Mr. Jean-Paul Emard  
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Dear Jean-Paul,

The Task Groups of X3T9 have some concerns about the proposed reorganization of X3T9 regarding the transition from Task Group status to Technical Committee status. We support this reorganization, but are concerned that the timing of the change could result in disruptions and confusion. John Lohmeyer discussed these issues by phone with you on Monday September 13, 1993 and you made several helpful suggestions. Roger Cummings and John Lohmeyer had the opportunity to discuss these issues in person with Kate McMillan on Thursday September 16, 1993. She was most helpful and suggested some further actions. The points discussed were:

**Potential disruptions in standards processing**

Since Del Shoemaker plans to retire after the December 1993 X3T9 meeting, there may be a "black-out" period during which the X3T9.n Task Groups will have no functional parent committee. If for some reason it is not possible to establish the new TCs by their first scheduled 1994 meetings, then we need some way to process standards until the new TCs are established. For reference, the task group meeting schedules for early 1994 are:

- X3T9.2 January 13-14, 1994
- X3T9.3 February 16, 1994
- X3T9.5 February 17, 1994

We have two requests:

1. Much as task groups can act as TAGs, we request a short-term expansion to allow X3T9.n Task Groups to forward documents directly to X3/OMC until the new TCs are established.

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2. We request that the press releases for the organizational meetings of the new TCs be expedited so that the above meeting schedules are not changed (which would affect hotel commitments).

Membership transfer

Kate explained that the transition of voting rights should work the same as the SPARC-to-OMC transition. At the initial meeting, all people present would have voting rights. Those task group voting members who miss the organizational meeting, but attend the second meeting are also accorded voting rights.

X3 Service Fees

Some members are concerned that they will be billed for TG membership, then re-billed for TC membership, upon establishment, doubling their 1994 obligations. I concur with your suggestion that the 1994 TG service fee be transferred to the appropriate TC. In those cases where a TG member’s fees were waived due to his/her participation on X3T9, the X3T9 fee should be transferred to one of the new TCs, but not all three.

Document subscription fees

The TG 1994 document subscription fees should be transferred in a similar manner to the X3 service fees.

X3T9.2 Editing Fund

The balance of the X3T9.2 editing fund should be transferred to X3T10.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving these concerns.

Sincerely,

John Lohmeyer, Roger Cummings, Gene Milligan,
Chair X3T9.2 Chair X3T9.3 Chair X3T9.5

cc: Kate McMillan, X3 Secretariat
Bill Rinehuls, Chair OMC
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Del Shoemaker, Chair X3T9