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Mr. Robert Snively
 Chair, INCITS Technical Committee T11
 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
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RE: Licensing Statement for T11 Standards

Dear Mr. Snively:

Ciena Corporation has recently been granted U.S. Patent No. 6,765,871, which relates to the subject matter of the proposed T11 Standards.

If these proposed standards are adopted by ANSI as standards and any claims of the patent are necessary for practicing these standards, Ciena will offer to license the patent on reasonable, non-discriminatory terms, with reciprocity, to any person to the extent necessary to implement the standards.

Any questions regarding this policy or the involved patents should be directed to me.

Sincerely
