

IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet

Closing Plenary Report

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Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (2/5) Task Force Meeting Phase



Objectives

Define a mechanism to reduce power consumption during periods of low link utilization for the following PHYs

- 100BASE-TX (Full Duplex)
- 1000BASE-T (Full Duplex)
- 10GBASE-T
- 10GBASE-KR
- 10GBASE-KX4

• Define a protocol to coordinate transitions to or from a lower level of power consumption

• The link status should not change as a result of the transition

• No frames in transit shall be dropped or corrupted during the transition to and from the lower level of power consumption

 The transition time to and from the lower level of power consumption should be transparent to upper layer protocols and applications

Objectives

- Define a 10 megabit PHY with a reduced transmit amplitude requirement such that it shall be fully interoperable with legacy 10BASE-T PHYs over 100 m of Class D (Category 5) or better cabling to enable reduced power implementations.
- Any new twisted-pair and/or backplane PHY for EEE shall include legacy compatible auto negotiation

Goals for this Meeting

- Continue to identify the challenges for this project
 - Document structure
 - Architecture
- Continue hearing proposals

Lay the ground work for the next meeting



- Peak attendance: 45, average:31
- Heard 15 presentations
- Joint meeting with 802.1 DCB folks
 - Hoped to meet with AVB as well but it didn't work out that way ...
- Adopted two proposals into the baseline
- Adopted a timeline

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15 presentations

- 2 of these submitted at the meeting
 - One of these an update to show alignment with another proposal
- □ 10GBase-T Active / Low Low-Power Idle Toggling
- Negotiation Proposal for LPI EEE
- Low-Power Idle for 1000bT
- □ Another View of Low Power Idle / Idle Toggle
- A "Subset PHY" Approach for 10GBASE-KR Energy Efficient Ethernet
- Enhancements to the Low-Power Idle Mode

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Presentations - continued

- Twisted Pair Subset PHY
- 1000BASE-T Low-Power Idle Update
- Terminology Proposal for LPI EEE
- LPI Synchronization Feasibility Questions
- Technical Open Items for LPI
- A pathway to Asymmetric EEE GPHY
- □ Low-Power Idle based EEE 100Base-TX
- 10GBase-T Active / Low-Power Idle Toggling with Sense Interval (update/aligned with "Enhancements to LPI")
- The European (Commission) COC

802.1-802.3az meeting

Met with 802.1 DCB folks

□ Feedback from them includes:

- We asked for traffic patterns for testing and simulations
 Data centers with the traffic of most interest won't share the data
- They want granularity in the way to control energy savings
- Asked them what is the maximum tolerable latency or range of latencies
 - No easy answers
 - □ Lower latency the better

802.1-802.3az meeting

- Met with 802.1 DCB folks
 - □ Feedback continued:
 - Congestion Notification mainly concerned with 1G/10G links
 - Asymmetry not seen as an issue
 - Concerned with buffering, milliseconds not preferred

Will have a joint plenary meeting in July Present an update of our work

- I think traffic simulations will be important for this meeting
- Discuss concerns and ways to solve problems

Adopted proposals

Motion #1

802.3az Task Force adopt 100BASE-TX Low Power Idle proposal in chou_01_0308.pdf as part of the baseline solution for Energy Efficient Ethernet

Moved by: Dan Dove Second by: Hugh Barrass

Yes: 15 No:4 Abstain:6 Technical motion; 75% required to pass Motion Passed 79%

Adopted proposals

Motion #2

802.3az Task Force adopt 1000BASE-T Low-Power Idle proposal in healey_01_0308.pdf as part of the baseline solution for Energy Efficient Ethernet.

Moved by: Hugh Barrass Second by: Robert Hays

Yes: 24 No:7 Abstain:2 Technical motion; 75% required to pass Motion Passed 77%

Adopted timeline

Motion

802.3az Task Force adopt the timeline presented in eee-timeline_0308.pdf

Moved by: Dan Dove Second by: Wael Diab

Yes: 30 No:0 Abstain:0 Technical motion; 75% required to pass Motion Passed 100%

Adopted timeline



Future Meetings

- May 2008 Interim
 - □ Tuesday, May 13 through Thursday, May 15
 - Hilton Munich City Downtown
 - Munich, Germany
 - □ Watch <u>http://ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html</u> for updates

July 2008 Plenary

- □ Week of July 14 July 17
- Hyatt Regency Denver
- Denver, Colorado
- Future meeting information at:
 - http://www.ieee802.org/meeting/index.html

Thank You!