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Subject: Update on the progress of the Ethernet in the First Mile Copper Sub Task Force

Dear Chairmen, Members of Working Group T1E1.4,

The IEEE 802.3ah "Ethernet in the First Mile" Task Force thanks you for your liaison of December 3, 2002, regarding VDSL Line Code Evaluation and Decision, and wishes to inform you of its recent progress.

The "Ethernet in the First Mile" Task Force held its tenth meeting this week (January 6-9) in Vancouver, BC. The Task Force is continuing the review process for the draft standard that references the T1E1.4 Trial Use VDSL standard (T1.424/Trial-Use) and ITU-T Recommendation G.993.1 for the short-reach Copper PHY (10PASS-TS). At this meeting, the Task Force also adopted a proposal based on ITU-T Recommendation G.991.2 for the long-reach Copper PHY (2BASE-TL).

We welcome your effort to schedule an additional interim meeting in the June-July time frame, with a preference for June 18-19, to facilitate a timely resolution of the VDSL Line Code Evaluation process, and propose to coordinate an EFM Task Force interim meeting in order to optimize the exchange of information between our committees.

We continue to encourage liaison on this matter and we welcome the cross-membership participation in the process.

Regards,

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