

IEEE 802.3 Frame Expansion

CFL/ad hoc Report

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Outline

- **Progress related to work request**
- **Concerns raised**
- **Questions for IEEE 802.1**
- **Plan for IEEE 802.3 closing**
- **Plan for September interim**

Tue & Wed

- **Met all day Tuesday in ad hoc mtg**
 - **Discussed concerns**
 - **Reviewed proposed frame format changes**
 - **Created list of questions for IEEE 802.1**
 - **Captured items to research in September**
- **Presented progress in IEEE 802.1/802.3 joint technical plenary Wednesday morning**

Summary of concerns

- **Is this absolutely necessary?**
- **Backward compatibility?**
- **Additional space used only for headers not for additional data payload!**
- **Impacts to QoS/overall efficiency?**

Research topics

- **Frame size limitations of:**
 - Existing equipment – below MAC (elasticity buffers, block coding, delimiters)
 - Existing equipment – above MAC (FIFO, fabric)
 - Links with FEC (EPON)
 - Rate compensation (WAN PHY, EFM Copper)
- **Effect of increased overhead on performance, especially in aggregation**
- **Feasibility of reducing MTU of installed base of clients**
- **Use of IEEE 802.1AB for discovery**
- **Straw man frame format modifications**

Straw polls

- Ad-hoc: Request IEEE 802.3 form Frame Expansion SG
 - 22-0 (29 in room)
 - 18 would participate, 12 separate companies
- Ad-hoc: Prefer co-location with (*chose one*)
 - 802.1 (10/4, Ottawa)? 13
 - 802.3 TF/SGs (week of 9/27, west PA)? 5
- .1/.3 Joint Tech: Would you attend the Frame Expansion SG (*Chicago rules*):
 - with .3, in ~PA, week of 9/27? 20
 - with .1, in Ottawa, week of 10/4? 36

Plan for September

- **Hear presentations on research items**
- **Review frame format proposals**
- **Finalize PAR/5 criteria**
- **Determine if PAR should be pre-submitted to NESCOM for Dec standards board meeting**

Motion #

- **Move that IEEE 802.3 WG creates IEEE 802.3 Frame Expansion Study Group**
- **Move: K. Daines**
- **Second: S. Muller**
- **Procedural (>50%)**
- **802.3 voters Y: 45 N: 0 A: 4**
- **PASSES**

Other business

- **Present draft liaison responses**
 - **IEEE 802.1**
 - **ITU-T Q9, 12/SG15**