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Chairman X3T10

Subject: Seagate Patent Policy related to Standards

At the June ATA ad hoc meeting I was given an action item to request confirmation of the Seagate patent policy concerning patents that are required for conformance with approved standards. I completed that action and presented a summary of the policy in the July X3T10 plenary meeting. As a result of that presentation you requested a letter documenting the summary that I presented.

This letter completes both of the above action items as follows:

The Seagate patent counsel has stated that the subject patent policy is as follows:

In the event a proposed standard which Seagate has participated in the development of, is adopted and the standard cannot be practiced without the use of one or more issued patents, excluding design patents, which are now or hereafter owned or controlled by Seagate, Seagate agrees upon request to grant a non-exclusive license under such patent or patents on a nondiscriminatory basis and on reasonable terms and conditions including its then current royalty rates and provided a similar grant under licensee's patents within the scope of the license granted to licensee is made available upon request to Seagate.

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