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Intellectual Property Rights Policy

Exhibit 3: Intellectual Property Rights and Notices

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References:

[1] Internet Engineering Task Force, "The Internet Standards Process – Revision 3", October 1996, RFC 2026 and references therein, <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2026>