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Monterey, CA

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Results of Meeting

1. Opening Remarks

John Lohmeyer, the T10 Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Monday November 1, 1999. He thanked Larry Lamers of Adaptec for hosting the meeting.

As is customary, the people attending introduced themselves and a copy of the attendance list was circulated.

2. Approval of Agenda

The draft agenda was approved with the following additions and changes:

- 4.2 SPI-3 Letter Ballot Comments Review [Penokie]
- 5.21 ISI Measurements for Ultra4 Discussion (99-326) [Smith]
- 5.22 ISI Measurements [Bridgewater]
- 5.23 Measurements of Compensation Schemes () [Bishop]
- 5.24 Expander Guidelines (99-282) [Lamers]

The following agenda items were added or revised during the course of the meeting:

- 7.1 Echo Buffer Considerations (99-306r0) [Lamers]

3. Attendance and Membership

Attendance at working group meetings does not count toward minimum attendance requirements for T10 membership. Working group meetings are open to any person or organization directly and materially affected by T10's scope of work. The following people attended the meeting:

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44 People Present

Status Key: P - Principal
 A,A# - Alternate
 O - Observer
 L - Liaison
 V - Visitor

4. SPI-3 Topics

4.1 Cable Media Performance Testing (98-219, 99-111) [Ham]

George Penokie asked that discussion of this topic be considered under the SPI-3 Letter Ballot comments review.

4.2 SPI-3 Letter Ballot Comments Review [Penokie]

George Penokie stated that issues related to the cable testing material will be reviewed by the cable testing group meeting in December.

George reviewed the letter ballot comments from Advansys, Compaq, Seagate, Qlogic, and BREA Technologies. Not all of the letter ballot comments were discussed. Further review is planned for the December 2-3 meeting.

5. SPI-4 Topics

George Penokie asked that the group prepare electronic copies of all presentations *prior* to coming to the meeting. He stated that he plans to give priority to those presentations that are available prior to the meeting.

5.1 Load Compensation [Novak]

Vit Novak asked that discussion of this topic be deferred to the next meeting.

5.2 Cable/System Simulation Issues (99-204) [Wallace]

Dean Wallace reported that a study group met last week, minutes in 99-329.

5.3 Next Generation Cable Performance [Ham]

Bill Ham reported on the activities of the cable performance study group, minutes in 99-328.

5.4 SCSI out of band communications method (99-213) [Petty]

Bill Petty stated that no new material is available for discussion on this topic.

5.5 Presentation on Ultra320 (99-302) [Bastiani]

Vince Bastiani asked that this topic be removed from future agendas.

5.6 Extended Addressing for SPI-4 (99-249, 99-250) [Monia]

Larry Lamers asked that this topic be deferred to the SCSI protocol working group meeting, minutes in 99-309.

5.7 SPI-4 ISI reduction via transmit pre-compensation (99-260) [Petty]

Bill Petty noted that no new revision of the LSI ISI proposal is available at this time (no revision of 99-260). He then presented some preliminary ISI laboratory data (99-332r0).

5.8 SPI-4 timing budget utilizing receiver signal deskew method (99-261) [Petty]

Bill Petty noted that no new revision of the LSI deskew proposal is available at this time.

5.9 SPI-4 clocking proposal (99-262) [Petty]

Bill Petty asked that discussion of the clocking proposal be deferred to the next meeting.

5.10 Margin Control (99-264) [Lamers]

Larry Lamers presented a revised version of his proposal for a Margin Control command. His suggestion that this function be done instead with a message met resistance from people who preferred using a command. Larry noted that there is some issue of coupling the Margin Control command with subsequent Write and Read Buffer commands. While using linked commands seems like a logical way to do this coupling, a lot of people are opposed to linked commands. There was also a suggestion that the Send Diagnostic command should be expanded to include this function rather than defining a separate command.

A straw poll attempting to decide between the use of commands or messages for margin control was inconclusive.

Larry agreed to bring a revised proposal to the next working group meeting.

5.11 Setting Extended Addresses (99-273) [Milligan]

Gene Milligan reported that he will revise the document, per discussion at the last meeting. He asked that this topic be removed from the agenda for future meetings, noting that it can be reinstated when needed.

5.12 Flow Control & Continue I/O Process Flag (99-142) [Lamers]

Larry Lamers reviewed the proposal and its status with the group.

5.13 Fast-160 Presentation (99-300) [Patel]

Mayank Patel requested that this topic be dropped from the agenda.

5.14 Proposal for Fast-160 to be included in SPI-4 (99-295) [Milligan]

Gene Milligan started with an overview of the issues and agreements (99-327r0). Bruce Leshay and Vince Bastiani questioned the level of agreement on leaving the precompensation definition vendor specific, both felt that standardizing precompensation would be required for interoperability.

Gene continued with a review of the proposal (99-295r1). The group agreed to several changes in the proposal and Gene agreed to prepare a new revision for consideration at the next meeting.

5.15 Proposal for a training pattern for SPI-4 (99-297) [Evans]

Bruce Leshay asked that this item be dropped from the agenda.

Larry Lamers and Gene Milligan asked that a new agenda item be added to future agendas with no name or document number and the title "Physical Configuration Testing and Methodology".

5.16 Proposal for turn-on/turn-off of a free-running clock (99-298) [Evans]

Bruce Leshay asked that discussion of this topic be deferred to the next meeting.

5.17 How to verify goodness (99-305) [Bastiani]

Vince Bastiani asked that this item be dropped from the agenda.

5.18 Hot-Plug Problem & its Solution (99-319) [Herrmann]

Hank Herrmann described the current status of the variable resistance connector, designed for hot plugging. He explained the requirement that the variable resistance be on the disk drive as being related to the tolerances of the portion of the connector that has the maximum participation in the connection wipe. There was some discussion over whether or not the CRC and AIP features introduced in SPI-3 have overcome the need for a physical connector solution to hot plugging.

The group agreed to drop this item from future agendas.

5.19 Fast-160 Phase Encoded Data Enabling (99-323) [Moore]

The group recommended that the training management aspects of Richard's proposal be kept and other aspects be discarded. Richard agreed to bring a revised proposal to the next meeting.

5.20 Fast-160 Buffer Credit Transfer Mechanism (99-324) [Moore]

The group did not agree with the proposal and Richard dropped the proposal until he can find more support.

5.21 ISI Measurements for Ultra4 Discussion (99-326) [Smith]

Dan Smith presented ISI measurement data based on corrections in the test setup recommended by the last working group meeting.

5.22 ISI Measurements (99-337r0) [Bridgewater/Bastiani]

Wally Bridgewater informed the group of instances of voltage mode drivers in multi-drop environments:

<http://www.ednmag.com/endmag/reg/1999/061099/12ms466.htm>

He demonstrated aspects of the ISI problem and proposed solutions.

Vince Bastiani presented laboratory data on cross talk (99-338r0). It was noted that the data looks far worse than SCSI currently permits in cables. Vince decided to collect more data and present it at the next meeting.

5.23 Measurements of Compensation Schemes (99-335r0) [Bishop]

Andrew Bishop presented calculated and measured data on timing and amplitude ISI pre-compensation.

5.24 Expander Guidelines (99-282) [Lamers]

Larry Lamers presented a collection of requirements that should be placed on expanders. The group reviewed the proposal and asked for some changes. Noting that the proposal is a work in progress, Larry asked everybody to review the proposal and send him comments.

6. Domain Validation Technical Report Topics

Larry Lamers asked that discussion of this topic be deferred to the next meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 Echo Buffer Considerations (99-306r0) [Lamers]

Larry presented a proposal to change some of the definition of the echo buffer. The group requested changes and Larry agreed to prepare a revised proposal.

8. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the SCSI Physical Working Group will be Thursday, December 2, 1999 commencing at 1 p.m. recessing on Thursday evening and resuming at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 1999 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel (507-281-8000) in Rochester, MN hosted by Western Digital (see 99-318). The following meeting is Monday, January 10, 2000 commencing at 1 p.m. recessing on Monday evening and resuming at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at the Marriott Resort (+61-7-5592-9800) in Surfer's Paradise, Queensland, Australia hosted by ENDL Pacific Technologies.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 2, 1999.