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Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and gifs

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Here's more.....

Unisys official statement regarding patent use:

<http://lpf.ai.mit.edu/Patents/Gif/unisys.html>

and here is the CompuServe license agreement.

[http://lpf.ai.mit.edu/Patents/Gif/gif\\_lic.html](http://lpf.ai.mit.edu/Patents/Gif/gif_lic.html)

To me, it sounds as if they would want to charge RSI 1.5% of the cost of an IDL license EACH YEAR for the use of GIF/LZW format.

I would imagine that at least some end users would be willing to pay that cost in order to keep GIF around for legacy purpose. However, my impression is that RSI has not yet sorted out with CompuServe exactly how this agreement would work.

Dick French

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