Changes to Existing Clauses Status Update

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- Editing effort about 75% complete
 - All the changes have been identified and incorporated into the draft
 - The format of the change pages is "too concise"
 - Hard to figure out the context of the change
 - Next draft will use the same format as in the past (802.3u, 802.3z)
 - The Rate Control mechanism is buried in the Pascal code
 - Not obvious why it is there, what it does and how it works
 - Next draft will include text that describes its operation

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Issues:

Need the FrameMaker source code of the 2000 revision of the existing standard to complete the editing effort

Rate Control update

■ Have been included in the current draft

Interaction between the Rate Control mechanism and the XGMII

- The Rate Control mechanism in the MAC will always extend the IPG
- The Reconciliation Sublayer may want to extend or compress the IPG for Lane 0 alignment (Steve Haddock's sliding window)
- The two actions are not independent
- For the purpose of determining IPG compression/extension, the RS must treat the Rate Control IPG extension as an integral part of the packet

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■ This behavior must be included in the RS specification

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Notes:

- * transmitting --- signal that frames the transmission of a frame in the MAC
- * ipg_done --- signal that indicates the completion of IPG transmission
- * frameWaiting --- signal that indicates that a frame was passed to the MAC for transmission

