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Action Requested

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Dear Del:

Subject: Preliminary Follow-Up and Reconsideration of X3LB 1776
Approval of X3/91-675R, Project Proposal, SCSI-3 Packetized Protocol and
assignment to X3T9

The above referenced ballot closed with a preliminary tally of 35-1-1-0. *[Secretariat Note: If this tally does not accurately reflect your vote, please notify the Secretariat within fifteen working days of the postmark of this letter]. X3T9 is required to respond to the negative. A project number will be assigned when SPARC determines that the negative has been satisfactorily addressed.

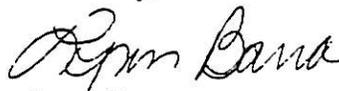
The NEGATIVE comment from EDS is attached.

The ABSTENTION vote from OSF: "No organizational interest."

X3: Please review these results. Those members wishing to change their votes to NO or ABSTAIN must send a letter on their organization letterhead stating this and explain the reasons for your position. Be sure to reference X3 letter ballot 1776 and the subject matter.

The reconsideration period will close at NOON, May 29, 1991.

Sincerely,



Lynn Barra
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There is no contesting the need in SCSI for this protocol. But this project is characterized as being bit serial and supporting long transmission paths. As such, it would seem to either belong in the X3S3 POW or require a strong liaison to X3S3.

The project is said to support a "closed system", but this should not mean an isolated system which is out of touch with prospective shared or common related resources as available from X3S3, X3T5 and IEEE projects on bit serial and long distance communication protocols. It is difficult to conceive of significant systems which would be operating in total isolation at the time this standard would be in its productive life. Even a "closed system" which is not in communication with the outside world should use and leverage the technology which is already developed and applied.

Ignoring the benefits of being compatible with the X3 strategic architecture, the OSI Reference Model, can mean the SCSI project will not benefit from sharing technology from relevant standards, e.g.,

- Management (of networks, systems and objects),
- Conformance Testing,
- Naming,
- Addressing,
- Directory Services and
- Security.

The conception of this project of being for "closed systems" need not mean isolation from the benefits of a large body of expertise, related standards and system implementations. To continue in isolation needlessly disadvantages prospective users of SCSI based systems.