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Cc: Bob Grow, IEEE802.3 Chair

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 February 24, 2003, regarding VDSL Line Code Evaluation Schedule, and wishes to inform you of its recent progress.

The "Ethernet in the First Mile" Task Force held its eleventh meeting this week (March 11-13) at DFW Airport, TX. The Task Force is continuing the review process for its draft standard, currently IEEE Draft 802.3ah/D1.3 (soon to be replaced by IEEE Draft 802.3ah/D1.414), which references T1.424/Trial-Use and ITU-T Recommendation G.993.1 for the short-reach Copper PHY (10PASS-TS), and ITU-T Recommendation G.991.2 for the long-reach Copper PHY (2BASE-TL).

We are pleased to read that you are on track to make a VDSL linecode decision within the previously discussed timelines, and wish to inform you of our intent to schedule an additional interim meeting on June 24th and 25th, 2003. At this meeting, we plan to approve creation of the draft standard intended for submittal to Working Group ballot at the plenary meeting of the IEEE 802.3 Working Group in July 2003. As we have stated before, we look forward to the results of your linecode evaluation process, and will give due weight to a timely VDSL linecode decision made by your committee.

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

Regards,

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