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To: X3T9.2 SCSI Committee
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Subject: Write with Length = 0

PROPOSAL: On page 9-35 (WRITE command), the last sentence of the fourth paragraph should be deleted and replaced with:

A transfer length of zero for the WRITE command shall not be considered an error. When a transfer length of zero is specified, nothing will be written to the tape media, however the device shall verify that it would be able to write if the transfer length was not zero. (For example, the device should verify that it is online and not write protected.)

JUSTIFICATION: The fourth paragraph on page 9-35 is confusing as to whether errors could be returned if the transfer length is zero. The replacement text provides clarification as to what errors could be returned.