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RE: Assurance Statement
T11, Information Technology Project – Fibre Channel Backbone, Generation 3

Dear Sir:

With respect to the INCITS IPR policy and accompanying guidelines Nortel Networks, submits this letter of assurance prior to approval of a standards specification from this project.

If Nortel Networks owns or controls granted patents, or pending applications that if issued may be essential to a Specification from this project, Nortel Networks states as its position with respect to licensing such issued patent(s), that a license will be made available to applicants under reasonable terms and conditions that are demonstrably free of any unfair discrimination for compliance with a standards specification from this INCITS project.

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Regards,

Kevin Smith