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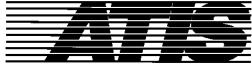
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Subject: VDSL Line Code Evaluation and Decision

Gentlemen,

At the August, 2002 meeting of Technical Subcommittee T1E1, Working Group T1E1.4 agreed to: (1) initiate work on defining selection criteria for the VDSL line code, and (2) to decide on a single line code for the next issue of our VDSL standard T1.424. The selection criteria and an appropriate test plan will be developed, which should also include any other (non-testable) criteria that are relevant for the VDSL line code selection.

The goal is to come to a final decision on the VDSL line code not later than the August 2003 T1E1 meeting. Every attempt will be made to finish this work earlier, if possible. Please note that T1E1 recognizes your scheduled IEEE 802 Plenary meeting in July 2003 as well as the likelihood of an interim 802.3ah meeting in late August or September. This proposed time line was accepted by wide consensus within T1E1.4.

Technical Subcommittee T1E1 realizes that current and future work within IEEE 802.3ah may influence, and be influenced by, any such decision. We are therefore very much interested in strong and consistent liaison communications between our groups, in order ensure a broadly embraced, successful completion of this task. In addition, we trust that the process as well as the outcome of the T1E1.4 effort will be given due consideration in your standardization work.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me as shown below.

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