Dear Colleagues,

The IEEE 802.1 Working Group would like to inform you of our plans to withdraw/supersede IEEE Std 802.1D-2004 *IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks—Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges*. While this standard is currently active and scheduled for withdrawal, it was intended to be superseded by IEEE Std 802.1Q-2014 *IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Bridges and Bridged Networks*. It is our plan to request that the IEEE SA update the status of IEEE Std 802.1D-2004 to be superseded before the end of 2021. The technical specifications, protocols, procedures, and managed objects of IEEE Std 802.1D-2004 are completely subsumed within IEEE 802.1Q. The change in status of IEEE Std 802.1D-2004 will not result in any loss of functionality as we are actively maintaining and amending IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018. There is currently an IEEE 802.1Q revision project underway that can address any concerns with this transition.

IEEE Std 802.1D-2004 is a long-standing historical specification that may have had previous significance to your organization through normative or informative references. Since it has been obsoleted by IEEE Std 802.1Q, we recommend you determine whether any action is required (e.g., to update your normative references from IEEE Std 802.1D to IEEE Std 802.1Q).

Thank you for your consideration on this topic. We look forward to continued collaboration between our organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
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