

**From:** [Chen, Lily \(Fed\)](#)  
**To:** [Regenscheid, Andrew R. \(Fed\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: IPR issue on PQC  
**Date:** Monday, October 24, 2016 1:13:57 PM

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Hi, Andy:

Before you left, you asked me to talk with Matt to see if we can reach Ajit's superior. I want you know that I talked with Matt. He does not think talking with Ajit's superior can change the situation. The e-mail is essentially an update on the situation.

As we discussed, practically, we probably can do what we prefer. That is, choose IPR free if we can. On the other hand, if we change the policy, it means we considered the comments seriously, which I think is very important. Considering the effort we made in the past three years, this is not helpful to our public image. We do not have a convincing reason to tell people why we moved away from IPR free requirements.

At this point, let's not delay the finalization of the CFP.

Lily

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**From:** Regenscheid, Andrew (Fed)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 11:17:48 AM  
**To:** Chen, Lily (Fed)  
**Subject:** Re: IPR issue on PQC

Lily,

I just got back on Sunday and I'm digging out from my emails. I didn't get many chances to read emails last week.

I'm not sure what you're asking or recommending here. Ajit's situation is a bit strange. He technically reports to Gordon Gillerman, but not everything Ajit does falls under Gordon. So it's not obvious that Gordon is in a position to "overrule" Ajit.

What would you like me to do? Do you want me to get Gordon to talk to Henry and try to get an agreement that we can go back to a "royalty-free" requirement? Or do you simply want to go with the general agreement we came to at our meeting with Henry, which was to keep in an option for RAND licensing terms, but add text emphasizing our strong preference for royalty-free?

-Andy

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**From:** Lily Chen <lily.chen@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 4:08 PM  
**To:** Andrew Regenscheid <andrew.regenscheid@nist.gov>  
**Subject:** IPR issue on PQC

Hi, Andy:

I just let you know that I talked with Matt. It feels like we probably do not have much more to change other than to enhance the statement in the final version about the preference. Do we know what is the level of Ajit's superior? If we still cannot do anything by next week, we probably just revise based on what we can emphasize.

The trip to Boston must be emotionally exhaustive. Hope you and Kelly can give yourself some time to recover. I am on my way out but will be in touch by e-mail.

Take care,

Lily