

4. Approval of Minutes of the November 9, 2001, Meeting

The Chair introduced the draft meeting minutes of the November 8, 2001, meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina (sent out in advance of the meeting as contribution T1E1/2001-074). The Chair asked the Secretary if she had received any proposed changes to the minutes. The Secretary indicated that she had received the following proposed changes:

-In section 8.3.7 the word "finding" should be changed to the word "funding."

-In section 8.7.2 the first sentence of the first paragraph, the title of T1.316-1997 in parentheses should be changed to "(Electrical Protection of Telecommunications Outside Plant)."

The Chair asked if there were any objections to these proposed modifications, and there were none. The draft minutes were approved as modified.

5. Early Patent Disclosure Statement

The Chair advised the Committee of Section 4.1.8k of the Committee T1 Procedures Manual. He stated that: Committee T1 has adopted the ANSI patent policy and, as such, early disclosure of patents which may be essential for the use of standards under development is encouraged; and disclosures of such patents may not be exhaustive of all patents that may be essential for the use of standards under development, and that neither Committee T1, the TSC, nor the TSC Chairman ensure the accuracy or completeness of any disclosure or whether any disclosure is of a patent that, in fact, may be essential for the use of a standard under development.

The Chair asked for any responses, and there were two, as follows:

Thomas Maudoux, Texas Instruments

Texas Instruments Inc. may hold patents regarding VDSL technology whose use may be required for compliance with T1E1.4 VDSL trial-use standards.

Texas Instruments Inc. hereby assures that a license will be made available to applicants under reasonable terms and conditions that are demonstrably free of any unfair discrimination.

Maynard Wright, Acterna

Last year Acterna disclosed the existence of patented intellectual property that may affect the implementation of maintenance signals being proposed for inclusion in T1.404 and affecting DS3 maintenance. Acterna agreed to license the patents under reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms.

Acterna wishes to supplement that disclosure by stating that the licenses will be made available royalty free.

The Chair asked if there were any additional responses and there were none.

6. Distribution of Documents

The Chair announced that he had two flashcards to be passed around the plenary, and that they contained the files for those documents to be discussed during the meeting. The files include the five Working Group reports numbered T1E1/2002-020 through T1E1/2002-024, plus the T1E1 numbered documents T1E1/2002-002, the draft agenda for this meeting, T1E1/2001-074, the draft of the Greensboro Meeting Minutes, and T1E1/2002-004 the Meeting Announcement for the April 2002 meeting of T1E1. The Chair also pointed out that the T1E1 numbered documents T1E1/2002-016 through -019 and T1E1/2002-025 were also available via flashcard. All these files were available for download from the local file server and the T1 web site.

7. Liaison Reports

These T1E1 Meeting Minutes are draft and subject to change and approval at the next T1E1 meeting. Any such changes will be reflected in the "Approval of the Meeting Minutes" section of the subsequent T1E1 Meeting Minutes.