To: T10 Technical Committee  
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Subject: 06-408r1 Race condition for transition out of SP14:SAS_Fail state

R0: Original proposal  
R1: Changes requested by working group to modify the grammar on the a, b list due to the proposed change.

* Specification revision: sas2r05a  
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* Clause: 6.8.4.8  
* Layer: Phy Layer  
* Issue Description: In the case when SAS Speed negotiation window for the highest supported speed is successful, after the maximum speed negotiation window (highest supported speed plus one) fails, the following two transitions become valid resulting in race condition.

1) Transition SP14:SAS_Fail to SP1:OOB_AwaitCOMX  
2) Transition SP14:SAS_Fail to SP8:SAS_Start

Proposed fix:

Change clause 6.8.4.8.2 to

This transition shall occur if:
1) the current speed negotiation window is the maximum SAS speed negotiation window and the previous speed negotiation window was not successful; or
2) the current speed negotiation window is the final SAS speed negotiation window.