

Date: November 14, 2003

To: Robin Glasgow, SNIA Executive Director

cc: Phil Mills, SNIA Secretary
Mark Carlson, SNIA SMI TSG Chair
Arnold Jones, SNIA Technical Director
Tony DiCenzo, SNIA Standards Committee Chair
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Re: SMI-S Review Period and Essential Claim Disclosure

Brocade provides this written notice under Section 3.3.2 of the SNIA IP Policy Version 2.0

Brocade does not believe that any of its applications for patents include Essential Claims as defined in Section 2.6 of the IP Policy because the claims in the applications relate to enabling technologies for the SMI-S standard as defined in Section 2.6(iv)b, and thus are not required to be disclosed.

However, because the claims in U.S. Patent Applications Publication Numbers 2002/0110125 A1, 2002/0176417 A1 and 2002/0176434 A1, which relate to the concepts of zoning in Fibre Channel SANs, and of two other unpublished patent applications in the same area are related to enabling technologies for the SMI-S standard, as defined in Section 2.6(iv)b, Brocade nonetheless provides this written notice to show its reasonable and good faith efforts to comply with Section 3.3.2.

Brocade further indicates that should any of the applications, or patents issued therefrom, include Essential Claims, it will license those claims in accordance with Section 3.5 of the IP Policy.

Sincerely

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