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Because a new subclass of the generic name would not only have an impact on Mohawk but also on the entire industry, Shaw feels compelled to file these comments with the Commission. As noted in page 3 of Invista's Opposition to Mohawk's Application For A New Subclass of Polyester Fiber Generic Name, timely filed and received on November 9, 2007, the Petitioners have the burden to establish both: (1) that polytrimethylene terephthalate ("PTT") has distinctive properties from generic polyester ("PET") that are important to the general public, and also (2) that those distinctive properties make PTT suitable for uses for which other polyester fiber products either cannot be used or would be significantly less well suited.

As to the first requirement, while PTT might have some performance characteristics that are different than PET, a majority of the characteristics are very similar to PET. The modified performance characteristics of PTT are not distinctive properties, are not important to the general public and cannot be distinguished by the average consumer. As to the second requirement, there are no distinctive properties

that make PTT suitable for uses which other polyester fiber products either cannot be used or would be significantly less well suited.

For these reasons Shaw opposes Mohawk's application.

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