To: Unicode Technical Committee
From: Deborah Anderson, UC Berkeley
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RE: Information on L2/06-040 ("Proposal to add old Cyrillic titlo-letters to the UCS" by Alexej Kryukov et al.)

The characters in the proposal by Alexej Kryukov, L2/06-040, were approved by the UTC at the February 2006 meeting, pending requested modifications to the names (i.e., delete "OLD" in the names, and rename the set to the formula "COMBINING CYRILLIC LETTER XXX WITH TITLO"). The characters were added to the "Pipeline" at 2DE0..2DF5.

However, in subsequent communication with Mr. Kryukov it became clear that the UTC's requested name-change would cause problems in his "precomposed" approach of encoding the letters and titlos together. He also mentioned that there are combinations of letters and titlos that medievalists or those working with the handwriting tradition may need that were not covered by the proposal. This suggested the encoding of an independent COMBINING LITERAL TITLO might be warranted. Because this would substantially alter the proposal, I did not recommend Mr. Kryukov forward the proposal to WG2 and he agreed with this.

The characters as proposed in L2/06-040 need to be removed from the "Pipeline."

The new proposal by Mr Kryukov et al., L2/06-172, addresses many of the issues that were raised in our discussion of the first proposal.