To: T10 Technical Committee  
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Subject: T10/02-434r0, SAS New OPEN_REJECT Primitive

**Revision History**
Revision 0 (October 23, 2002) first revision

**Related Documents**
SAS-r02b – Serial Attached SCSI revision 02b.

**Overview**
This proposal defines a new OPEN_REJECT primitive to facilitate expander, initiator and target handling of environments involving mixed link rates in wide-link implementations.

**Suggested Changes**
Define a new primitive, OPEN_REJECT (LINK RATE TOO HIGH), to signal the OPEN Address Frame originator that every currently available pathway to the destination traverses a link with a negotiated link rate less than the requested end-to-end link rate.

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<td>OPEN_REJECT (LINK RATE TOO HIGH)</td>
<td>K28.5, D29.7, D02.0, D30.0</td>
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If the requester retries the connection request at a lower link rate, the requester shall not clear the Arbitration Wait Timer but shall specify the current value in the retry OPEN Address frame. The requester shall not increment the PATHWAY BLOCKED counter.