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Re: Patent Statement in Reference to 100Base-T4 Technology

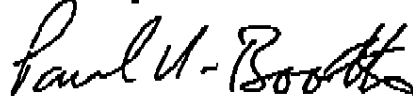
To Whom It May Concern:

3Com Corporation is pleased to confirm the following:

3Com has applied for a United States patent relating to 3Com's 100Base-T4 technology and coding scheme (Title: Method and Apparatus for Implementing a Type 8B6T Encoder and Decoder) which has previously been presented by 3Com to the IEEE 802.3 Committee. If this patent is issued to 3Com, and if the standards adopted by the foregoing Committee require use of this patent, 3Com will license the patent for such use at a reasonable cost on a non-discriminatory basis to any party who requests such license, provided such party agrees to license 3Com its applicable patents, if any, on reciprocal terms.

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