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 Subject: X3T10 Actions regarding ANSI/ITCC IPF payments and
 X3 TC membership

Thank you for your letter of November 15th regarding actions taken by X3T10's membership regarding the loss of membership by some of your TC's members for their failure to pay their 1995 ANSI/ITCC IPF.

First let me say that it was unfortunate that the committee spent so much of its valuable time on this issue since such an issue is in the purview of the parent management committee, ASC X3.

The entire question of the IPF, with all of its various issues, has been aired openly at a number of X3 and JTC 1 TAG meetings dating back to late 1992. "Demanding an investigation" will not change the actions X3 and the JTC 1 TAG have given us to carry out.

The sanctions imposed on your nine members were carried out in accordance with both ASC X3 and JTC 1 TAG votes taken at their meetings held last February. Those sanctions as you know are the termination of membership for any organization not paying their IPF where such an organization met the criteria for billing and payment of the fee. The X3/SD-2 does not allow any TC to refuse the removal of members from its rolls when such action has been taken at a higher level. Any votes from any TC, e.g., X3T10, will not be considered valid if terminated members vote.

Regarding responsiveness to letters, either from entire TCs or individual members, our office has sought to maintain frequent contact with all of its volunteers and TC officers, including yours, with regard to the IPF billings and collections over the years. Getting no response from the ANSI/ITCC is a matter that needs to be directed to the ANSI/ITCC Chairman and Secretary.

X3T10 again raises a number of issues that already have been discussed by the ANSI/ITCC. The most recent meeting occurring in July and attended by the Chairman of X3T11, Mr. Roger Cummings and myself, is a case in point. After presentations by Mr. Cummings and myself and due deliberation, ANSI/ITCC rejected the arguments set forth by the X3T* committees, especially with regard to participation by X3T* in only one international activity (SC25/WG4). Such action should have been reported back to your groups by each of the X3T* Chairmen.

Participants in the X3/JTC 1 TAG standards communities are assessed their IPF on a one-time basis (\$300 per instance of participation in any TC/TG that has either a direct international equivalent in JTC 1 or has a project(s) within the JTC 1 infrastructure). Other SDOs charge in different ways in order to reach the \$300 per participant IPF fee, the most prevalent being meeting fees for each meeting attended. In 1996, the X3 Secretariat has gone back to billing and collecting the ANSI/ITCC IPF as an itemized entry on our overall membership fee invoice. We trust that this will avoid the confusion of "apparent" multiple bills, arriving on different dates.

I fully agree that this imposition of sanctions is not an activity any officer (or secretariat) likes to carry out. We both are, however, obliged to carry out your duties in the manner prescribed in the X3/SD-2.

Again, I would advise you to bring your X3T* concerns before the ANSI/ITCC. Please contact the Chairman, Richard Gibson, or the Secretary, Lisa Rajchel, to determine what course of action would be most appropriate. ANSI/ITCC will be meeting in New York City sometime early in the new year.

If I can be of any further service to X3T10, please contact me at your earliest convenience.