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We would like to inform you in this communication that Q.4/15 has a goal to define a generic logical Packet interface for the gamma reference point that is common for all VDSL, ADSL and SHDSL Recommendations. As previously communicated to the IEEE 802.3ah Task Force, this interface is already contained in Annex H of approved VDSL Recommendation G.993.1. It is also part of the second-generation ADSL Recommendations, G.992.3 and G.992.4, which achieved "Consent" status at this Study Group meeting. In addition, it is under discussion for inclusion in next-generation SHDSL Recommendations.

Our intent is to define a common packet interface for all DSLs, such that a protocol layer defined above this reference point may be used with any of them.

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