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1. Introduction

1.1. Executive Summary

This document assists in creation of an AVC coded video elementary stream and is intended for broadcast purposes. There are other applications: time-shifting (e.g., PVR/DVR service), Video-on-Demand service, unicast, multicast, splicing (e.g., Ad-insertion) that could employ the specifications in this document. However, constraints specific to those applications are outside of the scope of this document.

1.2. Scope

This document defines the video coding constraints on ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 [2] video compression (hereafter called "AVC") for Cable Television. In particular, this document describes the constraints on AVC coded video elementary streams in an MPEG-2 service multiplex (single or multi-program Transport Stream).

Note: The carriage of MPEG-2 video in the MPEG-2 service multiplex is described in SCTE 54.

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2.1. SCTE References

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2.2. Standards from Other Organizations

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