EPoC Proposal for Project Objectives

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OBJECTIVE 1 (Proposed modification)

 Specify at least one PHY to support subscriber access networks using the EPON protocol and operating on point-to-multipoint RF distribution plants comprised of all-coaxial cable or hybrid fiber/coaxial media.

OBJECTIVE 2 (previously adopted)

 Maintain compatibility with 1G-EPON and 10G-EPON, as currently defined in IEEE Std. 802.3 with minimal augmentation to MPCP and/or OAM if needed to support the new PHY.

OBJECTIVE 3 (new)

 Develop a channel model describing a typical real-world coaxial cable plant under which to define the baseline plant conditions of the specification.

OBJECTIVE 4 (new)

- Provide at least one physical layer specification that is capable of operating at :
 - A baseline data rate of 1 Gbps at the MAC/PLS service interface when transmitting in 120 MHz, or less, of assigned spectrum under defined baseline plant conditions;
 - A data rate lower than the baseline data rate when transmitting in less than 120 MHz of assigned spectrum or maintaining error performance when plant conditions prevent a higher data rate;
 - A data rate higher than the baseline data rate and up to 10 Gbps when transmitting in assigned spectrum and channel conditions that permit;

OBJECTIVE 5 (previously adopted)

• PHY to support symmetric and asymmetric data rate operation.

OBJECTIVE 6 (previously adopted)

 PHY to support symmetric and asymmetric spectrum assignment for bidirectional transmission.

OBJECTIVE 7 (previously adopted)

 PHY to support independent configuration of upstream and downstream transmission operating parameters.

OBJECTIVE 8 (previously adopted)

 PHY to operate in the cable spectrum assigned for its operation without causing harmful interference to any signals or services carried in the remainder of the cable spectrum

OBJECTIVE 9 (proposed modification)

 PHY to have a BER at the upstream and downstream receivers better than or equal to 10⁻¹⁰ at the MAC/PLS service interface.