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To: T10 Technical Committee  
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Subj: DiffSense Timing

I reviewing SPI-3 I have uncovered several problems with the DiffSense timing. The only times controlling a mode change on the bus are in section 7.2.5.2

**7.2.5.2 LVD DIFFSENS receiver**

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A device shall not change its present signal driver or receiver mode based on the DIFFSENS voltage level unless a new mode is sensed continuously for at least 100 ms.

The bus is not operational until all devices (drivers and receivers) have switched modes. Currently there is no upper bound on the time that a device can take to switch modes. A limit of 400ms should be established as an upper bound.

**7.1 SCSI parallel interface electrical characteristics overview**

Add new paragraph:

Hot plug events may cause the SCSI bus to change transceiver modes. All SCSI bus electrical parameters must conform to the new mode for reliable operation.

**7.3.5.2 LVD DIFFSENS receiver**

Add new paragraph:

A device shall change to the new signal driver or receiver mode based on the DIFFSENS voltage level within 400ms of its last change.

There are no timing specifications for the multimode terminators at all. The terminators should comply with the same timing as the devices. The bus is not operational until all of the multimode terminators switch modes.

**7.4.1 LVD/MSE multimode termination**

Add two new paragraphs:

A multimode terminator shall not change its present termination mode based on the DIFFSENS voltage level unless a new mode is sensed continuously for at least 100 ms.

A multimode terminator shall change to the new termination mode based on the DIFFSENS voltage level within 300ms of its last change.