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REQUESTED REVISION:
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CLAUSE NUMBER: 40.3.4, Figure 40-9
CLAUSE TITLE: State diagrams

PROPOSED REVISION TEXT:

On the lower right hand side exiting the the CARRIER EXTENSION state path 'A' is taken if STD * tx_enable=FALSE * tx_error=TRUE. Suggest this should read STD * tx_enable=FALSE * tx_error=FALSE.

RATIONALE FOR REVISION:

1. At the moment two paths out of the CARRIER EXTENSION state have the same conditions, both the path to 'A' and the path returning to the CARRIER EXTENSION state have the condition STD * tx_enable=FALSE * tx_error=TRUE. This cannot be correct.
2. The path to A leads to the state SEND IDLE. I would expect the transition from the CARRIER EXTENSION state to the SEND IDLE state should occur when the GMII signals return to the idle state which is defined in clause 35.2.2 as tx_enable=FALSE and tx_error=FALSE and therefore expect that the transition condition should read STD * tx_enable=FALSE * tx_error=FALSE.

IMPACT ON EXISTING NETWORKS:

It is unlikely that an implementation could meet the existing state machine specification as one condition requires a transition to two different states so changing the specification is unlikely to make any existing implementations non-conformant.

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