

## Seagate's Objection to Minutes of October 2004 Meeting

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At the December 2004 T13 meeting, a vote was done to approve the minutes of the October 2004 T13 meeting #49. The vote passed 12 in favor, 1 opposed (Seagate).

The following are Seagate's reasons for voting NO.

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The official minutes were published October 27, 2004 as 2004 document 'e04152r1'.  
[http://t13.org/docs2004/e04152r1-October\\_Plenary\\_Minutes.pdf](http://t13.org/docs2004/e04152r1-October_Plenary_Minutes.pdf)

My objection is that certain statements I made regarding the interaction of T13 with the SATA-IO organization were not recorded (anywhere) in the official minutes.

At the December plenary meeting, I will officially request that the minutes of the meeting be ammended to reflect this.

I am supplying suggested text for inclusion in the revised minutes.

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(section 7.4.1 SCT BIST Proposal)

"There was heated discussion about whether this proposal would add data to a log page reserved for SATA. Curtis indicated that this proposes a new T13 log page which contains a copy of a log page defined in SATA-II extensions, with an additional counter."

"Jim Hatfield objected, indicating that this proposal appears to be  
(a) defining a new feature for serial-only ATA devices (with the new log page) and  
(b) this new log page effectively would set the T13 specification as a superset of the SATA-II Extensions document, creating devices that comply with ATA/ATAPI-8 but not with SATA-II Extensions, and  
(c) that the SATA-IO organization has juristiction over new SATA-specific behavior."

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(section 8.4 Device Initiated Power Management)

"Jim Hatfield objected, indicating that this proposal appears to be  
(a) an attempt to re-document (in a T13 document) some IDENTIFY bits that are officially "Reserved for Serial ATA", and (b) those bits are defined in the SATA-II Extensions documents, and  
(c) that the SATA-IO organization has juristiction over new SATA-specific behavior."

"Jim Hatfield referenced a letter from SATA-IO to T13 regarding copyright licenses indicating

that SATA-IO would not be granting a copyright release to T13 for the SATA-II Extensions documents. In addition, stated that this proposal should be brought to SATA-IO for discussion before bringing it to T13."

"Various T13 members discussed an idea that since the SATA-II Extensions have been published in a public place, that the copyright law allows "concepts" to be freely brought into T13 as long as the exact "words, pictures or diagrams" are not copied. Jim objected to this interpretation."

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