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#### Subject: IEEE P802.3as Frame Expansion

Dear Colleagues,

The IEEE P802.3as Task Force would like to update you on our status.

The 802.3 WG has approved P802.3as/Draft 2.1. This draft adds the envelope frame that has a maximum size of 2000 bytes. The maximum Ethernet MAC client data field will remain 1500 bytes. As a result, 482 octets are available for use by encapsulation protocols.

Our anticipated timeline is to proceed to IEEE 802 sponsor ballot in January 2006. This would likely result in approval of the Frame Format Extensions Amendment to 802.3-2005 in June 2006.

Additional information on the task force can be found on the group website <http://www.ieee802.org/3/as/>

We wish to thank the leadership and the members of ITU-T SG15 for the inquiry that influenced our project and look forward to the continuation of the exchange of information on topics of common interest to our organizations.

Regards,

Kevin Daines, Chair, IEEE P802.3as Task Force