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Ms. Frances Schrotter
American National Standards Institute
11 West 42nd Street
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Re: Serial Storage Architecture Standard
X3T10.1 Committee

Dear Ms. Schrotter:

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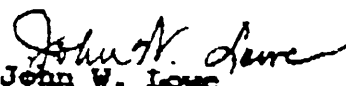
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Please update ANSI's records regarding JPEG, JBIG, Fiber Channel Standard, and any other standards which practice IBM patents, to reflect this new address. IBM is pleased to have supported the adoption and use of these standards by making licenses available under its patents.

Sincerely,


John W. Lowe
Program Manager, Licensing

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Chairman, X3T10.1 Committee
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EXHIBIT A

1. US Patent 4,486,739 issued December 4, 1984, ("Byte Oriented DC Balanced 8B/10B Partitioned Block Transmission Code"). IBM reference YO9820019.
2. US Patent 4,926,418 issued May 15, 1990, ("Fairness Algorithm For Full-Duplex Buffer Insertion Ring"). IBM reference YO9890009.
3. US Patent 5,003,308 issued March 26, 1991, ("Serial Data Receiver"). IBM reference UK9890010.
4. Patent Application 90GB-026336 filed December 4, 1990, published June 25, 1992 as WO9210894. ("Optimized Method of Data Communication And System Employing Same"). IBM reference UK9900045.
5. Patent Application 90GB-026338 filed December 4, 1990, published June 17, 1992 as GB2250897, ("Method Of Error Recovery In A Data Communication System"). IBM reference UK9900044.
6. Patent Application 91WO-G00254 filed February 19, 1991, published September 3, 1992 as WO9215058, ("Data Storage Subsystem"). IBM reference UK900047.
7. Patent Application 91WO-G00256 filed February 19, 1991, published September 3, 1992 as WO9215054, ("Data Transfer Between A Data Storage Subsystem And A Host System"). IBM reference UK9910010.
8. Patent Application 91EP-311325 filed December 5, 1991, published June 9, 1993 as EP-544954, ("Disk Drive Synchronization"). IBM reference UK9910058.
9. Patent Application 92GB-013240 filed June 23, 1992, published January 5, 1994 as GB2268374, ("Network Addressing"). IBM reference UK9920027.
10. Patent Application 92GB-013151 filed June 20, 1992, published January 5, 1994 as GB2268373, ("Error Recovery in an Information Communication System"). IBM reference UK9920028.