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**TSQ Solutions to provide Expanded Billing Numbers for VOD and PPV, by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.**

TSQ Solutions has announced that it will begin issuing the new expanded alpha-numeric billing numbers for any new VOD and new PPV providers, requesting a billing number range, toward the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006.

The expanded range will help keep up with the ever increasing demand of the developing VOD and PPV suppliers in the industry. The billing number was originally designed to report royalty payments to the studios. At its inception in the late 80's, a 5 numeric digit field was believed to be able to satisfy the industry. However with the addition of VOD, the number of reserved billing numbers has dwindled to almost non-existent. Moving to alpha-numeric characters will expand the availability of numbers by 100x.

The current number format which today ranges from 00000 thru 99999, will be updated to include A-Z, giving the new alpha-numeric range of 00000 thru ZZZZZ.

TSQ Solutions has been working with the several of the major MSO's, billing systems, PPV and VOD content providers and CableLabs to produce the new billing number scheme.

The biggest industry concern for the immediate future is the number of future free VOD providers starting, currently averaging 2-3 new free VOD content providers each month.

CableLab's has released its 2.0 VOD specification (MD-SP-VOD-CONTENT2.0-I04-060505) earlier this month, which includes this expanded billing number upgrade. They have also included the expanded number upgrade in their latest Engineering Change Notice (ECN) for the 1.1 VOD Content specification (MD-SP-VOD-CONTENT1.1-I04-060505).

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