On 31 March, 1999, 10:00 Eastern time, a TGa LB18 comment resolution teleconference was held.

In attendance were:
Vic Hayes + Jan Boer + Richard van Nee
Naftali Chayat + Tal Kaitz
Hitoshi Takanashi
Bob O’Hara
John Fakatselis + Carl Andren + Al Petrick + Kent Rollins
Harry Worstell
Tom Tsolugianis
John Kowalski
Stanley Ling

Naftali Chayat guided the discussion and took those minutes.

Prior to teleconference Hitoshi prepared a tentative draft D4.3 incorporating tentative text corrections, and this was distributed by email to teleconference participants.

The participants went through the comments.

Comments 1-2 were very minor and did not address any technical essence, and therefore were approved. Comments 3-6 dealing with bit numbering conventions (0-7 instead of LSB-MSB, 0-23 instead of 1-24, 0-5 instead of 1-6) were also agreed to be considered as editorial.

Much of the discussion went into discussion whether incorporating Tal’s text in order to resolve comments 7 and 8 constitutes a technical change or a major editorial one. Vic claimed that since it will cause incompatible implementations between D4.0 and the proposed D4.3, it constitutes a technical change. This viewpoint was supported also by Bob O’Hara. Accepting such text change would mean that we need additional recirculation ballot and that we can go to sponsor ballot only after May meeting. On the other hand, once the draft is forwarded to sponsor ballot any comment can be resubmitted. After this explanation Tal Kaitz agreed to withdraw his comment.

Vic informed that he discovered two comments by Richard van Nee which did not make it into the consolidated comment file. However, during the teleconference Richard told that he’s withdrawing the comments for the time being.

Given that both Tal and Kazuhiro agree to withdraw their comments from LB18, it was decided that Hitoshi will prepare draft D4.5 by using D4.3 as a basis, but reversing the interleaver clause to its original state, as in D4.0. The draft D4.5 will be distributed for comparison with D4.0. After renaming it into draft D5.0, it will serve as a subject of the first Sponsor Ballot.

The TGa comment resolution part of the teleconference finished at 10:30 Eastern Standard Time, and transformed into a TGb comment resolution teleconference.