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Dear Bill:

Although there may currently be some exceptions to the rule, I believe that a statement of our original intent for the use of the sense information bytes in the Request Sense data will be helpful as a note to the system implementor:

Sense Key is normally used to trigger a standard software response by the SCSI driver or host operating system.

Additional Sense Code may be used to index into a table of standard messages to be displayed on the operator's console in response to some exception condition generated by the SCSI hardware.

Additional Sense Code Qualifier provides more detailed information than the Additional Sense Code. This information is usually not meant to be displayed during normal system operation. Additional Sense Code Qualifier information is normally provided as an aid to the system integration engineer and may or may not be standardized.

Best Regards - Wish I were there!



Steve Goldman
President

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