

Date: March 13, 2008  
To: Lynn Barra, Director of INCITS Standards Operations  
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Dear Ms. Barra:

The T10 technical committee reviewed the new INCITS Policy Regarding Document Access and Membership Benefits (RD-1, clause 3.2) at its March 13, 2008 meeting. The membership of T10 believes that this policy would significantly impair the committee's ability to perform its work and would significantly diminish the stature of T10 within the storage industry.

In place of the RD-1, clause 3.2, T10 believes its interests are best served by continuing its current practices:

Organizations interested in T10's work are strongly encouraged to obtain and maintain a voting membership as documented in INCITS RD-2, clause 4.2.3.1.4, in order to have a significant voice in the standards that T10 develops. The public is encouraged to voice technical concerns via participation in electronic communications to the committee and/or non-voting participation in T10 meetings. However, only T10 voting members are permitted to make motions or to vote.

The public, including liaison organizations, are allowed access through the committee web site to the T10 projects list, membership list, press releases, meeting schedule, meeting notices, draft agendas, committee proposals, and meeting minutes.

This policy encourages the timeliest development of draft standards with minimal iterations of public review. Open access to committee documents avoids any appearance of impropriety and avoids burdening committee officers with fulfilling requests for documentation for patent or other legal reasons.

Accordingly, T10 is requesting a waiver from clause 3.2 of the RD-1 as documented under item 10.4 of the T10 minutes (T10/08-133r0). For your convenience, this item is reproduced here:

"John Lohmeyer presented INCITS in080213 (T10/08-115r0), a policy recently adopted by INCITS.

Bob Griswold moved and Kevin Marks seconded that the T10 Technical Committee approve T10/08-143r0, a request for a waiver from INCITS RD-1 clause 3.2.

The motion passed 29:0:0:8=37 by a roll call vote." (The details of the roll call vote are included below.)

Please place this formal request for a waiver on the next Executive Board agenda.

Sincerely,



John Lohmeyer, Chair, INCITS T10 Technical Committee

cc: Jennifer Garner, Director of INCITS Standards Programs  
Gary Robinson, T10 International Representative

Details of the roll call vote were:

Organization	Voter	Vote
AMCC	Paul von Stamwitz	Yes
Amphenol Interconnect		(not present)
Brocade	David Peterson	Yes
Dell, Inc.	Kevin Marks	Yes
EMC Corp.	Gary S. Robinson	Yes
Emulex	William Martin	Yes
ENDL	Ralph O. Weber	Yes
FCI	Douglas Wagner	Yes
Finisar Corp.	David Freeman	Yes
Foxconn Electronics	Elwood Parsons	Yes
Fujitsu	Mike Fitzpatrick	Yes
General Dynamics		(not present)
Hewlett Packard Co.	Rob Elliott	Yes
Hitachi Global Storage Tech.	Dan Colegrove	Yes
IBM Corp.	Kevin Butt	Yes
Intel Corp.	Mark Seidel	Yes
Iomega Corp.		(not present)
Kawasaki Microelectronics Am	Joel Silverman	Yes
KnowledgeTek, Inc.	Dennis Moore	Yes
Lexar Media, Inc.	John Geldman	Yes
LSI Corp.	John Lohmeyer	Yes
Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.		(not present)
Maxim Integrated Products	David Allen	Yes
Microsoft Corp.	Robert Griswold	Yes
Molex Inc.	Jay Neer	Yes
Network Appliance	Frederick Knight	Yes
Nvidia Corp.	Mark Overby	Yes
PMC-Sierra		(not present)
Quantum Corp.	Paul Suhler	Yes
Samsung	Dmitry Obukhov	Yes
SanDisk Corporation		(not present)
Seagate Technology	Gerald Houlder	Yes
STMicroelectronics, Inc.		(not present)
Sun Microsystems, Inc.		(not present)
Symantec	Roger Cummings	Yes
TycoElectronics	Dan Gorenc	Yes
Western Digital	Mark Evans	Yes

This simple majority roll call vote passed (29:0:0:8=37).