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Re: Patent Rights Statement - SONET Standard

The American National Standards Institute has recently approved an American National Standard concerning Synchronous Transmission of Optical Digital Signals. This standard is:

ANSI-T1.105-1988 American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy Optical Interface Rates and Formats Specification (Approved September 15, 1988)

Pursuant to Section 7.4 of the American National Standards
Institute Procedures for Management and Coordination of American
National Standards, Bellcore states that it believes that it
holds or may hold patent rights to one or more currently existing
inventions whose use would be required for implementation of the

above-identified Standard, and that without compensation it will grant to any person similarly granting the same to Bellcore and to its Owner companies and their Affiliates freedom from prosecution under any such patent rights for infringement thereof resulting solely from compliance with such Standard.

Respectfully,

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