

Bus Arbiter and Mode Control

- **Bus arbitration is needed since there are three external (to IOP 80186) bus masters, viz. rigid disk DMA controller, Ethernet controller, and PCE 80186**
- **Bus mode control is needed to switch between the IOP 80186 and the PCE 80186 execution**

- **Arbitration functions:**

 - Field HOLD requests from rigid disk and Ethernet controllers

 - Determine highest priority device (Ethernet - 1, rigid disk- 2)

 - Pass HOLD request to Mode Control

 - Pass HOLDA from Mode Control to controller being granted the bus

 - Suspend rigid disk DMA activity when Ethernet requests service

- **Mode control functions:**

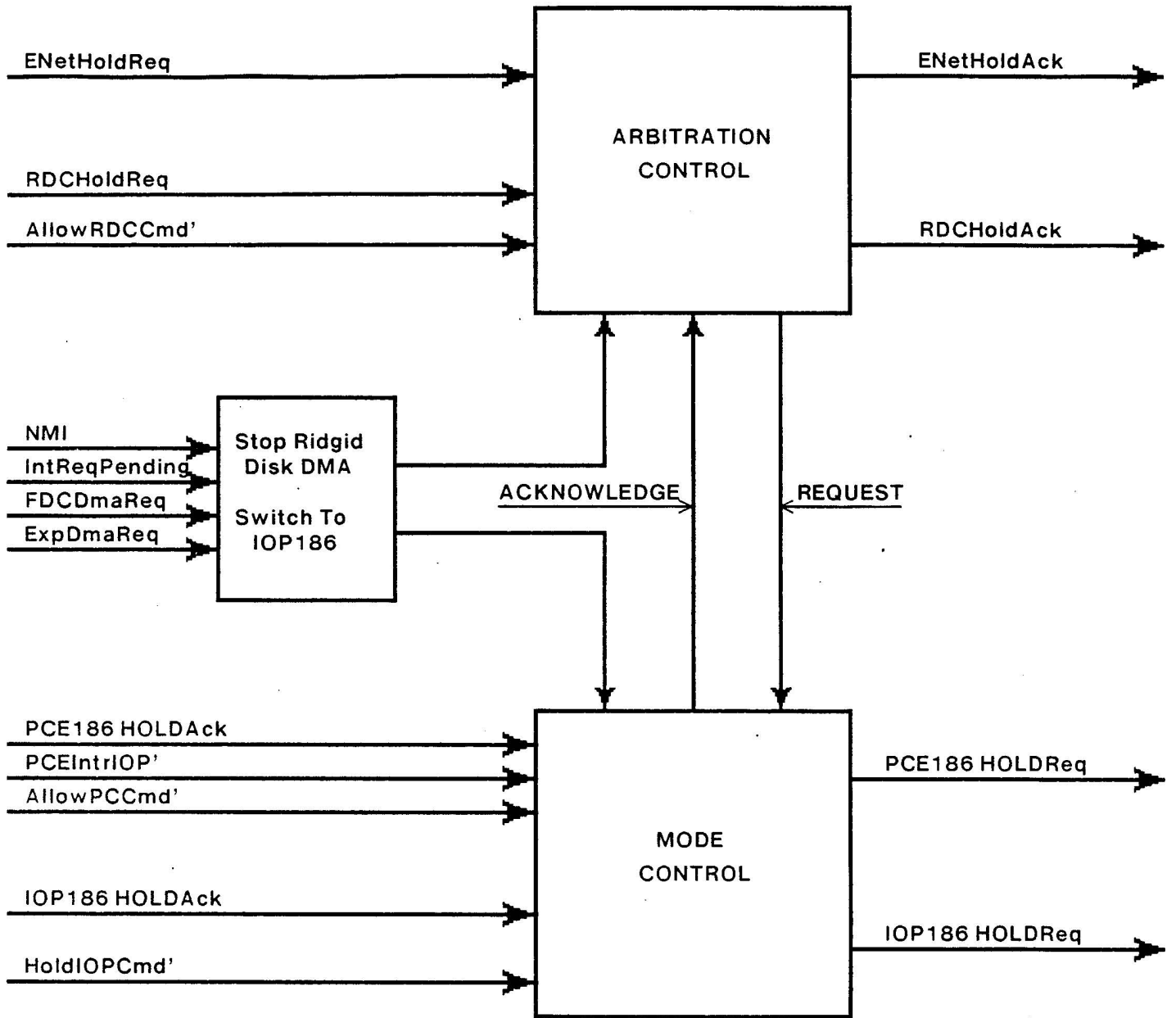
 - Determine which of the 80186s should be bus master

 - Pass HOLD request from Arbiter to current 80186 bus master

 - Pass HOLDA from bus master to Arbiter

 - IOP to PCE switch is under IOP control (output instruction)

 - PCE to IOP switch is caused by any interrupt, PCE I/O trap, or RESET



MAJOR FLOW CONTROL

- o Arbitration Control Fields Hold Requests from Ethernet and Ridgid Disk
- o Arbitration Control Generates Hold Request to Mode Control
- o Mode Control Generates Hold Request to Current 186 Bus Master
- o Current 186 Bus Master Notifies Mode Control Through Hold Acknowledge When Bus Mastership is Terminated
- o Mode Control Passes Hold Acknowledge to Arbitration Control
- o Arbitration Control Acknowledges Highest Priority Requesting Device

Priority #1 = Ethernet
Priority #2 = Ridgid Disk

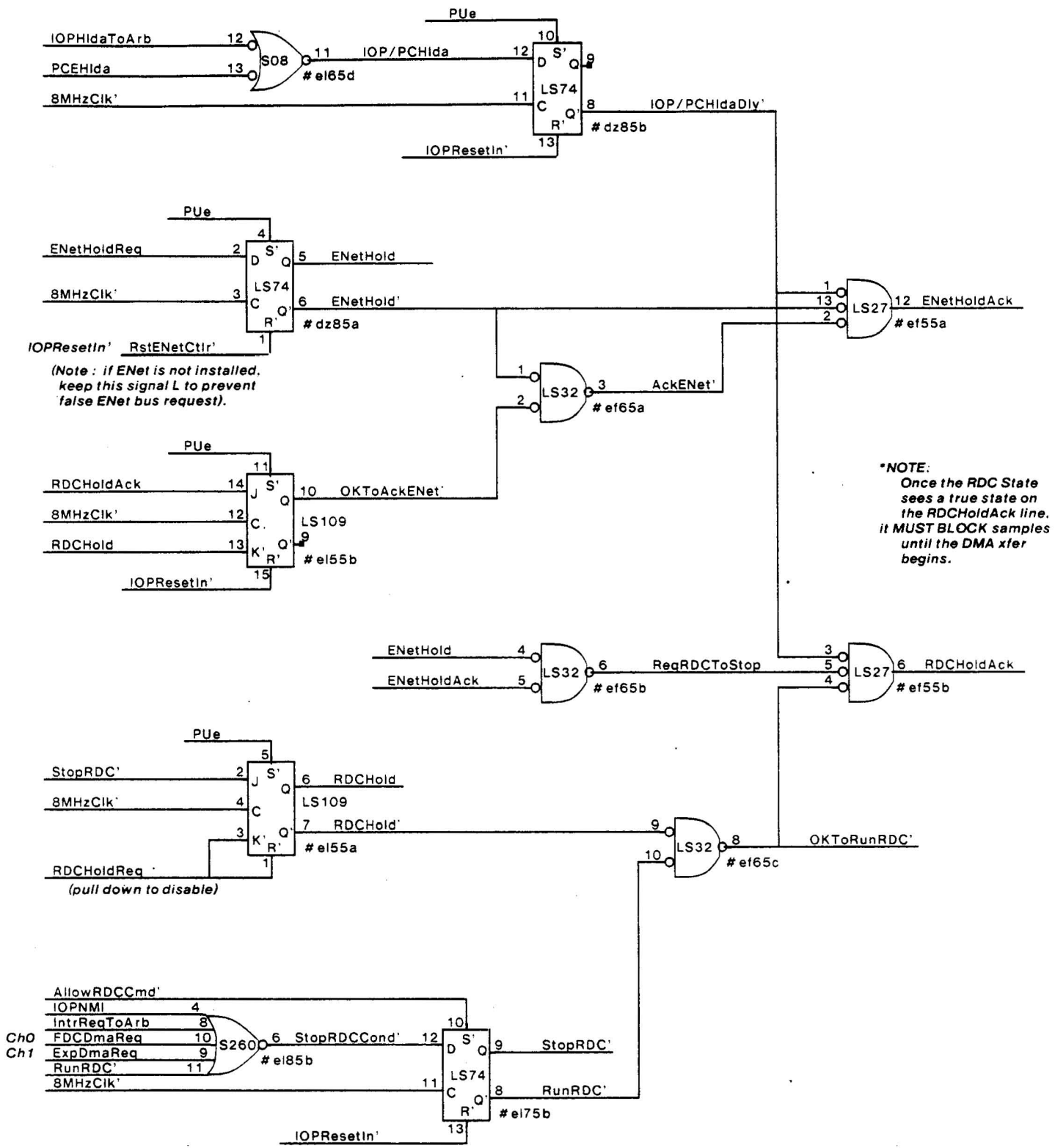
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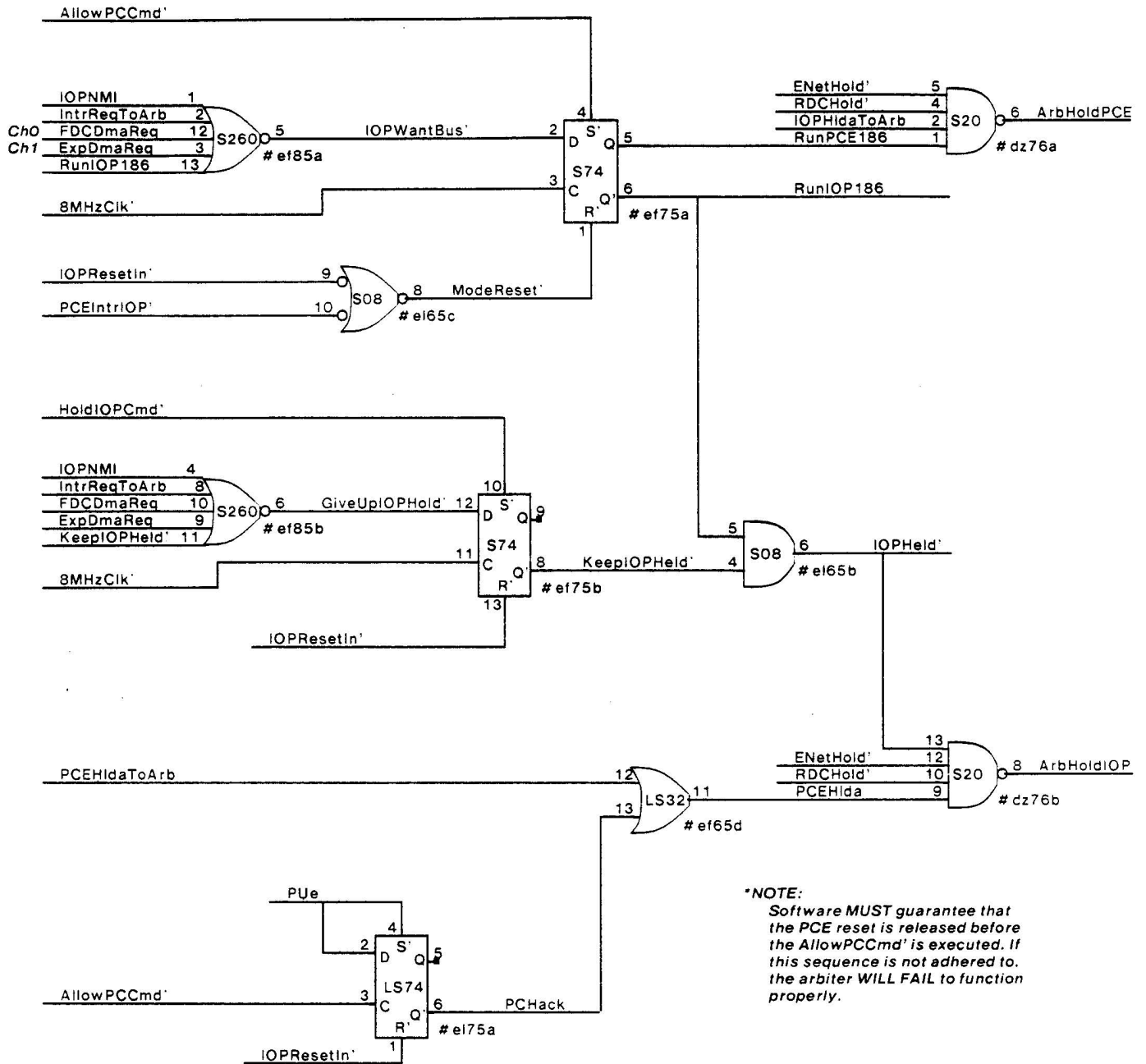
MODE CONTROL

- o When Commanded By AllowPCCmd', Hold IOP186 Then Grant Bus Mastership to the PCE186
- o Terminate PCE186 Bus Mastership When It Executes an I/O Instruction
- o When Commanded By HoldIOPCmd', Hold the IOP186 Until Arbiter Notification to Release the Hold

ARBITRATION CONTROL

- o Terminate Ridgid Disk Bus Mastership Whenever Ethernet Requests Service
- o When Commanded By AllowRDCCmd', Honor Ridgid Disk Hold Requests
- o When the Following Conditions are True, Notify the Arbitration Control and Mode Control
 - * Non Maskable Interrupt
 - * Any Pending Interrupt
 - * Floppy Disk Requires DMA Service
 - * Expansion Slot Requires DMA Service





***NOTE:**
 Software MUST guarantee that the PCE reset is released before the AllowPCCmd' is executed. If this sequence is not adhered to, the arbiter WILL FAIL to function properly.