64 Bit to 48 Bit MAC Bridging PAR and CSD

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PAR (1)

 2.1 Title: IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks--Bridges and Bridged Networks Amendment: 64 bit to 48 bit MAC Bridging

PAR (2)

- 5.2.b. Scope of the project: This standard specifies bridging protocol to enable communication between stations connected to 64 bit WPANs of 802.15.4 and 48 bit Ethernets. The bridge protocol will adapt MAC addresses and frame format differences. The protocol will also adopt MPDU size differences, avoid control frame loops and any timing differences.
- 5.3 Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard: No

PAR (3)

- **5.5 Need for the Project:** This amendment is needed in order to facilitate monitoring the WPAN traffic where it is imperative to avoid multiple routers in the same LAN. It is also needed in order to provide communication, i.e. switch control between stations connected to more than one WPANs.
- **5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard:** Developers, providers, and users of networking equipment and services, including networking IC developers, switch and NIC vendors, service providers, and end users.

PAR (4)

- Intellectual Property
- 6.1.a. Is the Sponsor aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?: No
- 6.1.b. Is the Sponsor aware of possible registration activity related to this project?: No
- 7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?: No
- 7.2 Joint Development

Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization?: No

Project process requirements

Managed objects

- Describe the plan for developing a definition of managed objects. The plan shall specify one of the following:
 - a) The definitions will be part of this project.
 - b) The definitions will be part of a different project and provide the plan for that project or anticipated future project.
 - c) The definitions will not be developed and explain why such definitions are not needed.
- a) Enhancement to managed objects for bridging 64 bit MACs with 48 bit MACs will be included.

Project process requirements

Coexistence

- A WG proposing a wireless project shall demonstrate coexistence through the preparation of a Coexistence Assurance (CA) document unless it is not applicable.
 - a) Will the WG create a CA document as part of the WG balloting process as described in Clause 13? (yes/no)
 - b) If not, explain why the CA document is not applicable.
- Not applicable this is not a wireless project.

Broad market potential

- Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall have broad market potential. At a minimum, address the following areas:
 - a) Broad sets of applicability.
 - b) Multiple vendors and numerous users.
- a) Bridging 64-bit MACs with 48-bit MACs has broad market potential over the routing solution which is intrinsically complicated and restrictive, i.e. can only be used in IPv6. Bridging will increase applicability in areas where only Layer 2 communication is practical and Layer 3 solution is not possible or not cost effective.
- b) Multiple vendors and users will benefit from this extension.

Compatibility

- Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard should be in conformance with IEEE Std 802, IEEE 802.1AC, and IEEE 802.1Q. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with IEEE 802.1 WG prior to submitting a PAR to the Sponsor.
 - a) Will the proposed standard comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q?
 - b) If the answer to a) is no, supply the response from the IEEE 802.1 WG.
- The review and response is not required if the proposed standard is an amendment or revision to an existing standard for which it has been previously determined that compliance with the above IEEE 802 standards is not possible. In this case, the CSD statement shall state that this is the case.
- a) Yes.

Distinct Identity

- Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of a distinct identity. Identify standards and standards projects with similar scopes and for each one describe why the proposed project is substantially different.
- There is no other 802 standard or approved project that provides the same functionality for end stations or bridges.

Technical Feasibility

- Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence that the project is technically feasible within the time frame of the project. At a minimum, address the following items to demonstrate technical feasibility:
 - a) Demonstrated system feasibility.
 - b) Proven similar technology via testing, modeling, simulation, etc.
- a) The 802.1D MAC bridging is technically feasible and widely used. 64-bit to 48-bit MAC bridging can be built around similar principles and protocols and therefore is technically feasible
- b) Mechanisms similar to what is being proposed exist in IEEE 802.1D and its extensions, EUI-48, EUI-64 and use of EUI guidelines and have been shown to be reasonably testable.

Economic Feasibility

- Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of economic feasibility. Demonstrate, as far as can reasonably be estimated, the economic feasibility of the proposed project for its intended applications. Among the areas that may be addressed in the cost for performance analysis are the following:
 - a) Balanced costs (infrastructure versus attached stations).
 - b) Known cost factors.
 - c) Consideration of installation costs.
 - d) Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).
 - e) Other areas, as appropriate.
- a) The proposed amendment will have no significant impact on the cost of bridges or end stations. It would be software upgrade for either.
- b) The cost factors are well known from implementations of IEEE 802.1D. The proposed amendment is basically a software upgrade
- c) There are no incremental installation costs relative to the existing costs associated with IEEE 802.1D
- d) There should be no significant impact on the cost of operation. it may reduce the operational cost by not requiring a Layer 3 solution.
- e) No other areas have been identified.