

Patent policy of IEEE P802.3

To: 802.3
From: Geoff Thompson, WG Chair
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The following is the current Patent Policy of P802.3. It is subject to modification to meet the real requirements of the IEEE.

In support of the patent policy of the IEEE the CSMA/CD Working Group has the policy to solicit submissions from those parties who hold patents (U.S. or foreign) that have been granted or are under application and who feel that such patents cover technology described in a CSMA/CD WG standard that is under development or has been approved.

The request is that any such party submit a letter to be kept on file at the IEEE Standards office. These letters will be made available to any party upon request. We ask assurance that any granted patent will be licensed to all applicants on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. The letter should also include contact information that will be appropriate as a long term reference point.

The submitter should feel free to include any other information that they wish to communicate in such a letter that will be available on a long term basis.

The letter should be addressed and submitted to the Working Group Chair and signed by a responsible party that holds or will hold assignment rights to the patent.

Patent response letter

(on company letterhead)

(date)

Company Officer or Designee
Company Address

Dear Gary R. Chair:

This letter is written in response to your letter of (date), which requested that (company) confirm to the IEEE that we will provide licenses under our (country) Patent # with respect to the proposed IEEE Pnnn standard. In that regard:

In the event the proposed standard is adopted and the standard cannot be practiced without the use of the cited patent, (company) agrees upon written request to grant a nonexclusive license under such patent on a nondiscriminatory basis and on reasonable terms and conditions.

This letter does not grant any right to the IEEE with respect to (company) copyrights or other intellectual property rights that relate to the proposed standard. Any party interested in the license described above may write to (name of contact person) at the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

Jane Q. Company
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