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SJ: Correction of Editorial Error and Forwarding of X3.298:199x Revision 7b ATA-3

This is to confirm the request I made to hold X3.298 Revision 7a of ATA-3 and not forward it to BSR even though it passed the X3 letter ballot without comment as in our telephone conversation last week and to transmit the resulting X3.298:199x Revision 7b of ATA-3.

X3T13 approved the correction of ACCESS RESTRICTIONS in clauses 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.2.10, 5.2.11, and 5.2.12 in X3.298:199x Revision 7a from "DMARQ" to "DMACK-" in Revision 7b with the observation that X3T13 views it as a substantive editorial correction restoring the continuing ATA requirement and authorizing the Chair to request at least a press release noting the restoration of this requirement by a roll call vote 20:0:0:8.

I am requesting that the X3 Secretariat either follow preferred course (a) or alternatively (b):

a) issue a press release to the effect of the attached suggested press release and forward Revision 7b to BSR.

or

b) conduct a second public review (two month) and simultaneously a X3 letter ballot for forwarding X3.298:199x Revision 7b ATA-3 to BSR.

Regards,

G.E. Milligan
T13 Chair

Attachments:

Suggested Press Release
X3.298:199x Revision 7a of ATA-3

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Suggested Press Release

"NCITS Announces the correction of a substantive editorial error in X3.298:199x, AT Attachment Interface (ATA-3) Revision 7a and the approval of a corrected X3.298:199x, AT Attachment Interface (ATA-3) Revision 7b

Washington D.C., February 1997 - Accredited Standards Committee NCITS, National Committee for Information Technology Standards is announcing the correction of a substantive editorial error in X3.298:199x, AT Attachment Interface (ATA-3) Revision 7a and the approval of a corrected X3.298:199x, AT Attachment Interface (ATA-3) Revision 7b. Development of this draft standard is being done in technical committee X3T13, I/O Interface - AT Attachment.

This draft standard specifies the AT Attachment Interface between host systems and storage devices. It provides a common attachment interface for system manufacturers, system integrators, software suppliers, and suppliers of intelligent storage devices. The application environment for the AT Attachment Interface is any host system that has storage devices contained within the processor enclosure. This standard defines the connectors and cables for physical interconnection between host and storage device, as well as, the electrical and logical characteristics of the interconnecting signals. It also defines the operational registers within the storage device, and the commands and protocols for the operation of the storage device.

This standard maintains a high degree of compatibility with the AT Attachment Interface with Extensions (ATA-2) standard, X3.279:1996, and while providing additional functions, is not intended to require changes to presently installed devices or existing software.

As part of the effort to reorganize the presentation of the requirements, during the development of the ATA-3 draft proposed Standard, X3T13 erroneously listed "DMARQ" as an access restriction in ten clauses when the item should have been "DMACK-". This was totally an editorial error and did not reflect the intent of the Technical Committee X3T13 but it is important for implementors to be aware of the error.

X3T13 has corrected the editorial error by changing "DMARQ" in the ACCESS RESTRICTIONS of clauses 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.2.10, 5.2.11, and 5.2.12 in X3.298:199x Revision 7a to "DMACK-" in Revision 7b as they were intended to be defined.

Submit any questions you may have about the correction of this editorial error to: X3 Secretariat, Attn.: Deborah Donovan, 1250 Eye Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, Email: ddonovan@itic.nw.dc.us. Send a copy to: ANSI, Attn.: BSR Center, 11 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

Copies of Revision 7b of this draft with the substantive editorial corrections can be purchased from Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way East, Englewood, CO 80112-5704. 1-800-854-7179 or 303-792-2181."