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RE: Maximum Transition Run (MTR) Codes for Data Storage Systems, University of Minnesota  
Docket No. 96025

Dear Mr. Malek:

Thank you for your letter; it provided the clarity that I needed. In your letter you asked three questions. Let me try to answer them for you.

The first question is:

a) Is this a technology that Seagate is interested in using?

The MTR coding idea is something I expect to be a part of most future codes used in magnetic recording. Yes, Seagate is interested in the technology.

The second and third questions are:

b) Is this a technology you would like to see kept inside the consortium only?

c) Is this a technology that Seagate would like to have exclusive rights to sub-license to other companies outside the consortium?

Let me answer both of the questions by saying that Seagate's only interest is to have royalty free access to the technology.

Our business is to provide disc drives to the world, other activities such as sub-licensing would result in diverting rare and valuable talent away from the task of designing, building, and delivering disc drives.

Seagate wants unrestricted access to the technology. How this technology is used by others is of no concern to Seagate.

Sincerely,

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cc: Professor Jay Moon