Title

• PAR for an amendment to an existing Standard 802.1Q
• P802.1Qbi (or Qbj, etc., as appropriate)
• IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks---Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks - Amendment: Customer Backbone Bridging
Scope

- This standard specifies procedures and managed objects supporting the interconnection of Customer Bridged Networks (CBNs) across a Provider Backbone Bridged Network (PBBN) in such a way that individual Customer VLANs (C-VLANs) can be mapped to particular Backbone Service Instances and supporting a C-tagging Service Interface utilizing an I-component based on a C-VLAN relay entity and supporting Provider Instance Ports.
Purpose

• This project allows the operator of a LAN carrying C-VLAN traffic, for example a Data Center, to deploy a backbone network such that each C-VLAN can be associated with a distinct Backbone Service Instance.
Need

- It is anticipated that the operators of Data Centers and types of LANs that carry CVLAN traffic will increasingly require the hierarchical structure of a backbone network. This may be motivated by, for example, a desire to reduce the number of MAC addresses visible in the Filtering Database (FDB) of bridges in the core of the network or a desire to deploy the form of Shortest Path Bridging (SPB) that requires deployment of a PBBN (SPBM).
Stakeholders

- Vendors, users, administrators, designers, customers, and owners of Customer Bridged Networks such as Data Centers.
Other standards with similar scope

• There are no standards providing backbone interconnection of Customer Bridged Networks such that the individual C-VLANs can be associated with particular Backbone Service Instances.
Five Criteria
Broad Market Potential

A standards project authorized by IEEE 802 shall have a broad market potential. Specifically, it shall have the potential for:

• Broad sets of applicability.
  – The commercial provision of Data Centers based on CVLAN service is a large and growing business. This existence of backbone technology in this environment would be advantageous.

• Multiple vendors and numerous users.
  – The same large body of vendors and users having a requirement for Customer VLAN Bridging. Balanced costs (LAN versus attached stations).

• Balanced costs
  – This project does not materially alter the existing cost structure of Provider Backbone Bridged Networks on which it is based.
Compatibility

- IEEE 802 defines a family of standards. All standards shall be in conformance with the IEEE 802.1 Architecture, Management and Interworking documents as follows: 802. Overview and Architecture, 802.1D, 802.1Q, and parts of 802.1f. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with 802:
  - This project will be compatible with existing 802.1 Architecture, Management and Interworking standards.

- Each standard in the IEEE 802 family of standards shall include a definition of managed objects which are compatible with systems management standards:
  - Such a definition will be included.
Distinct Identity

Each IEEE 802 standard shall have a distinct identity. To achieve this, each authorized project shall be:

• Substantially different from other IEEE 802 standards.
  – This project will amend the only IEEE 802 standard defining Customer Backbone Bridged Networks.

• One unique solution per problem (not two solutions to a problem).
  – There are no other standard solutions to the backbone interconnection of Customer Bridged Networks such that each C-VLAN can be mapped to an individual Backbone Service Instance;

• Easy for the document reader to select the relevant specification.
  – This project will amend the only IEEE 802 standard defining Provider Backbone Bridged Networks.
Technical Feasibility

For a project to be authorized, it shall be able to show its technical feasibility. At a minimum, the proposed project shall show:

- Demonstrated system feasibility.
  - The function technically is similar to Provider Backbone Bridging which is currently specified by amendment 802.1Qah to 802.1Q, and which has been successfully implemented.

- Proven technology, reasonable testing.
  - The function can be implemented using existing bridge behaviors. Compliance with the project can be tested using straightforward extensions of existing test tools for bridged networks.

- Confidence in reliability.
  - The reliability of the modified protocols will be not measurably worse than that of the existing Provider Backbone Bridged networks.
Economic Feasibility

For a project to be authorized, it shall be able to show economic feasibility (so far as can reasonably be estimated) for its intended applications. At a minimum, the proposed project shall show:

- Known cost factors, reliable data.
  - This project introduces no hardware costs different from those associated with existing Provider Backbone Bridging.

- Reasonable cost for performance.
  - This project has the same cost for performance characteristics as existing Provider Backbone Bridged Networks.

- Consideration of installation costs.
  - The cost of installing upgraded devices is more than balanced by the benefits derived from deployment of a backbone in a Customer Bridged Network such as a Data Center.