Acting Chair for this meeting)

Date: August 22, 2002 1:30pm to 6:00pm

Location: Westminster, CO USA

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. Chair's comments**
 - b. Introductions**
 - c. IPR Disclosures**
- 2. New Contributions**
- 3. Working Document**
 - a. Discussion & Editing**
 - b. Prepare final actions needed for Industry Ballot document**
- 4. Review Action Items**
- 5. Ajourn**



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