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Subject: SAS: Initiator Response Timeout timer

1 Overview

This proposal adds in a timer to assure there is no hang in the ST_TTS4: Receive_Data_Out state in the ST_TTS state machine. In addition this proposal request a new ASCQ be added to SPC-3. The new ASCQ would be: 4Bh 06h INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT

From section 9.2.6.3 ST_T (transport layer for SSP target ports) state machines

1.0.0.1 ST_T (transport layer for SSP target ports) state machines

1.0.0.1.1 ST_T state machines overview

The ST_T state machines are as follows:

- a) ST_TFR (target frame router) state machine (see 1.0.0.1.2); and
- b) ST_TTS (target transport server) state machine (see 1.0.0.1.3).

If Implemented, this state machine shall maintain the timer listed in table 1.

<u>Table 1 — ST T state machine timer</u>

Timer	Initial value
Initiator Response Timeout	The value in the INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT field in the Protocol-Specific Port Control mode page (see 10.2.6.2).

Figure 1 shows the ST T state machines

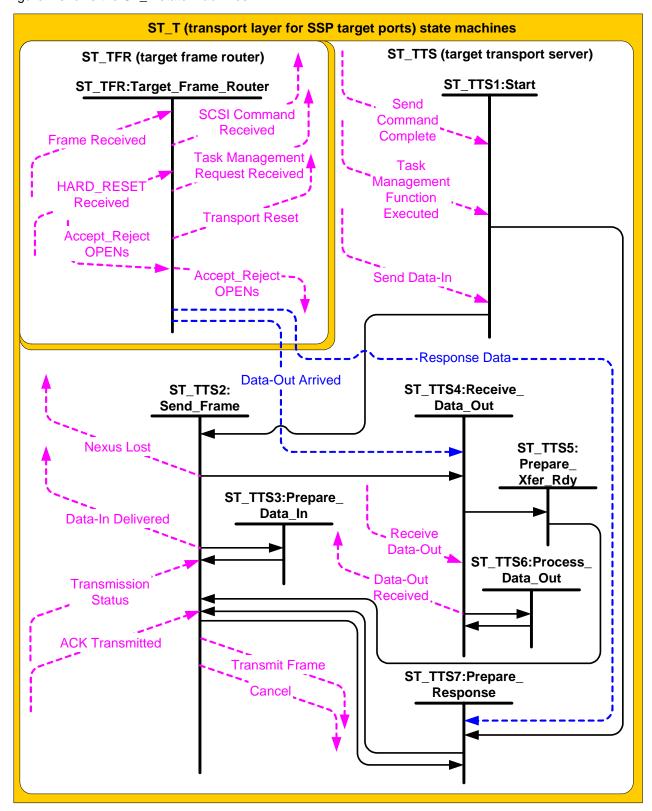


Figure 1 — ST_T (transport layer for SSP target ports) state machines

1.0.0.1.2 ST_TFR (target frame router) state machine

The ST_TFR state machine receives confirmations from the port layer and sends a transport protocol service indication to the SCSI application layer or a message to the ST_TTS state machine. This state machine also receives Accept_Reject OPENs requests from the application layer and sends corresponding requests to the port layer.

This state machine consists of one state.

This state machine shall be started when:

- a) an Accept Reject OPENs request is received;
- b) a Frame Received confirmation is received; or
- c) a HARD_RESET Received confirmation is received.

If this state machine was started as the result of receiving an Accept_Reject OPENs (Accept SSP) or Accept_Reject OPENs (Reject SSP) request, then this state machine shall send a corresponding Accept_Reject OPENs request to the port layer. This state machine shall terminate after sending an Accept_Reject OPENs request to the port layer.

If this state machine was started as the result of a Frame Received (Unsuccessful) confirmation, then this state machine shall terminate.

If this state machine was started as the result of receiving a Frame Received (ACK/NAK Balanced) or Frame Received (ACK/NAK Not Balanced) confirmation, then this state machine shall check the frame type in the received frame (see table 108). If the frame type is not COMMAND, TASK, or DATA, then this state machine shall discard the frame and terminate.

If the confirmation was Frame Received (ACK/NAK Not Balanced) and the frame type is not DATA, then this state machine shall discard the frame and terminate.

This state machine may check that reserved fields in the frame are zero. If any reserved fields are not zero, then this state machine may send a Response Data (Invalid Frame) message to the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state including the logical unit number and tag.

NOTE 1 - This check only applies to reserved fields defined in the SSP frame formats (e.g. formats defined in this clause), not reserved fields within the CDB in a COMMAND frame. Handling checking of reserved fields in a CDB is described in SAM-3.

If the frame type is correct relative to the confirmation, then this state may check that the hashed source SAS address matches the SAS address of the SAS port transmitting the frame and the hashed destination SAS address in the frame matches the SAS address of the SAS port receiving the frame based on the connection. If this state checks these SAS addresses and they do not match, then this state machine shall discard the frame and terminate.

If the frame type is DATA, and the tag does not match a tag for an outstanding data-out command, then this state machine shall discard the frame and terminate.

If the frame type is COMMAND, then this state machine shall check the length of the information unit. If the length of the information unit is not correct (see 9.2.2.2), then this state machine shall send a Response Data (Invalid Frame) message to the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state including the logical unit number and tag.

If the frame type is TASK, then this state machine shall check the length of the information unit. If the length of the information unit is not correct (see 9.2.2.2), then this state machine shall send a Response Data (Invalid Frame) message to the ST TTS7:Prepare Response state including the logical unit number and tag.

If the frame type is COMMAND and the length of the information unit is correct, then this state machine shall send a SCSI Command Received transport protocol service indication to the SCSI application layer.

If the frame type is TASK, then this state machine shall check the logical unit number. If there is no logical unit at the specified logical unit number, then this state machine shall send a Response Data (Invalid Logical Unit Number) message to the ST TTS7:Prepare Response state including the logical unit number and tag.

If the frame type is COMMAND or TASK, then this state machine may check the target port transfer tag. If target port transfer tag is invalid, then this state machine may send a Response Data (Invalid Frame) message to the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state including the logical unit number and tag.

If the frame type is TASK and the length of the information unit is correct, then this state may check if the tag conflicts with an existing tag (i.e., an existing command or task management function). If the tag is checked and it conflicts, this state shall send a Response Data (Invalid Frame) message to the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state including the logical unit number and tag. If it does not check the tag or the tag does not conflict, this state machine shall send a Task Management Request Received transport protocol service indication to the SCSI application layer. If the frame type is DATA, then this state machine shall send a Data-Out Arrived message to the ST_TTS4:Receive_Data_Out state. Each indication or message shall contain the content of the SAS frame.

If this state machine was started as the result of receiving a HARD_RESET Received confirmation, then this state machine shall send a Transport Reset event notification to the SCSI application layer and terminate.

This state machine shall terminate after sending a message, transport protocol service indication, or event notification.

1.0.0.1.3 ST_TTS (target transport server) state machine

1.0.0.1.3.1 ST TTS state machine overview

The ST_TTS state machine performs the following functions:

- a) processes and sends transport protocol service confirmations to the SCSI application layer;
- b) receives and processes transport protocol service requests and responses from the SCSI application layer; and
- c) communicates with the port layer via requests and confirmations regarding frame transmission.

This state machine consists of the following states:

- a) ST TTS1:Start (see 1.0.0.1.3.2);
- b) ST_TTS2:Send_Frame (see 1.0.0.1.3.3);
- c) ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In (see 1.0.0.1.3.4);
- d) ST TTS4:Receive Data Out (see 1.0.0.1.3.5);
- e) ST TTS5:Prepare Xfer Rdy (see 1.0.0.1.3.6);
- f) ST TTS6:Process Data Out (see 1.0.0.1.3.7); and
- g) ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response (see 1.0.0.1.3.8).

This state machine shall be started in the ST_TTS1:Start state when-if one of the following is received:

- a) a Send Data-In transport protocol service request;
- b) a Receive Data Out Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service request; response; or
- c) a Task Management Function Executed Send Command Complete transport protocol service response; or.
- d) a Send Command Complete transport protocol service response.

This state machine shall be started in the ST_TTS4:Receive Data Out state if this state machine is not already running and:

- a) a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request is received; or
- b) This state machine shall be started in the ST_TTS4:Receive_Data_Out state when a Data-Out Arrived message is received, first burst is enabled, and this state machine is not already running.

This state machine shall be started in the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state when a Response Data message is received and this state machine is not already running.

1.0.0.1.3.2 ST TTS1:Start state

1.0.0.1.3.2.1 State description

The request or response that caused this state machine to be started includes the following to be used in any OPEN address frames required to service the request or response:

- a) connection rate;
- b) initiator connection tag; and
- c) destination SAS address.

A Send Data-In transport protocol service request also includes the following:

- a) logical unit number;
- b) tag;
- c) device server buffer (e.g., starting logical block address); and
- d) request byte count (e.g., transfer length).
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- b) tag;
- e) device server buffer (e.g., starting logical block address); and
- d) request byte count (e.g., transfer length).

A Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response or Send Command Complete transport protocol service response also includes the following:

- a) logical unit number;
- b) tag;
- c) task management function; and
- d) tag of task to be managed.

1.0.0.1.3.2.2 Transition ST TTS1:Start to ST TTS2:Send Frame

This transition shall occur after receiving a Send Data-In transport protocol service request.

This transition shall occur after receiving a Send Data-In transport protocol service request and shall include all the information received in the Send Data-In transport protocol service request as arguments.

1.0.0.1.3.2.3 Transition ST TTS1:Start to ST TTS4ST TTS7:Receive Data OutPrepare Response

This transition shall occur after receiving a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request.

1.0.0.1.3.2.4 Transition ST TTS1:Start to ST TTS7:Prepare Response

This transition shall occur after receiving a Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response or a Send Command Complete transport protocol service response.

This transition shall occur after receiving a Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response or a Send Command Complete transport protocol service response and shall include all the information received in the Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response or Send Command Complete transport protocol service response as arguments.

1.0.0.1.3.3 ST_TTS2:Send_Frame state

1.0.0.1.3.3.1 State description

If this state is entered from the ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In state for transmission of a DATA frame, then this state shall send a Transmit Frame (Non-Interlocked) request to the port layer.

If this state is entered from the ST_TTS5:Prepare_Xfer_Rdy state for transmission of an XFER_RDY frame and this state has received an ACK Transmitted confirmation for each DATA frame previously received (i.e., received with a Data-Out Arrived message), then this state shall send a Transmit Frame (Interlocked) request to the port layer.

If this state is entered from the ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state for transmission of a RESPONSE frame and this state has received an ACK Transmitted confirmation for each DATA frame previously received (i.e., received with a Data-Out Arrived message), then this state shall send a Transmit Frame (Interlocked) request to the port layer.

NOTE 2 - The XFER_RDY and RESPONSE frame rules ensure that wide ports do not send an XFER_RDY or RESPONSE frame on a phy until all the ACKs have been transmitted for write DATA frames on a different phy. In a narrow port, the link layer ensures that ACK/NAKs are balanced before transmitting an interlocked frame.

A Transmit Frame request from this state shall include the SSP frame and the following to be used for any OPEN address frame:

- a) the initiator port bit set to zero;
- b) protocol set to SSP;
- c) connection rate;
- d) initiator connection tag;
- e) destination SAS address; and
- f) source SAS address set to the SAS address of the SSP target port.

After sending a Transmit Frame request this state shall wait to receive a Transmission Status confirmation.

If the confirmation is Transmission Status (I_T Nexus Loss), this state shall send a Nexus Lost confirmation to the SCSI application layer.

If the confirmation is Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation, then this state machine shall expect to receive one of the following confirmations for the frame:

- a) ACK Received;
- b) NAK Received; or
- c) Connection Failed.

If the frame transmitted was an XFER_RDY frame or a RESPONSE frame, then the state machine shall wait to receive an ACK Received, NAK Received, or Connection Failed confirmation before transitioning from this state. If the frame transmitted was a DATA frame, then the state machine may transition to ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In as described in 1.0.0.1.3.3.3.

This state shall send a Data-In Delivered (Delivery Result = DELIVERY SUCCESSFUL) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer if:

- a) for a DATA frame, this state receives a Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation followed by an ACK Received confirmation for each of the DATA frames transmitted and the number of bytes moved for the Send Data-In transport protocol service request equals the Request Byte Count; or
- b) for a RESPONSE frame, this state receives a Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation followed by an ACK Received confirmation.

This state shall send a Data-In Delivered (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - NAK RECEIVED) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer if the received transmission status confirmation message for a DATA or XFER_RDY frame was Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) followed by a confirmation of NAK Received.

This state shall send a Data-In Delivered (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - ACK/NAK TIMEOUT) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer if the received transmission status confirmation message for a DATA or XFER_RDY frame was Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) followed by a confirmation of Connection Failed (ACK/NAK Timeout) or Connection Failed (Connection Lost Without ACK/NAK).

A Data-In Delivered transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer confirmation shall include the following:

a) any argument received from the port layer (e.g., Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) or Service Delivery Subsystem Failure; and

b) ITL x nexus information (i.e., destination SAS address and tag).

This state machine shall terminate after sending the Data-In Delivered confirmation.

This state may also send a Cancel request to the port layer to cancel a previous Transmit Frame request. A Cancel request shall include the following arguments:

- a) the destination SAS address; and
- b) the tag.

This state machine terminates upon receipt of a Transmission Status (Cancel Acknowledge) confirmation.

1.0.0.1.3.3.3 Transition ST TTS2:Send Frame to ST TTS3:Prepare Data In

If this state machine was started as the result of receiving a Send Data-In transport protocol service request, the specified values are included with the request, and this state has received an ACK Transmitted confirmation for the COMMAND frame, then this state shall transition to the ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In state.

NOTE 3 - The COMMAND frame rule ensures that ports do not send a read DATA frame until the ACK has been transmitted for the COMMAND frame.

If this state receives a Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation for a DATA frame and the number of bytes moved for the Send Data-In transport protocol service request is less than the Request Byte Count, then this state shall transition to the ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In state.

1.0.0.1.3.3.4 Transition ST_TTS2:Send_Frame to ST_TTS4:Receive_Data_Out

This transition shall occur after receiving a Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation and an ACK Received confirmation for an XFER_RDY frame.

1.0.0.1.3.3.5 Transition ST_TTS2:Send_Frame to ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response

This transition shall occur after receiving one of the following confirmations for a RESPONSE frame:

- a) Transmission Status with an argument other than (Frame Transmitted);
- b) NAK Received; or
- c) Connection Failed.

1.0.0.1.3.4 ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In state

1.0.0.1.3.4.1 State description

This state fetches the data from the Device Server Buffer and constructs a DATA frame. This state shall use the logical unit number and tag received from the SCSI application layer to construct the frame.

This state shall generate the following values when constructing the frame:

- a) frame type:
- b) hashed destination SAS address:
- c) hashed source SAS address;
- d) retransmit bit set to zero;
- e) number of fill bytes;
- f) fill bytes;
- g) data offset;
- h) data.

1.0.0.1.3.4.2 Transition ST_TTS3:Prepare_Data_In to ST_TTS2:Send_Frame

This transition shall occur after constructing a DATA frame.

1.0.0.1.3.5 ST TTS4:Receive Data Out state

1.0.0.1.3.5.1 State description

If this state was entered as the result of receiving a Data-Out Arrived message, then this state shall:

If a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request caused this state machine to be started, then the request includes the following to be used in any OPEN address frames required to service the request:

- a) connection rate:
- b) initiator connection tag;
- c) destination SAS address:
- d) logical unit number;
- e) tag:
- f) device server buffer (e.g., starting logical block address); and
- g) request byte count (e.g., transfer length).

If a Data-Out Arrived message caused this state machine to be started (i.e., first burst is enabled) and a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request has not been received, then this state shall wait to process the Data-Out Arrived message until this state receives a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request. The data received in the Data-Out message shall be saved in a first burst buffer until this state receives a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request.

After this state receives a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request and a Data-Out Arrived message, then this state shall verify the received data frame as follows:

- a) check the target transport tag value. If the value is incorrect, then this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - INVALID TARGET PORT TRANSFER TAG RECEIVED) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation;
- b) check the length of the data. If an XFER_RDY frame was sent for the data (i.e., it is not first burst data) and the length of the data exceeds that specified by the XFER_RDY frame that requested the data, then this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE TOO MUCH WRITE DATA) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation;
- c) check the length of the data. If the length of the data is zero, then this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - INFORMATION UNIT TOO SHORT) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation; and
- d) check the data offset. If the data offset was not expected, then this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - DATA OFFSET ERROR) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation.

If the Initiator Response Timeout timer is implemented, this state shall initialize and start the Initiator Response Timeout timer after any of the following occur:

- a) a Data-Out Arrived message is received;
- b) If this state is entered from the ST_TTS2:Send_Frame state, then this state shall wait for a Data Out Arrived message from the ST_TFR state machine.; or
- c) this state is entered from the ST TTS6:Process Data Out state.

If the Initiator Response Timeout timer expires this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY FAILURE - INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation.

If this state is entered from the ST_TTS6:Process_Data_Out state and the number of bytes moved for the Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request is less than the Request Byte Count, then this state shall wait for a Data-Out Arrived message.

If this state is entered from the ST_TTS6:Process_Data_Out state and number of bytes moved for the Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request equals the Request Byte Count, then this state shall send a Data-Out Received (Delivery Result = DELIVERY SUCCESSFUL) transport protocol service confirmation to the SCSI application layer. This confirmation shall include the tag. This_If this state has no more bytes in its first burst buffer, then this state machine shall terminate after sending the confirmation. If this state has more bytes to move in its first burst buffer, then this state machine shall wait for a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request.

1.0.0.1.3.5.2 Transition ST_TTS4:Receive_Data_Out to ST_TTS5:Prepare_Xfer_Rdy

This transition shall occur after:

- a) This transition shall occur if this state was entered as has received a of receiving a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request if the data requested is not entirely contained within the first burst data range for the command, request and first burst is not enabled; or if all the first burst data has been consumed and the last Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request has not been satisfied.
- b) this state has received a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request, first burst is enabled, and the first burst data is less than the requested byte count.

1.0.0.1.3.5.3 Transition ST_TTS4:Receive_Data_Out to ST_TTS6:Process_Data_Out

After receiving a Data-Out Arrived message, if the target transport tag value matches the value sent with the corresponding XFER_RDY frame, and the length of the data does not exceed that specified by the XFER_RDY frame that requested the data, then this state shall transition to the ST_TTS6:Process_Data_Outstate.

This transition shall occur if:

- a) a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request is received; and
- b) a Data-Out Arrived message is received and verified (see 1.0.0.1.3.5.1).

1.0.0.1.3.6 ST TTS5:Prepare Xfer Rdy state

1.0.0.1.3.6.1 State description

This state shall construct an XFER_RDY frame. This state shall use the following values received from the SCSI application layer to construct the frame:

- a) logical unit number;
- b) tag;
- c) target port transfer tag;
- d) requested offset; and
- e) write data length.

This state shall adjust the write data length to reflect the amount of first burst data.

This state shall generate the following values when constructing the frame:

- a) frame type;
- b) hashed destination SAS address;
- c) hashed source SAS address;
- d) retransmit bit set to zero; and
- e) number of fill bytes.

1.0.0.1.3.6.2 Transition ST TTS5:Prepare Xfer Rdy to ST TTS2:Send Frame

This transition shall occur after constructing an XFER_RDY frame.

1.0.0.1.3.7 ST TTS6:Process Data Out state

1.0.0.1.3.7.1 State description

This state shall process the data received in the Data-Out message using the Device Server Buffer (e.g., logical block address) to which the data is to be transferred.

If first burst is enabled for the command and a Receive Data-Out transport protocol service request has not yet been received requesting the data received in the Data-Out message, the data shall be saved in a first burst buffer.

1.0.0.1.3.7.2 Transition ST TTS6:Process Data Out to ST TTS4:Receive Data Out

This transition shall occur after data received in a Data-Out message has been processed.

1.0.0.1.3.8 ST_TTS7:Prepare_Response state

1.0.0.1.3.8.1 State description

This state shall construct a RESPONSE frame if this state was entered as the result of this state machine:

- a) receiving a Response Data message;
- b) receiving a Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response; or
- c) receiving a Send Command Complete transport protocol service response.

If this state was entered as the result of receiving a Response Data message, this state shall use the logical unit number and tag received in the message and shall construct the frame as described in table 2.

Table 2 — Response Data argument to RESPONSE frame content mapping

Response Data argument	RESPONSE frame				
Information Unit Too Short	The DATAPRES field shall be set to SENSE_DATA, the STATUS field shall be set to CHECK CONDITION and the additional sense code shall be set to INFORMATION UNIT TOO SHORT.				
Information Unit Too Long	The DATAPRES field shall be set to SENSE_DATA, the STATUS field shall be set to CHECK CONDITION and the additional sense code shall be set to INFORMATION UNIT TOO LONG.				
Invalid Frame	The DATAPRES field shall be set to RESPONSE_DATA and the RESPONSE CODE field shall be set to INVALID FRAME.				
Invalid Logical Unit Number	The DATAPRES field shall be set to RESPONSE_DATA and the RESPONSE CODE field shall be set to INVALID LOGICAL UNIT NUMBER.				

If this state was entered as a result of receiving a Task Management Function Executed transport protocol service response or a Send Command Complete transport protocol service response, this state shall use the following values received from the SCSI application layer to construct the frame:

- a) logical unit number;
- b) tag;
- c) status;
- d) response data; and
- e) sense data.

This state shall generate the following values when constructing the frame:

- a) frame type;
- b) hashed destination SAS address;
- c) hashed source SAS address;
- d) retransmit bit set to zero;
- e) number of fill bytes;

- f) fill bytes;
- g) data present;
- h) sense data length; and
- i) response data length.

If this state was entered as the result of the ST_TTS2:Send_Frame state receiving something other than a Transmission Status (Frame Transmitted) confirmation followed by an ACK Received confirmation for a RESPONSE frame (i.e., the frame transmission was unsuccessful), then this state shall check to see if the vendor-specific number of retries for the RESPONSE frame has been exceeded.

If the vendor-specific number of retries has not been exceeded, the this state generate a RESPONSE frame using all of the values for the previous RESPONSE frame except that the retransmit bit shall be set to one.

1.0.0.1.3.8.2 Transition ST TTS7:Prepare Response to ST TTS2:Send Frame

This transition shall occur after constructing a RESPONSE frame or if the vendor-specific number of retries for transmission of a RESPONSE frame has been exceeded.

From section 10.2.3 Device server error handling

1.0.1 Device server error handling

If a device server calls Receive Data-Out () and receives a Delivery Result set to a value in table 3, it shall terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status with a sense key of ABORTED COMMAND and an additional sense code as indicated by table 3.

Table 3 — Delivery Result to additional sense code mapping
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Delivery Result	Additional sense code
DELIVERY FAILURE - INVALID TARGET PORT TRANSFER TAG	INVALID TARGET PORT TRANSFER TAG RECEIVED
DELIVERY FAILURE - DATA OFFSET ERROR	DATA OFFSET ERROR
DELIVERY FAILURE - TOO MUCH WRITE DATA	TOO MUCH WRITE DATA
DELIVERY FAILURE - INFORMATION UNIT TOO SHORT	INFORMATION UNIT TOO SHORT
DELIVERY FAILURE - ACK/NAK TIMEOUT	ACK/NAK TIMEOUT
DELIVERY FAILURE - NAK RECEIVED	NAK RECEIVED
DELIVERY FAILURE - INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT	INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT

From section 10.2.6.2.2 Protocol-Specific Port mode page - short format

1.0.1.0.1 Protocol-Specific Port mode page - short format

Parameters in this page shall affect all phys in the SSP target port, and may affect all SSP target ports in the SAS target device.

Table 4 defines the format of the page for SAS SSP.

Table 4 — Protocol-Specific Port Control mode page for SAS SSP - short format

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
0	PS	SPF (0b)	PAGE CODE (19h)							
1	PAGE LENGTH (06h)									
2	Reserved				PROTOCOL IDENTIFIER (6h)					
3	Reserved									
4	(MSB)	I_T NEXUS LOSS TIME (LSB)								
5										
6	(MSB)	- INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT								
7			(LSB)							

The PARAMETERS SAVEABLE (PS) bit is defined in SPC-3.

The SPF field shall be set to zero for access to the short format mode page.

The PAGE CODE field shall be set to 19h.

The PAGE LENGTH field shall be set to 06h.

The PROTOCOL IDENTIFIER field shall be set to 6h indicating this is a SAS SSP specific mode page.

The I_T NEXUS LOSS TIME field contains the time in milliseconds the SSP target port shall retry connection requests to an SSP initiator port that are rejected with responses indicating the SSP initiator port may no longer be present (see 8.2.2) before recognizing an I_T nexus loss (see 4.5). An I_T nexus loss time of zero indicates that the SSP target port shall never recognize an I_T nexus loss. If the mode page is not implemented, the logical unit shall not implement an I_T nexus loss timer. This value is enforced by the port layer (see 8.2.2).

NOTE 4 - If this the mode page is implemented, the I T NEXUS LOSS TIME field should contain a non-zero default value should be specified. It is recommend that this value be 2 000 ms.

The INITIATOR RESPONSE TIMEOUT field contains the time in milliseconds the SSP target port shall wait for the receipt of a frame before aborting the command associated with that frame. An initiator response timeout of zero indicates that the SSP target port shall disable the initiator response timeout timer. If the mode page is not implemented, the logical unit shall not implement an initiator response timeout timer. This value is enforced by the transport layer (see x.x.x 9.2.6.3).