



Cl 40 SC 40.3.4 P 101 L 4 # 7  
McIntosh, James Vitesse

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

The PMA\_RXSTATUS.indication (NOT\_OK) term in transition to IDLE in Fig. 40-10a should probably be qualified with lpi\_mode=OFF. I suspect that we do not intend for the state machine to transition from LP\_IDLE to IDLE while lpi\_mode=ON when PMA\_RXSTATUS.indication becomes NOT\_OK temporarily during the new EEE states.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change PMA\_RXSTATUS.indication (NOT\_OK) to (PMA\_RXSTATUS.indication (NOT\_OK) \* lpi\_mode=OFF).

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3 P 116 L 28 # 8  
McIntosh, James Vitesse

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

Register 3.22 is in Table 40-3 on page 110, but has been left out of Clause 45.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Please add register 3.22 to Table 45-1 and any other appropriate table and text thereafter.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #95

Cl 70 SC 70.8.5 P 201 L 34 # 9  
D'Ambrosia, John Force10 Networks

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

why is non-EEE mode considered "normal"? What is "normal" should be dictated by the market.

*SuggestedRemedy*

change "normal" to "non-EEE supported"

this should be repeated for any other instances.bv

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Editor will re-write and not use normal or baseline.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.10.1 P 219 L 35 # 10  
D'Ambrosia, John Force10 Networks

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **D**

inconsistent text -

"If the PHY supports Energy Efficient Ethernet option, it will also bring it in and out of Low Power Idle."

other text in clauses 70 - 72 discuss supporting Energy Efficient Ethernet ("option" is not mentioned).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Any references to supporting EEE should be changed to "EEE option"

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1.3 P 234 L 6 # 11  
D'Ambrosia, John Force10 Networks

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**

Reword - "Low Power Idle mode is optional mode..."

*SuggestedRemedy*

reword as  
"Low Power Idle mode is an optional mode..."

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.3 P 237 L 32 # 12  
D'Ambrosia, John Force10 Networks

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**

Name of "1000-KX"

This was found throughout repeated instances through clause 78

*SuggestedRemedy*

should be "1000BASE-KX"

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 71**    **SC 71.6.4**                      **P 208**    **L 42**                      # **13**  
 D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **ER**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Since PMD support for EEE in 10GBASE-KX4 is optional, this sentence is confusing.-

PMD signal detect is optional for 10GBASE-KX4 baseline operation but mandatory for support of Energy Efficient Ethernet.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggested rewording -

For 10GBASE-KX4 operation PMD signal detect is optional, but is mandatory if Energy Efficient Ethernet is supported.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

**Cl 45**    **SC 45.2.3.9a**                      **P 119**    **L 29**                      # **14**  
 D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **ER**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

It is not clear why the suffix "EEE" is added at the end of PHY name.

1. In Table 45-88a there is a column entitled "Name" which implies that the column contains names of PHY types. However, the names listed are not actual PHY types: 10GBASE-KR EEE, 10GBASE-KX4 EEE, 1000BASE-KX EEE, 10GBASE-T EEE, 1000BASE-T EEE, and 100BASE-TX EEE. This is repeated in subclause titles.

2. the same use of "EEE" suffix is also used in table 45-145 and subsequent subclause titles.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use actual names of PHYs. If it is desired to use the EEE to indicate the capability, then put EEE in brackets.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

The "Name" heading for the column does not imply that is the PHY name, it implies that is the register bit name. A brief look at every other register description in Clause 45 will verify this. Where the PHY is referenced (in the description), the correct name is used.

**Cl 46**    **SC 46**                                      **P 126**    **L 10**                      # **15**  
 D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **E**                                      *Comment Status*    **D**

suggested rewording of sentence - "The XGMII may also support low power idle signaling as defined for Energy Efficient Ethernet for some PHY types (see Clause 78)."

*SuggestedRemedy*

change sentence to  
 "The XGMII may also support low power idle signaling for PHY types supporting Energy Efficient Ethernet (see Clause 78)."

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 69**    **SC 47**                                      **P 197**    **L 46**                      # **16**  
 D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **T**                                      *Comment Status*    **D**

The following statement is too broad, as EEE does not apply to 40GBASE-KR4.

Backplane Ethernet optionally supports Energy Efficient Ethernet to reduce energy consumption. The Energy Efficient Ethernet capabilities are advertised during Auto-Negotiation.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggested rewording -

Backplane Ethernet PHYs that operate at 10 Gb/s and below optionally support Energy Efficient Ethernet to reduce energy consumption. The Energy Efficient Ethernet capabilities are advertised during Auto-Negotiation.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

If possible, the EEE TF would like the 40GBASE-KR4 to adopt and incorporate a similar EEE mode either now or in the future.

**Cl 70**    **SC 70.3a**                      **P 200**    **L 18**                      # **17**

D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **E**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Use of "KX PHY" in sentence.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
suggested re-wording -

"The 1000BASE-KX PHY will use the 1000BASE-X PCS LPI modes described in 36.2.5.2.8."

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 70**    **SC 70.6.4**                      **P 201**    **L 10**                      # **18**

D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **E**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

spelling error - "singal"

*SuggestedRemedy*  
change spelling to "signal"

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 70**    **SC 70.6.4**                      **P 201**    **L 9**                      # **19**

D'Ambrosia, John                      Force10 Networks

*Comment Type*    **ER**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Since PMD support for EEE in 1000BASE-KX is optional, this sentence is confusing.-

PMD signal detect is optional for 1000BASE-KX baseline operation but mandatory for support of Energy Efficient Ethernet.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
Suggested rewording -

For 1000BASE-KX operation PMD signal detect is optional, but is mandatory if Energy Efficient Ethernet is supported.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

**Cl 45**    **SC 45.2.3**                      **P 116**    **L 27**                      # **20**

Tidstrom, Rick                      Broadcom

*Comment Type*    **E**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Table 45-1

Table references register 3.21, EEE reduced energy capability register, which has been removed from the standard.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
Register 3.21 should be removed from the table.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 46**    **SC 46.3.1.5a**                      **P 127**    **L 45**                      # **21**

Tidstrom, Rick                      Broadcom

*Comment Type*    **ER**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Indicates that Low Power Idle should be asserted on all four lanes, but refers to TXD<7:0>.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
Change from TXD<7:0> to TXD<31:0>.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to TXD

This makes more sense in the context and matches Table 46-3

**Cl 46**    **SC 46.3.2.4a**                      **P 130**    **L 6**                      # **22**

Tidstrom, Rick                      Broadcom

*Comment Type*    **ER**                      *Comment Status*    **D**

Indicates that Low Power Idle should be asserted on all four lanes, but refers to RXD<7:0>.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
Change from RXD<7:0> to RXD<31:0>.

*Proposed Response*                      *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to RXD

as for #21

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.21 P 167 L 50 # 23  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type ER Comment Status D lpi\_wake\_time  
Table 55-2

For lpi\_wake timer after sleep values listed as 13 frames and 4.16 usec are incorrect because they only include 4 alert frames + 9 wake frames.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The time should also include one partial frame that occurs when Idle is received just after an LDPC frame has completed.

The values should be 14 frames and 4.48 usec due to 1 partial frame + 4 alert frames + 9 wake frames.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.1.3.3 P 161 L 26 # 24  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Line 26 states:  
"In the transmit direction the transition to the lower power transmit mode begins when the PCS transmit function detects an LPI control character in Lane 0 of two consecutive transfers of TXD[31:0] that will be mapped into a single 64B/65B block."

This contradicts Table 46-3 on page 127, line 14, which states that assert low power idle is required in all lanes.

Also reference comment #25 for D1.1, which defines Low Power Idle as occurring on all four lanes.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change line 26 from lane 0 to all four lanes as shown below"

In the transmit direction the transition to the lower power transmit mode begins when the PCS transmit function detects an LPI control character in all four lanes of two consecutive transfers of TXD[31:0] that will be mapped into a single 64B/65B block.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.1.3.3 P 161 L 16 # 25  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Not sure if this is the correct sub-clause, but the standard does not define the behavior of the transmitter when it enters Low Power Idle, and the free running LPI controls are supposed to transfer a partial refresh. A partial refresh would be defined as one less than four frames in length.

Reference: parnaby\_01\_1108.pdf, page 14.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add a paragraph describing the transition from Sleep to Quiet/Refresh, and that partial refreshes are not to be transmitted, but instead replaced with Quiet frames.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 178 L 17 # 26  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D wake\_xgmii\_signalling

In state RX\_W, the state machine assigns rx\_raw <= LI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The assignment for rx\_raw should be changed from LI to I to eliminate wake shrinkage. Change as shown:

rx\_raw <= I.

Note: Also need a mechanism to communicate LF.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #107

CI 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 179 L 15 # 27  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

tx\_lpi\_full\_refresh = true is part of a transition condition from SEND\_SLEEP to SEND\_REFRESH, but is not defined anywhere within the standard.

tx\_lpi\_full\_refresh = false is part of a transition condition from SEND\_SLEEP to SEND\_QUIET, but is not defined anywhere within the standard.

This signal is used to prevent a partial refresh from being transmitted.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add a definition of tx\_lpi\_full\_refresh to sub-clause 55.3.5.2.2 as referenced on page 171, line 20.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See also comment #105, #103

CI 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 179 L 40 # 28  
Tidstrom, Rick Broadcom

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

There is not a transition condition from state SEND\_WAKE to SEND\_ERROR when a non-Idle character is received while transmitting Wake frames.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add transition from SEND\_WAKE to SEND\_ERROR with transition condition of:

lpi\_wake\_timer\_done = false \*  
tx\_lpi\_error = true

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9a.3 P 120 L 7 # 29  
Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**

Replace TBD by proper reference

*SuggestedRemedy*

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change references to links

CI 55 SC 55.3.2.2.2 P 166 L 23 # 30  
Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

Replace TBD with appropriate entry

*SuggestedRemedy*

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor will determine the correct value and insert it into the table.

CI 78 SC 78.4.1 P 239 L 6 # 31  
Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

Replace TBD with appropriate entry

*SuggestedRemedy*

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Unlike the other TBDs, the 802.3 subtype for LLDP will be issued by the .3 Chair or his designate at the initiation of SASB ballot as we have traditionally done with all management code point TBDs

CI 55 SC 55.5.3 P 185 L 3 # 32  
Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

Test modes for testing EEE related functions are included in the draft as Editor's notes. Move these from Editor's notes into the text of the draft.

*SuggestedRemedy*

As per comment

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.1 P 169 L 33 # 33  
 Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Editor's note says:  
 "This synchronization method works well for loop-timed links. Non-loop-timed links require further attention."  
 Either verify that the synchronization method works for non-loop-timed links or make loop-timing mandatory and eliminate references to the non-loop-timed option

SuggestedRemedy

The non-loop-timed mode is a legacy of past compromises in the development of the standard and not a useful option hence the simple solution is to eliminate it.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor will add text to state that non-loop-timed links are not supported by EEE.

Cl 78 SC 78.4.4.5 P 243 L 24 # 34  
 Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Symbol in box on the left titled "remote change" seems to have been garbled. It is showing up as a question mark.  
 TempRxVar ? RemRxSystemValue

Replace ? with an assignment statement

SuggestedRemedy

As per comment

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Good catch. The transfer process from .PPT to .FM garbled the symbols. This and other similar corrections were captured in the detailed review by the ad-hoc and will be presented in the report to the TF. In addition, the editorial team will convert the SMs to framemaker for future maintainability of the document

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3 P 116 L 25 # 35  
 Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

Replace TBD with proper clause references

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Register 3.21 has been deleted, add clause number 45.2.3.9a

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.5 P 150 L 32 # 36  
 Wong, Don Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D

WL should be subscript in TWL

SuggestedRemedy

Change WL of TWL to subscript

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.3 P 237 L 3234 # 37  
 Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Remove sentence "DME provides a DC àto the network devices." EEE does not change the way backplane autonegotiation works and does not need to justify or explain technique used.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove sentence "DME provides a DC àto the network devices."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #117.

Cl 78 SC 78.4.1.2 P 239 L 4043 # 38  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Clarification from ad-hoc.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Interchange and edit last two sentences of this paragraph to read:  
"Receive Tw\_sys (2 octets wide) is the time (expressed in microseconds) that the receiving link partner is requesting the transmitting link partner to wait before it starts transmitting data following the Low Power Idle. The default value for Receive Tw\_sys is the Tw\_phy defined for the PHY that is in use for the link. The Receive Tw\_sys value can be larger than the default, and the extra wait time may be used by the receive link partner for power saving mechanisms that require longer wake-up time than the PHY-layer definitions."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.4.4.3 P 242 L 28 # 39  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The word "state" is misspelled in the table header.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to "state".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1.2 P 233 L 45 # 40  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add missing period at end of item b).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1.3 P 235 L 3 # 41  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Improve grammar

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add comma after "quiet" to read "then neither PHY can go quiet, however Low Power à"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.2.3 P 237 L 11 # 42  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing word in sentence

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert words "of the" before "IDLE" and delete word "appearing" . Should read "Period of time between reception of the IDLE signal on the xxMII interface and when the first codewords are permitted on the xxMII interface."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.3 P 237 L 46 # 43  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing word. Also add extra sentence for clarification.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the word "the" to the end of the line. Should read "without breaking the communication link".

Add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: "Adjusting Tw\_sys allows systems to support sleep modes that require longer times to wake up."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

word "the" will be added to the end of the line 46 so it reads "without breaking the communication link".



CI 78 SC 78.4.1.1 P 239 L 31 # 44  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Minor editorial tweak.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "following" to "after leaving" and "Low Power Idle" to "Low Power Idle mode".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.4.1.1 P 239 L 3435 # 45  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Rephrase last sentence for clarity.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change last sentence in paragraph to read "The Transmitting link partner expects that the Receiving link partner will be able to accept data after the time delay Transmit Tw\_sys."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

"The Transmitting link partner expects that the Receiving link partner will be able to accept data after the time delay Transmit Tw\_sys (expressed in microseconds)"

CI 78 SC 78.4.1.3 P 239 L 49 # 46  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Replace word "registered" with "processed". The word "registered" may imply merely that the data was stored. However, later text and the state diagrams show that the data was processed before it was echoed.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace word "registered" with "processed".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Clearer terminology can be used. The intent is to show that the link partner is now "aware" of the remote partner's information. Use the words "registered and processed".

CI 78 SC 78.4 P 238 L 20 # 47  
Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
Add clarification per ad-hoc meeting.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert new paragraph between last two paragraphs of this section.  
"Implementations that do not use the EEE Data Link Layer capabilities shall ignore the EEE TLV if received in a LLDP message. Both link partners will then use the default value of Tw\_sys defined by the PHY."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is correct in his observation. Ignoring the TLV is inherent to how LLDP works. Additional text not necessary as this is how LLDP works

Cl 78 SC 78.4.1.4 P 240 L 29 # 48  
 Dietz, Bryan Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

Replace the entire first paragraph with the following to clarify the intended functioning of the following state diagrams per ad-hoc meeting 2/23.

The transmitting link partner controls when data is sent. After leaving Low Power Idle mode, the transmitting link partner waits before sending a frame. This provides enough time for the receiving link partner to transition out of LPI mode and get ready to receive the frame without loss or corruption.

- " The transmitting link partner must wait for TX Tw\_sys microseconds after leaving LPI mode before sending a frame.
- " The receiving link partner must be ready to receive a frame RX Tw\_sys microseconds after leaving LPI mode.
- " The transmit Tw\_sys must be equal to or greater than the receive Tw\_sys for proper operation. The purpose of the EEE TLV and state machines is to resolve the correct Tw\_sys values.

The state diagrams in sections 78.4.4.5 provide the following features on each direction of the bidirectional link.

- " The initial Tw\_sys defaults to the Tw\_sys values required by the PHYs. This provides loss- and corruption-free EEE operation without exchanging TLVs.
- " The state machines initialize the MIB transmit and receive Tw\_sys values to larger values if supported by the overall system. These values can provide longer delays that allow deeper sleep modes for the system outside of the PHYs.
- " The state machines monitor and control the EEE MIB variables exchanged by LLDP. The state machines find the longest "resolved Tw\_sys" supported at that time by both the transmitter and receiver. This can provide the largest total system power savings.
- " The state machines will update the resolved Tw\_sys value when the transmit Tw\_sys is increased or decreased.
- " The state machines will update the resolved Tw\_sys value when the received Tw\_sys is increased or decreased.
- " The Transmit Tw\_sys is considered "resolved" when a local partner's state machine resides in the "RUNNING STATE" as described in section 78.4.4 and the echoed values match the local device's values for that path.

*Suggested Remedy*

The transmitting link partner controls when data is sent. After leaving Low Power Idle mode, the transmitting link partner waits before sending a frame. This provides enough time for the receiving link partner to transition out of LPI mode and get ready to receive the frame without loss or corruption.

- " The transmitting link partner must wait for TX Tw\_sys microseconds after leaving LPI mode before sending a frame.
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- " The state machines will update the resolved Tw\_sys value when the received Tw\_sys is increased or decreased.
- " The Transmit Tw\_sys is considered "resolved" when a local partner's state machine resides in the "RUNNING STATE" as described in section 78.4.4 and the echoed values match the local device's values for that path.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Looks like commenter was looking at line 3 not 29. The commenter points out that the forward looking references may be confusing to a first time reader, further, some of the text adds useful description as to how the SMs work, hence it has been split into the various sections as described below:  
 - Delete Section 78.4.1.4  
 - Move the following text that was in Section 78.4.1.4 along with the appended text as described below to precede the current text in 78.4.4.5 and insert a line break after it:  
 "Control for placing data on the medium rests with the transmitting side, hence Tw\_sys is enforced by the transmitter. Thus, for a given path between a set of link partners (i.e. a transmitter and its associated receiver), the transmitting link partner shall wait for the time indicated by the Transmit Tw\_sys after deasserting Low Power Idle (at the xxMII) before sending data frames. Similarly the receiving link partner shall be ready to accept data based on its echoed value of Transmit link partner's Tw\_sys. This ensures that the link partners transition out of LPI mode and receive frames without loss or corruption."  
 - Insert a paragraph break and the following text after the first sentence in Section 78.4.5:  
 "The initial Tw\_sys defaults governing the EEE operation of the link default to the wake values required by the PHYs. This provides for EEE operation and functionality on initialization and prior to the exchange and processing of the TLVs."

Cl 55 SC 55.12.3 P 188 L 8 # 49  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 Change indications are missing even though PCT1a is new to EEE.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add change indications for PCT1a table entry.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.12.3 P 188 L 53 # 50  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 PICs identifier PCT15d is repeated.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to PCT15e and renumber/letter subsequent entries.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.21 P 167 L 39 # 51  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 Typo.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change 7.63 us to 7.36 us.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 40 SC 40.5.1.1 P 110 L 24 # 52  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 In Table 40-3 for Register 3.22 the type NR is not defined.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Define NR in the footer of Table 40-3.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.21 P 167 L 50 # 53  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D lpi\_wake\_time  
 lpi\_wake\_time after sleep can be up to 14 frames sine there is a worst-case delay of up to 1 frame to begin transmitting Alert on a frame boundary.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 In table 52-2, 4th column,  
 change 13 to 14  
 and in the 5th column,  
 change 4.16 to 4.48.  
 Change text in paragraph preceding table 52-2 accordingly.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.23 P 173 L 8 # 54  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Timer values need to have "shall" in their requirements to be picked up in the PICS.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 For lpi\_tx\_sleep\_timer, change:  
 "This timer has a period equal to 9 LDPC frames"  
 to:  
 "This timer shall have a period equal to 9 LDPC frames"  
 Provide similar modifications for other timers and counters: lpi\_quiet\_time, lpi\_refresh\_time, lpi\_tx\_alert\_timer, lpi\_wake\_time, lpi\_rx\_wake\_timer, lpi\_tx\_wake\_timer, tx\_ldpc\_frame\_cnt, rx\_ldpc\_frame\_cnt.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.4.7 P 146 L 35 # 55  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Clarify /LI/ insertion and deletion in low-power mode.

*SuggestedRemedy*

After line 35, add the following paragraph:

Low-power Idle control characters (/LI/) are transmitted when low power idle control characters are received from the XGMII. Low-power Idle characters may be added or deleted by the PCS to adapt between clock rates. /LI/ insertion and deletion shall occur in groups of 4. /LI/s may only be added following low-power idle.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Append after sentence on line 37:

Low power idle control characters (/LI/) are transmitted when low power idle control characters are received from the XGMII. Low power idle characters may be added or deleted by the PCS to adapt between clock rates in a similar manner to idle control characters. /LI/ insertion and deletion shall occur in groups of 4. /LI/s may only be added following other low power idle characters.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.3 P 148 L 1 # 56  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 If a block contains 4 /LI/ characters and 4 /I/ characters (as might occur during a normal transtion to wake), is the R\_BLOCK\_TYPE = C or E?

This comment assumes that this should be C, but the current definition of C does not make this clear.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change: "Values: C; The vector contains a sync header of 10 and one of the following: a) A block type field of 0x1e and eight valid control characters other than /E/ and /LI/ (note that /LI/ is only excluded if the optional Low Power Idle function is supported);"

To: "Values: C; The vector contains a sync header of 10 and one of the following:a) A block type field of 0x1e and eight valid control characters, none of which is /E/ and all eight of which are not /LI/. (note that the eight /LI/ characters are only excluded if the optional Low Power Idle function is supported);"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.3 P 171 L 38 # 57  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 The precise conditions for setting rx\_lpi\_req require clarification.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

Set to TRUE when the 64B/65B decoder output signal indicates the link partner is requesting that the PHY operate in the lower power receive mode and set to FALSE otherwise.

To:

Set to TRUE when the 64B/65B decoder receives a block of 8 /LI/ characters indicating that the link partner is requesting that the PHY operate in the lower power receive mode and set to FALSE otherwise.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The precise conditions for setting rx\_lpi\_req are defined in the TX\_L state of the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram. The editor will make the suggested change to the text to clarify the conditions.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.2.4 P 173 L 42 # 58  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D R\_BLOCK\_TYPE

Changes to section 55.3.5.2.4 (Functions) are needed in order to properly define the following:

R\_BLOCK\_TYPE = LI  
 R\_BLOCK\_TYPE = I  
 T\_BLOCK\_TYPE = LI  
 T\_BLOCK\_TYPE = I

These types are used in the PCS state diagrams of 55.3.5.4 but are not explicitly defined.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the following descriptions for both R\_BLOCK\_TYPE and T\_BLOCK\_TYPE (IEEE802.3an-2006 55.3.5.2.4 pages 96, 97):

Values:

I; If the optional Low Power Idle function is supported then I type is a special case of the C type where the vector contains a data/ctrl header of 1, a block type field of 0x1e, and eight control characters of 0x07 (/I).

LI; If the optional Low Power Idle function is supported then LI type is a special case of the C type where the vector contains a data/ctrl header of 1, a block type field of 0x1e, and eight control characters of 0x06 (/LI).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.3 P 171 L 7 # 59  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

When scrambler re-initialization is used for initial training, it should continue to be used up to the PCS\_Test state (rather than PCS\_Data) since at PCS\_Test the PHY has successfully completed training.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

If scrambler reinitialization was used for initial training, it shall be disabled after the PHY Control state diagram reaches the PCS\_Data state.

To:

If scrambler reinitialization is used for initial training, it shall be disabled and the scramblers shall begin free-running when the PHY Control state diagram enters the PCS\_Test state.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.3 P 171 L 4 # 60  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D refresh\_infocfields

Is the InfoField used during Refresh? This comment assumes not and proposes a clarification.

This comment assumes that the inversion on pair A every 256 intervals (intended to delineate LDPC frame boundaries) is performed.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change this sentence:

2-level PAM refresh symbols are generated using the PMA side-stream scrambler polynomials described in subclause 55.3.4.

To:

2-level PAM refresh symbols are generated using the PMA side-stream scrambler polynomials described in subclause 55.3.4 and exactly as is shown in Figure 55-13 with the exception that the InfoField consists of a sequence of 128 zeros.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.1 P 169 L 45 # 61  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Currently LPI slave synchronization is accomplished at the transition to PCS\_Test. By instead performing slave synchronization at the transition to PMA\_Training, partial frame ambiguity can be eliminated and can simplify the specification and resulting implementations. Performing synchronization at the transition to PMA\_Training ensures that the slave's final PHY frame and final InfoField will be complete.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Modify the text in section 55.3.5.1 to perform LPI slave synchronization at the transition to PMA\_Training\_Init\_S instead of at the transition to PCS\_Test.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 24 SC 24.2.4.4 P 48 L 30 # 62  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Figure 24-11b Receive state diagram, part b shows a transition to RX\_LPI\_LINK\_FAIL upon expiration of lpi\_rx\_tw\_timer\_done. The intent of this comment is to provide a consistent mode of operation as was included in Clause 40 in which this transition is replaced with a new timer, lpi\_link\_fail\_timer such that the transition to link failure is deferred and instead failures to wake within lpi\_rx\_tw\_timer\_done increment a wake error counter.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Introduce changes to count 100BASE-TX LPI wake failures and to defer the transition to RX\_LPI\_LINK\_FAIL including the following:

Change Figure 24-11b introducing the timer lpi\_link\_fail\_timer for the transition from RX\_WAKE to RX\_LPI\_LINK\_FAIL.

Introduce lpi\_link\_fail\_timer with a value of 90 us to 110 us.

Introduce a 100BASE-TX wake error counter such that this counter is incremented each time lpi\_rx\_tw\_timer\_done transitions from FALSE to TRUE.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 154 L 40 # 63  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The RX\_LINK\_FAIL state, the time lpi\_link\_fail\_timer, and rx\_lpi\_fail variable serve no useful purpose in the in the LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 49-17).

1. When Auto-Negotiation is enabled, setting block\_lock = FALSE in the RX\_LINK\_FAIL state will cause hi\_ber = TRUE and, in turn, cause Auto-Negotiation to re-start. There is no point in dwelling in the RX\_LINK\_FAIL state for any period of time. Even when Auto-Negotiation is disabled, there is no obvious reason to dwell in this state after setting block\_lock = FALSE.

2. The value of rx\_lpi\_fail is set to TRUE in the RX\_LINK\_FAIL state and FALSE upon entry into the RX\_ACTIVE state, but it is used nowhere else and has no obvious purpose.

3. It is not desirable the break the link in the event of a failure to achieve rx\_block\_lock within rx\_tw\_timer. Expiration of rx\_tw\_timer should correspond to the increment of a "wake error counter" in the same manner as currently defined for 1000BASE-T. Expiration of an lpi\_link\_fail\_timer should be used to break the link if the PHY fails to achieve lock after a prolonged period.

*SuggestedRemedy*

1. Delete the definition of the lpi\_fail\_timer and its associated uses in the LPI Receive state diagram.

2. Delete the definition of the variable rx\_lpi\_fail and the associated assignments in the LPI Receive state diagram.

3. Delete the RX\_LINK\_FAIL state.

4. Replace the transition from RX\_QUIET to RX\_LINK\_FAIL with a transition from RX\_QUIET to RX\_ACTIVE with the transition condition (!signal\_ok \* rx\_tq\_timer\_done). This will cause block\_lock to be assigned the value of rx\_block\_lock, which presumably false since !signal\_ok is TRUE, and hence has the same effect as entering the old RX\_LINK\_FAIL state.

5. Remove rx\_tw\_timer\_done from the transition conditions from RX\_WAKE to RX\_ACTIVE and RX\_SLEEP. Stop rx\_tw\_timer upon entry in RX\_ACTIVE and RX\_WAKE.

6. Define lpi\_link\_fail\_timer to have a duration of 250 microseconds +/- 10%. Start lpi\_fail\_timer in the RX\_WAKE state. Add the condition "+ lpi\_fail\_timer\_done" to the transition from RX\_WAKE to RX\_ACTIVE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #128

Combine these changes with #128. Delete RX\_LINK\_FAIL, rx\_lpi\_fail and lpi\_fail\_timer (as in 1,2&3). Define lpi\_link\_fail\_timer as in 6. Transition from RX\_QUIET to RX\_ACTIVE as in 4. Transitions from RX\_WAKE to ASSERT\_WTF as well as RX\_SLEEP & RX\_ACTIVE (with fault condition as in 5).

**Cl 49 SC 49.2.14.1 P 155 L 28 # 64**  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

**Comment Type E Comment Status D**

Indicated changed text with underscore. However, since the changes to this subclause constitute the insertion of "Rx LP idle indication" and "Tx LP idle indication, isn't the correct editorial instruction "Insert"?

**SuggestedRemedy**

Per comment.

**Proposed Response Response Status W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Underline "Rx LP idle indication" and "Tx LP idle indication" paragraphs. Editing instruction is correct.

**Cl 72 SC 72.3a P 217 L 37 # 65**  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

**Comment Type T Comment Status D**

This subclause essentially defines optional PMD service interface primitives for Energy Efficient Ethernet. This information should be in 72.2. Also note that PMD\_RXALERT.indication(rx\_alert) is not described in 49.2.13.2.6 and rx\_alert is not assigned by any PMD function. It should not be included in the list of new primitives.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Delete 72.3a and define optional PMD service interface primitives for Energy Efficient Ethernet in 72.2.

**Proposed Response Response Status W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

**Cl 72 SC 72.1 P 217 L 9 # 66**  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

**Comment Type E Comment Status D**

Update text to be consistent with the currently defined operation of the PHY.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Replace paragraph with the following:

A 10GBASE-KR PHY may optionally enter a low power state to conserve energy during periods of low link utilization. This capability is more commonly known as Energy Efficient Ethernet. The presence of "Assert low power idle" at the XGMII is encoded in the transmitted symbols. Detection of low power idle encoding in the received symbols is indicated as "Assert low power idle" at the XGMII. Upon the detection of "Assert low power idle" at the XGMII, an Energy Efficient 10GBASE-KR PHY sends sleep symbols for a defined period, then ceases transmission and deactivates transmit functions to conserve energy. The PHY periodically transmits during this quiet period to allow the remote PHY to refresh its receiver state (e.g. timing recovery, adaptive filter coefficients) and thereby track any long term variation in the timing of the link or the underlying channel characteristics. If normal inter-frame is asserted at the XGMII while the PHY is in low power mode, the PHY re-activates transmit functions and initiates transmission. This transmission will be detected by the remote PHY receiver, causing it to also exit the low power mode.

**Proposed Response Response Status W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 72 SC 72.3b P 217 L 41 # 67**  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

**Comment Type T Comment Status D**

Define relevant Clause 51 PMA requirements in Clause 51.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Delete 72.3b.

**Proposed Response Response Status W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This section may be deleted, but there may not be any requirements added to Clause 51.

CI 72 SC 72.6.10.2.4a P 220 L 47 # 68  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Refresh bit appears to be transmitted and received by the PMD, but not used by any PMD function or the basis of any variable passed to another sublayer.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the Refresh bit or specify its use by other PMD functions or sublayers. The latter would required the definition of new service interface primitive(s) to convey the information.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment #139.

CI 72 SC 72.6.10.2.4.4b P 221 L 1 # 69  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Wake bit appears to be transmitted and received by the PMD, but not used by any PMD function or the basis of any variable passed to another sublayer.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the Wake bit or specify its use by other PMD functions or sublayers. The latter would required the definition of new service interface primitive(s) to convey the information.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment # 139

CI 72 SC 72.6.10.2.4.4c P 221 L 9 # 70  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Last Training Frame bit appears to be transmitted and received by the PMD, but not used by any PMD function or the basis of any variable passed to another sublayer.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the Last Training Frame bit or specify its use by other PMD functions or sublayers. The latter would required the definition of new service interface primitive(s) to convey the information.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment # 139

CI 72 SC 72.6.11.4.2 P 225 L 4 # 71  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Per the current LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 72-7), a 10GBASE-KR PHY can never wake from low power mode.

1. Entry into RX\_SLEEP causes signal\_detect to be set to FALSE
2. signal\_detect = FALSE corresponds to !signal\_ok at the PCS (incorrectly shown as signal\_detect = FALSE in the current draft) which results in rx\_quiet being set to TRUE.
3. The transition to RX\_WAKE requires rx\_quiet to be set to FALSE, which cannot occur so long as signal\_detect = FALSE.

Hence the state diagram deadlocks in RX\_SLEEP. However, it is also odd that signal\_detect is never reset to TRUE. This issue that, in low power mode, signal\_detect should represent a function comparable to sense\_signal as defined in 72.6.4b.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Modify state diagram, defining or re-defining variables as appropriate, to ensure signal\_detect is set according the sense\_signal criteria of 72.6.4b.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Signal\_detect to be redefined with sense\_signal properties.

CI 72 SC 72.6.11.4.2 P 225 L 6 # 72  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In the LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 72-7), saved coefficient are never restored (e.g. rx\_coeff are never set to rx\_saved). However, this level of detail could be considered implementation specific and should be beyond the scope of the standard.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove rx\_saved assignment from the state diagram and delete the definition of the rx\_saved and rx\_coeff variables.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
May not need these any longer if training frames not used.



Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.3.1 P 223 L 7 # 73  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The definition of tx\_quiet is inconsistent with its use in the LPI Transmit state diagram (Figure 72-6). For consistency, it should be an enumerated variable with the values of FALSE, REFRESH, TRUE, and WAKE.

SuggestedRemedy

Update variable definition accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.3.1 P 222 L 52 # 74  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Per the current LPI transmit state diagram (Figure 72-6), synchronization of 10GBASE-R FEC via the assignment of a variable is not likely to be a complete solution or consistent with the layering model. Modifications to Clause 74 are required, as well as inter-sublayer communications required by such modifications. Recall that there is no direct communication path from the PMD to the FEC (the PMA is in between).

SuggestedRemedy

Delete that tx\_fec variable and the "Start tx\_fec" option from LPI transmit state diagram. Instead, add appropriate amendments to the Clause 74 and update the inter-sublayer interfaces accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending acceptance by TF for replacing Training frames for refresh & wake.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.4a P 218 L 39 # 75  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The text in this subclause is stale as the references to features in the LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 72-7) no longer exist. The desired behavior of signal\_detect in low power mode is correctly summarized in terms of the sense\_signal function defined in 72.6.4b.

SuggestedRemedy

Re-arrange to correctly describe the desired behavior.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.2 P 221 L 43 # 76  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It is redundant to have a table (Table 72-5a) with "Min." and "Max" columns in addition to specifying a +/-10% tolerance.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the phrase "shall be within +/- 10%" and include both minimum and maximum values in Table 72-5a.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.10.1 P 219 L 35 # 77  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This subclause implies that the low power idle is part of the PMD Control function so all low power idle functions should also be part of this subclause.

SuggestedRemedy

Integrate the content of 72.6.11 with 72.6.10, including state diagrams and associated variable definitions.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor will need to make changes to the 72.6.10.1 overview to add LPI function. Other LPI functions can inserted within or at the end of this section.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 152 L 28 # 78  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In Figure 49-15, the transition condition from RX\_D to RX\_E should include LI since it is not included in C.

SuggestedRemedy

Change transition condition from RX\_D to RX\_E to be:  
 (...)+R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) = (E + C + S + LI)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 150 L 51 # 79  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This editor's note appears to be out of date. Changes to the Lock state diagram (Figure 49-12) have already been made. Are changes to the BER monitor state diagram required?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Update or remove editor's note. Note that it also appears to be anchored in the wrong place.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #120

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.2.1 P 149 L 16 # 80  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Constant ||LPIDLE|| is never used.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete definition of ||LPIDLE||.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P 149 L 30 # 81  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The variable rx\_lpi\_mode appears to be assigned values of TRUE and FALSE in the Receive state diagram (Figure 49-15) and used for nothing else.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Define how this information is to be used by other functions or delete the variable definition and the variable assignments in Figure 49-15.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #165

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P 149 L 33 # 82  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The variable tx\_lpi\_mode appears to be assigned values of TRUE and FALSE in the Transmit state diagram (Figure 49-14) and used for nothing else.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Define how this information is to be used by other functions or delete the variable definition and the variable assignments in Figure 49-14.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #165

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 151 L 40 # 83  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The state diagram will not transition out of the TX\_T state so long as T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = LI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add state transition from TX\_T to TX\_LI with the transition condition T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = LI.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Note that this assumes that we allow a transition to LPI immediately following T (the alternative would be to disallow that & force an idle following T).

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 151 L 38 # 84  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The state diagram will not transition out of the RX\_T state so long as R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) = LI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add state transition from RX\_T to RX\_LI with the transition condition R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) = LI.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Note that this assumes that we allow a transition to LPI immediately following T (the alternative would be to disallow that & force an idle following T).

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 153 L 6 # 85  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In Figure 49-16, replace "<=" with the appropriate symbol. Check arrowheads for the consistent use of the correct size.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 153 L 3 # 86  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In Figure 49-17, replace "<=" with the appropriate symbol. Check arrowheads for the consistent use of the correct size.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.6 P 150 L 35 # 87  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The messages PMD\_RXQUIET.request and PMD\_TXQUIET.request imply that they are PMD service interface primitives. It seems that, to be consistent with the layer model, this information should be delivered to the sublayer below the PCS which may be either the Clause 51 PMA sublayer or the optional Clause 74 10GBASE-R FEC sublayer.

In addition this information is more closely associated with the text in 49.1.5 and Figure 49-4 should be relocated accordingly.

Finally, the precedent set by Clause 49 is that the detailed service interface primitives are defined in the Clauses 51 and 74. Hence, the new service interface primitives used by Clause 49 Energy Efficient Ethernet should be defined in both Clauses 51 and 74 respectively.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #132, #133 and others

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 154 L 18 # 88  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The variable signal\_detect is not defined. It should be signal\_ok.

SuggestedRemedy

Consistent with its usage in other Clause 49 state diagrams, replace "signal\_detect = TRUE" with "signal\_ok" and "signal\_detect = FALSE" with "!signal\_ok".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 154 L 20 # 89  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Is is really necessary to "de-bounce" signal\_detect = FAIL (which should be !signal\_ok)?

The value of signal\_ok is a) communicated from the PMA sublayer to indicate that the PMD detects the presence of a signal AND that the PMA is able to synchronize to that signal or b) from the optional FEC sublayer to indicate, in addition to the PMA criteria, that FEC block lock has been acheived.

Neither of these criteria seems likely to be tricked by the power-down transient of the link partner transmitter.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove RX\_DEACT state and delete the definition of rx\_deact\_timer.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 154 L 33 # 90  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 In the LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 49-17), the use of rx\_block\_lock as a criteria for exit from the RX\_WAKE state implies that the process described by the state diagram in Figure 49-12 is used to re-establish lock. It has been established that this process consumes an undesirable portion of the total wake time and that means to accelerate the lock process is desired.

It is currently not indicated in the draft what the lock criteria is for this accelarated process or relationship of this new process to the "conventional" lock process.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Define rx\_block\_lock in terms of the accelerated lock criteria and employ that same criteria to initialize the "conventional" Lock state diagram (Figure 49-12) such that (rx\_)block\_lock = TRUE.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #131

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 154 L 48 # 91  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 Correct bad cross-references:

"The timer values for these state machines are shown in Table 49ú2a for transmit and Table 49ú3b for receive."

The tables are 49-2 and 49-3 respectively.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 155 L 21 # 92  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 All Energy Efficient Ethernet PHYs operating over the twisted pair medium (xBASE-T) have settled on a single value for the wake time. All Backplane Ethernet PHYs offer an selection of four wake times. For consistency across all of the PHYs, it is encouraged that T\_WR in Table 49-3 be reduced to a single value.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #129

Cl 00 SC 0 P1 L1 # 93  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Draft 1.0 comment #48, even though accepted, was never implemented in the draft.  
 The comment was ...  
 "I'm not sure where to anchor this comment, but Annex 28D should also be amended to outline extensions of Clause 28 for Energy Efficient Ethernet and I propose that Clause 28 extensions for EEE include:  
 1. Auto-Negotiation is mandatory for a EEE PHY (this is currently not the case for 100BASE-TX)  
 2. The exchange of additional next pages for EEE capability and mode negotiation extends the time required to complete Auto-Negotiation. To reduce this time, a EEE PHY may use the extended next page mechanism introduced by IEEE 802.3an-2006 (it is not currently an option for 100BASE-TX)."

The suggested remedy was...  
 "Add amendment to Annex 28D per comment."

...and the adopted response was "ACCEPT".

SuggestedRemedy  
 Add amendment to Annex 28D per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.2.8 P 86 L 16 # 94  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 All Energy Efficient Ethernet PHYs operating over the twisted pair medium (xBASE-T) have settled on a single value for the wake time. All Backplane Ethernet PHYs offer an selection of four wake times. For consistency across all of the PHYs, it is encouraged that T\_WR in Table 36-3b be reduced to a single value.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Refer to #146

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3 P116 L 22 # 95  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 40.5.1.1, Table 40-3, defines register 3.22 to be the "1000BASE-T wake error counter". This is not reflected in Clause 45.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Define the counter in Clause 45 per the Clause 40 definition, or define a generic counter to be used by all PHYs that Clause 40 may, in turn, reference.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Define 3.22 to be the Wake Error Counter. Add a new subclause to describe the register in general terms so that it can be used by any PHY that supports the function.

Editorial licence granted for the precise text to be written.

Cl 48 SC 48.2.6.2.5 P 143 L 17 # 96  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 All Energy Efficient Ethernet PHYs operating over the twisted pair medium (xBASE-T) have settled on a single value for the wake time. All Backplane Ethernet PHYs offer an selection of four wake times. For consistency across all of the PHYs, it is encouraged that T\_WR in Table 48-10 be reduced to a single value.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #145

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 151 L 31 # 97  
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 In Figure 49-14, the transition condition from TX\_D to TX\_E should include LI since it is not included in C.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Change transition condition from TX\_D to TX\_E to be:  
 T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = (E + C + S + LI)

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.10 P 166 L 30 # 98  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Should this clause be 55.3.2.2.9a ?

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor will check and update the clause numbering.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.2 P 166 L 12 # 99  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
The clause number is incorrect.

SuggestedRemedy

It should be 55.3.2.2.9

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 176 L # 100  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
55-16 and 55-17 are in the wrong order

SuggestedRemedy

correct the order

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.6.1 P 186 L 50 # 101  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
There is no e)

SuggestedRemedy

Delete reference to e)

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 78**    **SC 78.1.3**    **P 235**    **L 25**    # **102**  
 Parnaby, Gavin    Solarflare Communica

*Comment Type*    **T**    *Comment Status*    **D**

It would be valuable if a LPI-capable PHY were able to request that the system transition from the low power mode (e.g. if the SNR is dropping).

I believe that a mechanism for this already exists but it is not stated explicitly in the draft. I think we should add text pointing out this mechanism.

Using 10GBASE-T as an example: If a PHY detects dropping SNR and therefore wants to exit LPI, then it should assert local fault. The MAC will detect this and transmit LF to the link partner. Then the MAC at the link partner will detect the remote fault and start transmitting idles, bring the LPI period to an end.

This works whether the LPI state is symmetric or asymmetric (in the symmetric case the local MAC needs to send alert/wake to the link partner before it can transmit LF).

If the SNR degradation occurs relatively slowly this could preserve the link without a restart.

It may be desirable to add counters or some other mechanism to monitor this exit condition.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add some informative text stating the above within Clause 78.

e.g.

A mechanism exists that allows PHYs to force a link to exit the lower power mode. If a PHY detects that the SNR on a link is rapidly degrading, it informs the local MAC that a local fault exists. This triggers the MAC to send local fault characters to the link partner. The reception of these characters by the remote MAC causes the remote MAC to transmit IDLEs, which brings the lower power mode to an end and gives the local PHY the opportunity to retrain in the normal operational mode.

*Proposed Response*    *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This should be discussed by the Task Force.

It looks like commenter assumes that PHY-to-MAC link is not in LPI mode. What if it is?

**Cl 55**    **SC 55-19**    **P 170**    **L**    # **103**  
 Parnaby, Gavin    Solarflare Communica

*Comment Type*    **T**    *Comment Status*    **D**

SEND\_QUIET and SEND\_REFRESH can be merged. At the moment the states are a parallel mechanism to the tx\_refresh\_active & active\_pair controls defined in Tables 55-4 and 55-5. This is confusing and it allows the possibility that the timers could get out of sync with the logic defined in 55.3.5.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Combine the SEND\_QUIET and SEND\_REFRESH states into a SEND\_QR state. In this state tx\_refresh\_active and tx\_active\_pair are configured as shown in Tables 55-4 and 55-5.

If we want to preserve avoiding sending partial refreshes at the start of LPI then I think we need to add another state.

*Proposed Response*    *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

We need to take care with the no partial refreshes requirement in this case.

**Cl 55**    **SC 55.3.5.3**    **P 171**    **L 7**    # **104**  
 Parnaby, Gavin    Solarflare Communica

*Comment Type*    **TR**    *Comment Status*    **D**    *refresh\_infocfields*

Add text to state that infocfields are not used during refresh signaling.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add text

'After the PHY Control state diagram reaches the PCS\_Data state infocfields are not transmitted.'

*Proposed Response*    *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

**Cl 55**    **SC 55.3.5.4**    **P 179**    **L 16**    # **105**  
 Parnaby, Gavin    Solarflare Communica

*Comment Type*    **TR**    *Comment Status*    **D**

tx\_lpi\_full\_refresh is not defined

*SuggestedRemedy*

Define tx\_lpi\_full\_refresh in the state diagram variable list

*Proposed Response*    *Response Status*    **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 178 L # 106  
 Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type TR Comment Status D alert\_timing

For the state timing shown on page 178 to work correctly we need a requirement that the alert is signalled by the PMA after the full alert signal has been detected (so that the lpi\_rx\_wake\_timer encompasses the true wake signal).

Any other alert detection timing does not give the PHY wake\_time frames to recover the signal.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text to say 'The PMA asserts alert\_detect after the entire alert signal (3.5 LDPC frames of alert, and 0.5 frames of silence) has been detected.'

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P 178 L # 107  
 Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type TR Comment Status D wake\_xgmii\_signalling

To meet wake shrinkage requirements, I think we need to change rx\_raw<=LI in RX\_W to rx\_raw<=I.

This guarantees that the 9 frames of wake are forwarded by the PHY.

It does create an issue if i) the alert is asserted incorrectly or ii) the PHY wakes up with errors.

SuggestedRemedy

change rx\_raw<=LI in RX\_W to rx\_raw<=I.

Make the transition from RX\_W to RX\_C (lpi\_rx\_wake\_timer\_done = true \* (R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=I + R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=LF))

Make the transition from RX\_W to RX\_E (lpi\_rx\_wake\_timer\_done = true \* !(R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=I + R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=LF))

This remedy may be changed by the shrinkage ad hoc.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #26

Cl 55 SC 55.4.4 P 182 L # 108  
 Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Add some text stating requirements for MDI/MDIX configuration during LPI

SuggestedRemedy

Add text 'EEE capable PHYs shall ensure that MDI/MDIX configuration applies to refresh signaling.' to the end of 55.4.4

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.2.4 P 97 L # 109  
 Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communica

Comment Type TR Comment Status D R\_BLOCK\_TYPE

R\_BLOCK\_TYPE and T\_BLOCK\_TYPE // and /LI/ need to be defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Add definitions for // and /LI/.

Also look at state machine transitions involved /C/, since I believe this currently includes // and /LI/.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 01 SC Editors Note P 15 L 24 # 110  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Please update the revision history or delete it

SuggestedRemedy

update revision history with each reissue

Proposed Response Response Status O



CI 14 SC 14.8 P 25 L 51 # 111  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

marking 10BASE-T or 10BASE-Te support precludes devices that support both

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 change to 10BASE-T and/or 10BASE-Te support

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 25 SC 25.2.11.2.1 P 60 L 51 # 112  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **D**

TP-TMD typo, should be TP-PMD

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 replace with TP-PMD (2 instances)

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.1.1 P 233 L 10 # 113  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

"optional operational mode". By necessity, all clauses in 802.3 are optional. For compliance with clause 25, 40, 55, or other PHY clauses, it is correct to refer to EEE as an "optional operational mode". In this clause, it is not. To be compliant with Clause 78 EEE is a required operational mode.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 delete the word optional

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.1.1 P 233 L 11 # 114  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **D**

Is "low power idle mode" supposed to be a subset of "Energy Efficient Ethernet mode"? If so, what else does "energy efficient ethernet mode" contain?  
 It seems that two terms are being used for substantially the same purpose.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 clarify the difference or converge the terminology

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

EEE (Energy Efficient Ethernet) is a name of the standard. LPI (Low Power Idle) is a selected method to achieve EEE objectives. Editor to clarify differences.

Example of what EEE contains in addition to LPI - 10BASE-Te.

CI 78 SC 78.1.3 P 235 L 24 # 115  
 Zimmerman, George Solarflare Communica

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

On reflection, it seems that our protocol lacks a fail-safe. If a receiver, for some reason, senses a faster environmental change in the link than can be adapted for using the refreshes (or rather, senses it's SNR is degrading), it has no way to reach out for help and re-establish the steady stream of idles. This gives it no choice but to proceed down a path to bringing the link down - something that is probably preventable.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Task force to discuss - add a new code (to be substituted for idle in the stream) and state transitions to allow receiver (for each PHY type that might have this issue) to force a WAKE transition.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Open for Task Force discussion.



Cl 72 SC 72.3a P 217 L 27 # 123  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 Typo RTXQUIET  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to TXQUIET  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 72 SC 72.3a P 217 L 22 # 124  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 edit instruction says 70.3  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to 72.3  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P 149 L 41 # 125  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*  
 Without training frames, there is no need to signal REFRESH/WAKE. Change tx\_quiet definition to match other clauses.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace:  
 set to REFRESH when the transmitter is to send refresh signaling, set to WAKE when the transmitter is to send wake signaling and set to FALSE otherwise. When set to TRUE, the PMD will disable the transmitter as described in 71.6.6. When set to REFRESH or WAKE the PMD will send training signals as described in 71.6.12.  
 with:  
 and is set to FALSE otherwise. When set to TRUE, the PMD will disable the transmitter as described in 71.6.6.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.6 P 150 L 43 # 126  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*  
 Without training frames, there is no need to signal REFRESH/WAKE. Change tx\_quiet definition to match other clauses.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete sentence starting "When REFRESH or WAKE this indicates..."  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P L # 127  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*  
 Without training frames, there is no need to signal REFRESH/WAKE. Change tx\_quiet definition to match other clauses.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change states TX\_REFRESH & TX\_WAKE  
 both terms should read "tx\_quiet <= false"  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P 154 L 33 # 128  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D

To support wake time fault, there needs to be another state - after RX\_WAKE, the PHY must detect a situation where the PHY does not reach a state where data service can be established with an acceptable BER.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add a term "training\_done" for the two transitions out of RX\_WAKE (not the one with rx\_tw\_timer\_done).

Add a new state ASSERT\_WTF

Make a transition from RX\_WAKE to ASSERT\_WTF:  
 rx\_tw\_timer\_done \* rx\_block\_lock = OK

Make a transition from ASSERT\_WTF to RX\_ACTIVE  
 R\_TYPE(rx\_raw) != LI

Make a transition from ASSERT\_WTF to RX\_SLEEP  
 R\_TYPE(rx\_raw) = LI

In state ASSERT\_WTF, add action "assert\_WTF"

In 49.2.13.2.3 Functions, add

assert\_WTF

An unexpected event has caused the PHY to complete the wake process without reaching a state where data service can be established with an acceptable BER (add link to clause 45 counter)

In 49.2.13.2.6 Messages, add

PCS\_TRAINING\_DONE.indication(training\_done)

A signal sent by the PMD that, when TRUE, indicate that the receiver is operating normally and should support a data service with an acceptable BER. When FALSE indicates that some form of training is in process following an interruption to normal link operation such as low power idle. PHY devices that do not support optional functions requiring this signal shall set the value as TRUE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P 155 L 18 # 129  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D

All of the PHYs defined are defined to work with fixed wake times - except backplane. Even though the backplane PHYs are the simplest of the PHYs being defined.

All backplane PHYs should use fixed wake times based only on PHY type.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change TABLE 49-3, middle row, from 11 - 17 to 11 - 12. Delete the footnote.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Note also register 7.64

CI 49 SC 49.2.6 P 146 L 38 # 130  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

A more effective means of rapidly synchronizing 66b block boundaries may be achieved by forcing a reset of the scrambler on a TRUE to FALSE transition of tx\_quiet.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Edit subclause 49.2.6

Add paragraph at the end of subclause:

To aid block synchronization in the receiver, the scrambler shall be reset prior to the first bit of the first 66b block following a transition of tx\_quiet from TRUE to FALSE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Edit subclause 49.2.6

Add paragraph at the end of subclause:

To aid block synchronization in the receiver, the registers of scrambler shall be held in reset while scrambler\_reset is TRUE.

Add variables scrambler\_reset and srambler\_reset\_enable.

Add a message FEC\_SCRAMBLER\_RESET.

Add a states to TX LPI s/m - only enter the state if scrambler\_reset\_enable = TRUE. Enter state after tx\_tw\_timer\_done, spend 1uS in the state before transitioning to TX\_ACTIVE.

Change tx\_tw\_timer definition to Twl - 1 uS.

CI 49 SC 49.2.9 P 146 L 52 # 131  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

The receiver will be required to rapidly synchronize the 66b block boundaries following LPI. The precise details do not need to be specified but an informative description would be useful.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Append after "LPI receive state diagram."

Following the a period of quiet transmission, the receiver is expected to achieve block synchronization within the wakeup time specified. The reciever may use the knowledge that the link partner's transmitter has reset the scrambler at the beginning of the first 66b block following the transition from TRUE to FALSE for tx\_quiet. The idle sequence following this event will form a fixed pattern for the duration of the wake period.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Scrambler reset will be driven by an explicit signal, reword the paragraph.

Following the a period of quiet transmission, the receiver is expected to achieve block synchronization within the wakeup time specified. The implementation of the block synchronization state machine should use techniques to ensure that block lock is achieved with minimal numbers of slip attempts. For PHYs that include the scrambler reset function, the receiver may use the knowledge that the link partner's transmitter has reset the scrambler as part of the wake sequence. The idle sequence following this event will form a fixed pattern for the duration of the wake period.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.2.6 P 150 L 38 # 132  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The messages PMD\_RXQUIET & PMD\_TXQUIET are mis-named. They need to go through the PMA.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the names to

PMA\_RXQUIET & PMA\_TXQUIET

Change PCS/PMA to PCS (2 instances) and PMD to PMA/PMD (2 instances).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 51**    **SC 51**                      **P 157**    **L 54**            # **133**  
 Barrass, Hugh                              Cisco

*Comment Type*    **T**            *Comment Status*    **D**  
 The messages PMD\_RXQUIET & PMD\_TXQUIET need to pass through the PMA & go to the PMD.

Also (assuming **\*\*BP training\*\***) message PCS\_TRAINING\_DONE needs to pass through.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Edit clause 51 to pass the messages through.

*Proposed Response*            *Response Status*    **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 74**    **SC 74**                      **P 232**    **L 54**            # **134**  
 Barrass, Hugh                              Cisco

*Comment Type*    **T**            *Comment Status*    **D**  
**\*\*BP training\*\***

The FEC clause needs editing to support LPI.

Messages must pass through and block lock must be edited.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Make changes to clause based on presentation submitted for BP training.

*Proposed Response*            *Response Status*    **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 72**    **SC 72.3b**                      **P 218**    **L 1**              # **135**  
 Barrass, Hugh                              Cisco

*Comment Type*    **T**            *Comment Status*    **D**  
**\*\*BP training\*\***

The FEC block is synchronized by using the known sequence following deassertion of tx\_quiet.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the paragraph starting "to synchronize..."

*Proposed Response*            *Response Status*    **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

**Cl 72**    **SC 72.3b**                      **P 218**    **L 16**            # **136**  
 Barrass, Hugh                              Cisco

*Comment Type*    **T**            *Comment Status*    **D**  
 There is no register in the PMD space for LPI status

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete LPI status indication row in Table 72-3

*Proposed Response*            *Response Status*    **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 72**    **SC 72.6.4a**                      **P 218**    **L 39**            # **137**  
 Barrass, Hugh                              Cisco

*Comment Type*    **T**            *Comment Status*    **D**  
**\*\*BP training\*\***

The signal detect function needs to act like a classic signal detect to support operation in the PMA & PCS during LPI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace current text in 72.6.4a & 72.6.4b with the following:

72.6.4a PMD signal detect function during low power operation

If Energy Efficient Ethernet is supported, the PMD needs to revert to a classic operation for SIGNAL\_DETECT. This indicates when the electrical signal level at the input of the receiver is within certain threshold voltages. The PMD shall provide SIGNAL\_DETECT function which sets SIGNAL\_DETECT to a value of TRUE within TSA after a step increase in the differential peak-to-peak voltage exceeding the Signal Detect Assertion threshold of VSA as specified in Table 72-6.

The SIGNAL\_DETECT parameter shall be set to FAIL within a maximum of TSD after a step decrease in the differential peak-to-peak input voltage from a value greater than the Signal Detect Assertion Threshold to a differential signal level less than the Signal Detect Deassertion Threshold of VSD as specified in Table 72-9

*Proposed Response*            *Response Status*    **W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.

VSA and TSA were voted out of the spec. See comment #179.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.5 P 219 L 19 # 138  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

Transmit should be disabled by tx\_quiet.

SuggestedRemedy

Change bullet item d)

Replace tx\_disable with tx\_quiet.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.10 P 219 L 28 # 139  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

The PMD is not using training frames for LPI, therefore no change is needed for 72.6.10

SuggestedRemedy

Delete all text under 72.6.10 (i.e. no change to the base standard).

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Pending acceptance of this by TF.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.1 P 221 L 32 # 140  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

The overview needs to be updated to reflect the simplified operation.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the section with:

The PMD Low Power Idle function responds to PCS requests to transition between quiet and active states. Implementation of the function is optional. Energy Efficient Ethernet capability will be advertised during the Backplane Auto-negotiation as described in 45.2.7.13. The local receiver transitions are controlled by the remote link partner's transmitter and can change independently of the local transmitter states and transitions.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Section 72.6.11 to be moved into 72.6.10.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.2 P 221 L 41 # 141  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

There is no timing in the PMD, so this section is not required.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete 72.6.11.2, including the table 72-5a.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Pending acceptance by TF.

**Cl 72** SC **72.6.11.3** P **221** L **48** # **142**  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **D**  
 \*\*BP training\*\*

There is no timing in the PMD, so this section is not required.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete 72.6.11.3 and 72.6.11.4

*Proposed Response* *Response Status* **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Pending acceptance by TF for new method.

**Cl 71** SC **71.6.4a** P **209** L **8** # **143**  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **D**  
 There is no register in the PMD space for LPI status

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete LPI status indication row in Table 71-3

*Proposed Response* *Response Status* **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 70** SC **70.5** P **200** L **40** # **144**  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **D**  
 There is no register in the PMD space for LPI status

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete LPI status indication row in Table 70-3

*Proposed Response* *Response Status* **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 48** SC **48.2.6.2.5** P **143** L **17** # **145**  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **D**

All of the PHYs defined are defined to work with fixed wake times - except backplane. Even though the backplane PHYs are the simplest of the PHYs being defined.

All backplane PHYs should use fixed wake times based only on PHY type.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change TABLE 48-10, middle row, from 8 - 18 to 8 - 9. Delete the footnote.

*Proposed Response* *Response Status* **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Note also register 7.64

**Cl 36** SC **36.2.5.2.8** P **86** L **17** # **146**  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **D**

All of the PHYs defined are defined to work with fixed wake times - except backplane. Even though the backplane PHYs are the simplest of the PHYs being defined.

All backplane PHYs should use fixed wake times based only on PHY type.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change TABLE 36-3b, middle row, from 10 - 20 to 10 - 11. Delete the footnote.

*Proposed Response* *Response Status* **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Note also register 7.64



CI 49 SC 49 P 145 L 38 # 147  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

The use of training frames during refresh & wake for backplane PHYs is unnecessary and adds too much complexity.

Scrambled idle codes are sufficient to retrain receivers and the resynchronization of FEC or 66b block boundaries can be achieved by using a reset of the scrambler.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete sections that control training frames and replace with descriptions that use scrambled idles and scrambler reset - see presentation for more description.

This comment is an umbrella comment, detailed comments marked **\*\*BP training\*\*** cover specific changes required.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 72 SC 72 P 216 L 29 # 148  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

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Scrambled idle codes are sufficient to retrain receivers and the resynchronization of FEC or 66b block boundaries can be achieved by using a reset of the scrambler.

*SuggestedRemedy*

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This comment is an umbrella comment, detailed comments marked **\*\*BP training\*\*** cover specific changes required.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Pending acceptance of this new proposal from TF.

CI 78 SC 78.4.1.4 P 240 L 3 # 149  
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

System Tw can be resolved using one simple and static equation. This would simplify the standard, the implementation and testing.

Careful examination of the proposed equation and rule shown below will show that this covers every corner case.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The attached presentation describes the details of the proposal.

In summary, the four parameters defined in the TLV can be combined in the following equation:

$$\text{Resolved system Tw} = \min(\text{remote Rx Tw}, \max(\text{local Tx Tw}, \text{remote echo Tx Tw}))$$

The only additional rule required is that the system shall not change a parameter unless the current local value matches the remote echoed value.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

This issue has been discussed several times. In the January 2009 meeting this was brought up when the baseline was adopted and the group unanimously voted to go with the SM framework in the baseline. The L2 ad-hoc received the comment / presentation, heard the comment / presentation and overwhelmingly voted to stick with the SM framework when the straw poll was conducted.

CI 22 SC 22.2.1.3.3 P 29 L 33 # 150  
 Bennett, Michael LBNL

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**

The paragraph would be easier to read if the first sentence terminated after CARRIER\_STATUS.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace the comma with a period and change the case of the beginning of the next sentence as shown below:

For LPI operation, in full duplex mode RX\_DV and CRS have no influence on CARRIER\_STATUS. A transition ...

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.



Cl 22 SC 22.7a.2.2 P 34 L 37 # 157  
Bennett, Michael LBNL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

tw\_timer  
A timer that counts, in microseconds, the time expired since the deassertion of LPI. The terminal count of the timer is the value of the Resolved Transmit Tw as defined in 78.4.2.3.

Resolved Transmit definition is in subclause 78.4.1.4

SuggestedRemedy

change reference to 78.4.1.4:

The terminal count of the timer is the value of the Resolved Transmit Tw as defined in 78.4.1.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Also change reference to a link.

Cl 78 SC 4 P 238 L 9 # 159  
Diab, Wael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

D1.2.1 changed the requirement for layer 2 from mandatory to optional. For 100M and some low end systems, the rationale is that LLDP engines may not always be present, hence the broadmarket is best served with an optional feature. While more and more 100M and triple speed systems are implementing LLDP for a variety of reasons including AVB, PoEP, Link Agg etc. it seems reasonable to keep LLDP optional. 10G systems, however, are very sophisticated systems that implement a stack of protocols including LLDP. There seems to be little reason to make the LLDP optional on such systems.

SuggestedRemedy

Please change

"The Data Link Layer capabilities are optional for all devices."

to

"The Data Link Layer capabilities shall be implemented for devices that are 10 Gbps or high. The Data Link Layer capabilities are optional for all devices and may be implemented."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "The Data Link Layer capabilities are optional for all devices." TO "The data link layer capabilities are optional and may be implemented for backplane devices, devices where the negotiated link speed is 10 Mbps, devices where the negotiated link speed is 100 Mbps and devices where the negotiated link speed is 1000 Mbps. The data link layer capabilities are mandatory and shall be implemented for all other devices."

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P 149 L 22 # 160  
Koenen, David Hewlett Packard

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo in 1st paragraph "used to by"

SuggestedRemedy

"used by"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.5 P 150 L 32 # 161  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 subscript needed on TWL  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change WL to subscript.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 72 SC 72.3b P 217 L 46 # 162  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D  
 change value of rx\_quiet from true to TRUE  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to TRUE.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.5 P 150 L 2 # 163  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
 rx\_ and tx\_ timer definitions reference the PMD entering or exiting state. Shouldn't this be the PCS entering this state?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change rx\_ and tx\_ timer on this page from PMD to PCS.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 7 instances.

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 164  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type T Comment Status X  
 The draft is missing a description of how and when the 10GBase-KR FEC will synchronize and lock during wake sequence.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add description in Clause 49 and/or 74 of how and when FEC will synchronize and lock during 10GBase-R PCS Wake from LPI.  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 49 SC 49.2.12.2.2 P 149 L 30 # 165  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 rx\_lpi\_mode and tx\_lpi\_mode not used anywhere to set or control any feature or function.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Tie this into a power saving suggestion (should statement) in the PCS or delete it.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See #166  
 These variables are redundant, given the use of tx\_quiet & rx\_quiet.  
 Delete the variable definitions and references to them in the state machines.

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 76 L 40 # 166  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 rx\_lpi\_mode and tx\_lpi\_mode are not used to set or control any feature or function.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Either add a suggestion statement (should) to trigger power savings in the PCS or delete them from variables and state diagrams.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 These variables are redundant, given the use of tx\_quiet & rx\_quiet.  
 Delete the variable definitions and references to them in the state machines.

Cl 48 SC 48.2.6.1.3 P 135 L 46 # 167  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 rx\_lpi\_mode and tx\_lpi\_mode are not used to set or control any feature or function.

SuggestedRemedy  
 They should either be used to suggest possible PCS power savings or deleted from variable list and state diagrams.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #166

These variables are redundant, given the use of tx\_quiet & rx\_quiet.

Delete the variable definitions and references to them in the state machines.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P 149 L 43 # 168  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 The definition for tx\_quiet should be stated more generically for support of both KR and legacy Optical PMDs. References to 71.6.6 and 71.6.12 are to -KX4 not -KR and should be deleted or corrected.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Fix or delete reference to 71.6.x and make more generic to include Optical PMDs.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #125.

Change reference to 72.6.5. The reference should be included as that is the only PMD defined for this PCS in this project.

Also change reference in 48.2.6.1.3 to 71.1.6.

Cl 72 SC 72.1 P 217 L 14 # 169  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 KR-PHY will not generate sleep training symbols.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "10GBASE-KR PHY sends sleep symbols" to "10GBASE-KR PHY forwards sleep symbols"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See response to comment #66.

Cl 72 SC 72.3a P 217 L 27 # 170  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard

Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 The tx\_quiet now has 3 enumerated values and the use of assert/de-assert is not appropriate anymore.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Change: If Energy Efficient Ethernet is supported, the PCS transmit function tells this PMD/Es transmit function when to enter in low power mode by asserting the tx\_quiet primitive via the PMD\_RTXQUIET.request. The PCS tell the PMD to exit low power idle mode by deasserting tx\_quiet. While tx\_quiet is asserted the PCS, PMA and PMD should deactivate all or part of its functional blocks to conserve energy

to:  
 If Energy Efficient Ethernet is supported, the PCS transmit function tells this PMD/Es transmit function when to enter in low power mode by setting the tx\_quiet primitive to TRUE via the PMD\_RTXQUIET.request. The PCS tells the PMD to exit low power idle mode by setting tx\_quiet to REFRESH or WAKE. While tx\_quiet is TRUE the PCS, PMA and PMD should deactivate all or part of its functional blocks to conserve energy.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.



**Cl 72** SC **72.6.10.2.3.3** P **219** L **53** # **177**  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
**Comment Type** TR **Comment Status** D  
 The training frames need not indicate Wake, Refresh and Last Frame. Refresh and wake can be accomplished by forwarding /LI/ symbols.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Delete the Wake, refresh, and Last Frame settings in this paragraph and in Table 72-5.  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Pending acceptance of this new method of refresh and wake.

**Cl 72** SC **72.6.10.2.4.4a** P **220** L **48** # **178**  
 Koenen, David Hewlett Packard  
**Comment Type** TR **Comment Status** D  
 Refresh, Wake and Last Frame not needed. /LI/ can be forwarded instead.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Remove definitions from 72.6.10.2.4.4 -72.6.10.2.4.5  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Pending acceptance by TF for new method for Refresh and wake.

**Cl 70** SC **70.6.4a** P **201** L **18** # **179**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type** TR **Comment Status** D  
 According to pillai\_02\_0109 (Motion #4), remove the references to VSA, VSD, TSD and TSA in 70.6.4a Table 70.6 70.7.2  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 35** SC **35.2.2.4** P **69** L **12** # **180**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type** E **Comment Status** D  
 signalled  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 signaled  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 78** SC **78.1.3** P **235** L **12** # **181**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type** E **Comment Status** D  
 Then the PHY enters Active\_st and ..  
 Nothing wrong with it, but to be consistent with the rest of text, it should be  
 Then the PHY enters Active\_st state and..  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Word "state" will be added after "Active\_st"

**Cl 78** SC **78.1.3** P **235** L **23** # **182**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type** E **Comment Status** D  
 After a a system specified recovery  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 After a system specified recovery  
**Proposed Response** Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.2.3 P 237 L 11 # 183  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Description for Tw\_phy and Tw\_sys looks very similar, except for Tw\_sys > Tw\_phy.  
Should we put more text to it?

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Tw\_sys and Tw\_phy description seem to be distinguished enough but editor is open to improvements. Commenter to suggest remedy

Cl 78 SC 78.3 P 237 L 27 # 184  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Is there a reason for mentioning Clause 37 Auto Negotiation in 802.3az standard?

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Yes, there is a reason to mention Clause 37 Auto Negotiation in 802.3az standard? See comment #45 from Adam Healey against Draft 0.9

Cl 78 SC 78.2.2 P 236 L 48 # 185  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
Please fix the tab for the text.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.2 P 118 L 26 # 186  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
1 = Tx PPCS is currently receiving LP idle

SuggestedRemedy  
1 = Tx PCS is currently receiving LP idle

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.2.3 P 237 L 12 # 187  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
when first codewords are permitted on the xxMII interface

SuggestedRemedy  
when first data codewords are permitted on the xxMII interface

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.3 P 237 L 32 # 188  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
1000-KX needs to be 1000BASE-KX.

Line numbers 32 and 35.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.



Cl 70 SC 70.5 P 200 L # 189  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Table 70-3, Table 71-3 and Table 72-3 are all MDIO/PMD status variable mapping.  
But LP Idle state indication is coming from the PCS register space (Reg 3.1). So should we take it from this table and put it in a different MDIO/PCS status table?

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
There is no reason to include these table any longer as there will be no changes to them.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.3.3 P L # 190  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

LAST\_WAKE: 0 1 1  
LAST\_REF: 1 0 1  
WAKE: 0 1 0  
REFRESH: 1 0 0

Does not handle a bit error. Which might put the state machine in a stuck state.

SuggestedRemedy

No solution right now. Will provide it during the meeting.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
These training bit will go away if not use training is not used during LPI.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.4.1 P 224 L 1 # 191  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In order to handle a Wake request right during the "last refresh".

SuggestedRemedy

An arc from TX\_LAST\_REF to TX\_WAKE, if tx\_quiet = WAKE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
The TX and RX state diagrams may be entirely deleted if training frames not use.

Cl 73 SC Annex 73A P 242 L 1 # 192  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Louie\_011209 did not get added to Annex 73A.

Note: Page 4 of that baseline presentation has a bug. In an unformatted next page has a bug. Bit 11-15 are used. Hence instead of  
Unformatted next page:  
EEE wake timer requirement [48:1] = {32'b0, NP, 3'b0, 7.64.11:0}  
lp EEE wake timer requirement [48:1] = {32'b0, NP, 3'b0, 7.65.11:0}

SuggestedRemedy

Suggested change is

Unformatted next page:  
EEE wake timer requirement [48:1] = {20'b0, 7.64.11:0, NP, Ack, MP, Ack2, T, 11'b0}  
lp EEE wake timer requirement [48:1] = 20'b0, 7.65.11:0, NP, Ack, MP, Ack2, T, 11'b0}

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #146, #145, #129

In both Annexes 73A & 28C the details of the message pages are defined in Clause 45.  
This fits in with the style of the existing clauses.

Assuming that 146, 145 & 129 are accepted, then only one unformatted message page will be required. Therefore change "two" to "one" on p.248, l. 35. Also change Annex 28C similarly.

In Clause 45.2.7.13a change "PHYs that negotiate extended next page support or that use auto-negotiation for backplane Ethernet"

Cl 70 SC Table 70-3 P 200 L 40 # 193  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Register/bit number : 1.1.3

But it should be 3.1

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 71** SC **Table 71-3** P **209** L **8** # **194**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 LP Idle state indication Status register 1 1.1.3 PMD\_LPI\_active  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 LP Idle state indication Status register 1 3.1 PCS\_LPI\_active  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 72** SC **Table 72-3** P **218** L **10** # **197**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 LP Idle state indication Status register 1 1.1.3 PMD\_LPI\_active  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 LP Idle state indication Status register 1 3.1 PMD\_LPI\_active  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 73** SC **73.1** P L # **195**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 Right now in Clause 73.1 the use of AN is optional. But not in EEE mode. Hence 73.1 should change from  
 73.1 Auto-Negotiation introduction  
 While implementation of Auto-Negotiation is mandatory for Backplane Ethernet PHYs, the use of Auto-Negotiation is optional. Parallel detection shall be provided for legacy devices that do not support Auto-Negotiation.  
 to  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 While implementation of Auto-Negotiation is mandatory for Backplane Ethernet PHYs, the use of Auto-Negotiation is optional, but mandatory for the support of Energy Efficient Ethernet. Parallel detection shall be provided for legacy devices that do not support Auto-Negotiation.  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 This requirement is in Clause 78 - see 78.1.2, p.234 l.1 and 78.3.

**Cl 71** SC **71.6.4a** P **209** L **24** # **198**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 According to pillai\_02\_0109 (Motion #4), remove the references to VSA, VSD, TSD and TSA in 71.6.4a Table 71.6  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 70** SC **70.7.1** P **203** L **18** # **196**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 Table 70-4 should have the values from pillai\_02\_0109 (Motion #4).  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 00** SC P L # **199**  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
**Comment Type TR** **Comment Status D**  
 According to pillai\_02\_0109 (Motion #4), remove the references to VSA, VSD, TSD and TSA in Table 72.9  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
**Proposed Response** **Response Status W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 72 SC 72.6.11.3.1 P 223 L 1 # 200  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
tx\_quiet has only two values: TURE or FLASE. But the state machine assigns TRUE, FLASE, REFRESH and WAKE.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Editor will update tx\_quiet states for consistency with Clause 49.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.3 P 148 L 33 # 201  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
For T\_BLOCK\_TYPE

change:

C; The vector contains one of the following:  
a) eight valid control characters other than /O/, /S/, /T/, /E/ and /LI/ (note that /LI/ is only excluded if the optional Low Power Idle function is supported);

SuggestedRemedy

To:

C; The vector contains one of the following.  
a) eight valid control characters other than /O/, /S/, /T/, /E/ and all eight of which are not /LI/ (note that the eight /LI/ characters are only excluded if the optional Low Power Idle function is supported);

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #56

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-15 P 152 L 19 # 202  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
On line 19 and 37  
Change  
R\_TYPE(rx\_raw) = LI

to

R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) = LI

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-17 P 154 L 1 # 203  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
In this LPI receive state diagram, all the R\_TYPEs are defined as R\_TYPE(rx\_raw). But it should be R\_TYPE(rx\_coded).

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-15 P 152 L 1 # 204  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

CL49 RX state diagram (Fig 49-15):  
 R\_TYPE will be LI to transition from RX\_C to RX\_LI, but in order to stay in RX\_LI the state machine is expecting continuous LI at the PCS service interface.  
 This is an issue in CL36 and CL48 PCS receive state machines as well.  
 The transition to and from RX\_LI can be conditional to a valid R\_TYPE, but staying in that state needs to be qualified with  $\hat{o}r_{x\_lpi\_mode\ddot{o}}$ .

SuggestedRemedy

The transition to and from RX\_LI can be conditional to a valid R\_TYPE, but staying in that state needs to be qualified with  $\hat{o}r_{x\_lpi\_mode\ddot{o}}$ .

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The state machine will stay in a state unless it has a valid exit condition.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-17 P 154 L 1 # 205  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

CL49 LPI RX State diagram (Fig 49-17):  
 This state machine will receive LI to take it from Active to LPI mode. But for a KR PHY it will not receive any valid R\_TYPE during refresh or wake. Hence this state machine will not work as it is.

SuggestedRemedy

Need signals from the CL72 LPI Receive State machine

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The modified function of KR PMD eliminates the training frames and forwards LI during refresh (and I during wake).

See #137

See also #88 for signal\_ok

Cl 72 SC Fig 72-7 P 225 L 1 # 206  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

CL49 LPI RX State diagram (Fig 49-17):  
 This state machine will receive LI to take it from Active to LPI mode. But for a KR PHY it will not receive any valid R\_TYPE during refresh or wake. Hence this state machine will not work as it is.

SuggestedRemedy

I think we should go back to the Draft 1.1 version and then correct it for missing items.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Have alternate method for refresh and wake which will obsolete this LPI state machine.

Cl 36 SC Fig 36-7a P 80 L 1 # 207  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

LP\_IDLE and LPI\_K needs to see continuous detect\_lpidle

SuggestedRemedy

Staying in these state needs to be qualified with  $\hat{o}r_{x\_lpi\_mode\ddot{o}}$ .

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

It's not clear what the problem is. In general, the s/m will stay in a state unless the exit conditions are met, so there is no need to cater for conditions when SUDI is not valid or other additional robustness.

Rx\_lpi\_mode is deleted by #166.

Cl 48 SC Fig 48-9 P 137 L 25 # 208  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Transition from RECEIVE to LPIDLE\_MODE which {{{LPIDLE}}}, but in order to stay in LPIDLE\_MODE and RECEIVE LPI the state machine is expecting continuous {{{LPIDLE}}} at the PCS service interface.

SuggestedRemedy

Staying in that state needs to be qualified with  $\hat{o}r_{x\_lpi\_mode\ddot{o}}$ .

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Similar to #207

Cl 55 SC 55.1.3.3 P 161 L 48 # 209  
 Bennett, Michael LBNL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The following sentence suggests the data rate is changing:

This quiet-refresh cycle continues until the link partner transmits the alert signal, initiating a transition back to the full data rate.

The same is true on line 50:

local receiver time to prepare for the full 10G data-rate.

Referring to changes in data rate rather than changes in power consumption may confuse the reader regarding the concept of low power idle

*SuggestedRemedy*

On line 48, replace "full data rate" with "full power operation"

On line 50, replace "the full 10G data-rate" with "full power operation"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 356  
 Teener, Michael Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The EEE PHY requirements need to consider to AVB time synchronization requirements (and/or syncE, 1588, etc. as appropriate). In particular, we need to make sure that 1) we can still get an accurate measure of SOF on TX even when delayed by PHY startup, 2) the startup delay must be minimized to avoid extra "bunching". The amount of delay should be in the single digit microseconds, and 3) the requirements for SyncE also require that the local clocks in the PHYs on each end of a link not drift very much with respect to each other during the idle state.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Consider requirements 1, 2 and 3 above and their impact on the respective EEE PHYs.

Proposed Response Response Status W

For discussion at Task force meeting

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.1 P 170 L 12 # 357  
 Grimwood, Mike Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

From draft 1.1 to draft 1.2 table 55-4 was separated into two tables, 55-4 and 55-5. In this translation, the synchronization logic for Master and Slave were swapped, conflicting with Draft 1.1 and the approved synchronization baseline in parnaby\_01\_1108.pdf.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Keeping the table headers the same, swap Tables 55-4 and 55-5.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.