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Thank you for your communication COM 4-LS 10-E regarding EPON Network Management Recommendations Q.838.1 and Q.827.1. In response to your communication, the IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD Working Group is pleased to provide the following information.

IEEE Std 802.3ah-2004 was approved as a Full-Use IEEE Standard on 24-June-2004. The approved draft is currently in the hands of the IEEE Standards Association staff editors, who are preparing the document for publication on or about 24-August-2004.

With the approval and imminent publication of the standard, the IEEE 802.3ah Ethernet in the First Mile Task Force has completed its work and has been disbanded. The IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD Working Group is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the document. Future correspondence related to IEEE Std 802.3ah-2004 should be directed to the working group chair.

For your reference, a copy of the approved IEEE Draft P802.3ah/D3.3 is attached. There will be no substantive differences between this approved draft and the published standard. Please do not distribute this approved draft outside of Question 14/4.

Draft recommendations Q.838.1 and Q.827.1 were received along with your communication. As the EFM Task Force no longer exists, it will not be able to review or provide comments on these documents, and no review has been undertaken by the IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD Working Group. Individuals who participated in the EFM Task Force with an interest in EPON management may review the draft recommendations and provide comments directly to Lakshmi Raman via electronic mail.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to receiving future updates on your progress.