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Arveson's idea:

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\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}^{*}(\mathcal{S})=C^{*}\left(\left(\bigoplus_{\rho \text { boundary }} \rho\right)(\mathcal{S})\right)
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Thank you!

