

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.2.2 P83 L13 # 1 [redacted]  
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Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
Branches from LPI\_IDLE\_D, LPI\_K, RX\_WAKE, and RX\_WTF, are not sufficiently specified when multiple conditions occur simultaneously.

SuggestedRemedy  
Branches from LPI\_IDLE\_D near line 13:

On the branch from LPI\_IDLE\_D to RX\_LINK\_FAIL, change the condition from "rx\_ts\_timer\_done" to "signal\_detect = OK \* rx\_ts\_timer\_done". On the branch from LPI\_IDLE\_D to off-page node F, change the condition from "xmit != DATA \* SUDI(!/K28.5/)" to "signal\_detect = OK \* !rx\_ts\_timer\_done \* xmit != DATA \* SUDI(!/K28.5/)". On the branch from LPI\_IDLE\_D to LPI\_K, change the condition from "xmit = DATA \* SUDI + SUDI(!/K28.5/)" to "signal\_detect = OK \* !rx\_ts\_timer\_done \* (xmit = DATA \* SUDI + SUDI(!/K28.5/))".

Branches from LPI\_K near line 19:

On the branches from LPI\_K to off-page nodes D, F, and C as well as the branch back to LP\_IDLE\_D, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* <cond>" where <cond> is replaced by the previously-stated condition.

Branches from RX\_WAKE near line 32:

On the branch to RX\_WTF, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* !(code\_sync\_status = OK \* SUDI(!/K28.5/\*EVEN)) \* ..." into the condition for this branch. On the branch to RX\_WAKE\_DONE, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* ..." into the condition for this branch.

Similarly, in branches from RX\_WTF near line 36:

On the branch to RX\_LINK\_FAIL, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* !(code\_sync\_status = OK \* SUDI(!/K28.5/\*EVEN)) \* ..." into the condition for this branch. On the branch to RX\_WAKE\_DONE, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* ..." into the condition for this branch.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use changes as suggested for branches from LPI\_IDLE\_D. Use the following for the other two:

Branches from RX\_WAKE near line 32:

On the branch to RX\_WTF, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* ..." into the condition for this branch. On the branch to RX\_WAKE\_DONE, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* !rx\_tw\_timer\_done \* ..." into the condition for this branch.

Similarly, in branches from RX\_WTF near line 36:

On the branch to RX\_LINK\_FAIL, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* ..." into the condition for this branch. On the branch to RX\_WAKE\_DONE, insert the condition "signal\_detect = OK \* !rx\_wf\_timer\_done \* ..." into the condition for this branch.

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.2.2 P83 L44 # 2 [redacted]  
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Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
When state RX\_QUIET is to be left via transition (signal\_detect = FAIL \* rx\_tq\_timer\_done) entering state RX\_LINK\_FAIL (via the "I" connector) signal "rx\_quiet" is not set back to FALSE.

In case this condition (and transition) is ever met rx\_quiet will never be set to FALSE again. A receiver would never be able to get data again since the receiver (e.g. a deserializer) would be powered down all the time - only a reset would help.

SuggestedRemedy  
When entering state RX\_LINK\_FAIL signal "rx\_quiet" must be reset (rx\_quiet <= FALSE; this would be an additional assignment to the already existing assignment "rx\_lpi\_active <= FALSE").

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P165 L10 # 3  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Figure 49-14 on page 165 and Figure 49-16 on page 169.  
Behavior of SM in TX\_LI in Figure 49-14 is independent of state in Figure 49-16. Sending of IDLE blocks during WAKE is not enforce. Need to ensure that state machines don't get unsynchronized. Should have predictable behavior from start of SLEEP to end of WAKE. Should unify behavior of 10GBASE-R and 10GBASE-T Tx state machines.

Incorporate TX\_L and TX\_WN states similar to Clause 55 Figure 55-15a.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Create variables:  
tx\_lpi\_active: " A boolean variable set to TRUE when PHY is in LPI mode and set to FALSE when PHY is not in LPI mode."  
tx\_lpi\_req: "A boolean variable set to TRUE when PHY client is requesting LPI and is otherwise set to FALSE."

Copy definitions of LPBLOCK\_T and IBLOCK\_T from Clause 55.

In Figure 49-14:  
In state TX\_INIT add line  
"tx\_lpi\_req=FALSE"  
In state TX\_LI add lines  
"tx\_coded=LPBLOCK\_T"  
"tx\_lpi\_req=TRUE"  
Delete transitions:  
TX\_LI to TX\_C  
TX\_LI to TX\_E

Add state TX\_W with lines:  
"tx\_lpi\_req=FALSE"  
"tx\_coded=IBLOCK\_T"

Add transitions as follows:  
TX\_LI to TX\_W: !(T\_TYPE(tx\_raw)=LI)  
TX\_W to TX\_C: !tx\_lpi\_active\*(T\_TYPE(tx\_raw)=C)  
TX\_W to TX\_E: !tx\_lpi\_active\*(T\_TYPE(tx\_raw)=(E+D+S+T))

In Figure 49-16...  
In TX\_ACTIVE add line "tx\_lpi\_active=FALSE"  
In TX\_SLEEP add line "tx\_lpi\_active=TRUE"  
Replace all instances each as follows:  
"T\_TYPE(tx\_raw)=LI" with "tx\_lpi\_req"  
"T\_TYPE(tx\_raw)!=LI" with "!tx\_lpi\_req"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED REJECT.

It is not clear that the two state machines need to be "synchronized." The transmit state machine will continue to send LPI or IDLE according to the state of the XGMII. The LPI transmit state machine will control tx\_quiet for sleep, refresh and wake phases.

CI 51 SC 52.2.6.1 P176 L6 # 4  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Condition for energy\_detect=OK is not specified.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change description to:  
The energy\_detect parameter takes on one of two values: OK or FAIL. A value of OK indicates that the PMA detects a signal. A value of FAIL indicates that the PMA does not detect a signal. A value of OK does not guarantee that a valid signal is being presented to the PMA client.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #5 for response.

CI 51 SC 52.2.6.1 P176 L6 # 5  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Condition for energy\_detect=OK is not specified. Nor is it defined where the states come from.

Since PMA\_ENERGY\_DETECT.indication is identical to PMD\_SIGNAL.indication, the intermediate energy\_detect variable/signal is not required.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change description of PMA\_ENERGY\_DETECT.indication(energy\_detect) to:  
"The energy\_detect parameter takes on one of two values OK or FAIL as indicated by PMD\_SIGNAL.indication(SIGNAL\_OK). A value of OK indicates that the PMD detects a signal. A value of FAIL indicates that the PMD does not detect a signal. A value of OK does not guarantee that a valid signal is being presented to the PMA client."

Change when generated as follows:

The PMA generates this primitive whenever the PMD\_SIGNAL.indication(SIGNAL\_OK) primitive is received.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also comment #4

The condition for OK needs stating and the relation between signal\_ok and energy\_detect should be stated. However the energy\_detect is boolean. Change the paragraph as follows:

The energy\_detect parameter is boolean and reflects the state of the SIGNAL\_OK received from the PMD. A value of TRUE indicates that the PMA is receiving a signal from the PMD, reflecting that PMD\_SIGNAL.indication is indicating OK. A value of FALSE indicates that the PMA is not receiving a signal from the PMD, reflecting that PMD\_SIGNAL.indication is indicating FAIL. Note that a value of TRUE does not guarantee that a valid signal is being presented to the PMA client.

CI 55 SC 55.1.3 P179 L49 # 6  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"link system" should be "link partner system"

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change "local and link system" to "local and link partner system"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 55 SC 00 P L # 7  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The phrase "LPI transmit mode" is used to describe or specify two different spans. In one context, it refers to the time from the beginning of SLEEP to the end of WAKE. In another, it refers to the time from the end of SLEEP to the beginning of ALERT. The starting point is also described as starting when LI is first received on the XGMII.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Create a unique phrase to describe each epoch and replace the phrases appropriately.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor believes that the only text that needs to be changed is the definition of tx\_lpi\_active and tx\_lpi\_qr\_active in 55.5.3.5.2.2.

In other cases the text states that the \_transition\_ to the LPI tx mode begins when LI is first received on the XGMII; this is accurate.

Change the tx\_lpi\_active and tx\_lpi\_qr\_active definitions as follows:

tx\_lpi\_active is TRUE during the LPI transmit mode and during transitions to and from the LPI transmit mode (I.e. at any time when the PHY is transmitting sleep, alert, wake or quiet-refresh signaling).

tx\_lpi\_qr\_active is TRUE during the LPI transmit mode [I.e. during quiet-refresh signaling].

CI 55 SC 55.1.33 P182 L35 # 8  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

SLEEP may be immediately followed by either REFRESH or QUIET.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Replace:

Following these frames the link partner ceases transmission and is quiet.

With:

Following these frames the link partner begins a QUIET/REFRESH cycle, where the link is normally quiet.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.2.2.10.1 P185 L45 # 9 [REDACTED]  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The rx\_lpi\_active primitive is inconsistently defined. It says that it takes on the value in SM in Figure 16 (TRUE or FALSE) and defines possible values as ACTIVE and NOT\_ACTIVE.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "ACTIVE" to "TRUE".  
Change "NOT\_ACTIVE" to "FALSE".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.9 P188 L18 # 10 [REDACTED]  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

For consistency, change /Ll/ name to match name in Clause 49 (page 160, line 9).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "lp\_idle" to "LPI".  
Alternately, change Clause 49 "LPI" to "lp\_idle".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Propose we make the change in 49.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.21 P189 L40 # 11 [REDACTED]  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The lpi\_tx\_mode is ignored specifically when the is not in the PCS\_Data state in the PHY control state diagram (Figure 55.24).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change  
"During PMA training the lpi\_tx\_mode variable is ignored."  
to  
"During PMA training (PHY is not in PCS\_Data state) the lpi\_tx\_mode variable is ignored."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

"When the PHY is not in the PCS\_Data state the lpi\_tx\_mode variable is ignored."

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.21 P190 L4 # 12 [REDACTED]  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

quiet-refresh ends when any non-LI block is detected. There is no longer block error detection.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:  
"The quiet-refresh cycle is repeated until IDLE codewords are detected at the XGMII."  
To:  
"The quiet-refresh cycle is repeated until LP\_IDLE blocks are no longer detected at the XGMII."

Delete:

"The PHY will also transition back to the normal operation mode if an error condition occurs. This error condition is defined as the detection of any characters other than LP\_IDLE or IDLE at the XGMII."

Change:

"After the alert signal the PCS completes the transition from LPI mode to normal mode by sending a wake signal which is composed of lpi\_wake\_time LDPC frames composed of IDLE 64B/65B blocks if an error condition has not been detected."

To:

"After the alert signal the PCS completes the transition from LPI mode to normal mode by sending a wake signal which is composed of lpi\_wake\_time LDPC frames composed of IDLE 64B/65B blocks."

Delete:

"The wake signal contains LDPC frames composed of local fault 64B/65B blocks if an error condition has been detected."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.3 P190 L38 # 13  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change "PCS\_Status=OK is asserted" to "PCS\_Status is set to OK".

Note that PCS\_Status primitive uses OK and NOT\_OKAY. The pcs\_status variable in the PHY control state diagram (Figure 55-24 in 802.3-2008). However, the pcs\_status variable definition (section 55.3.6.1 in 802.3-2008) specifies values TRUE and FALSE.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "PCS\_Status=OK is asserted" to "PCS\_Status is set to OK".  
Change instance on Page 191, line 6, as well.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4a.3 P194 L20 # 14  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

rx\_lpi\_req variable no longer used

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove definition for rx\_lpi\_req.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4a.3 P194 L20 # 15  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

tx\_lpi\_error variable no longer used

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove definition for tx\_lpi\_error.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4a.3 P194 L20 # 16  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Use of timer state in global boolean expression is a bit messy since it's state is ambiguous until started the first time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Create variable "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active".

In figure 55-16b...

in TX\_NORMAL and SEND\_WAKE add line "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active=FALSE"

in SEND\_ALERT add line "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active=TRUE"

Create variable definition...

"tx\_lpi\_alert\_active -- A boolean variable that is set true when the PHY is transmitting ALERT signaling. Set false otherwise."

On page 194 line 40 and 53 replace "!tx\_lpi\_qr\_active\*!lpi\_tx\_alert\_time\_done" with "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4a.3 P194 L20 # 17  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Use of timer state in global boolean expression is a bit messy since it's state is ambiguous until started the first time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Create variable "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active".

In figure 55-16b...

in TX\_NORMAL and SEND\_WAKE add line "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active=FALSE"

in SEND\_ALERT add line "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active=TRUE"

Create variable definition...

"tx\_lpi\_alert\_active -- A boolean variable that is set true when the PHY is transmitting ALERT signaling. Set false otherwise."

On page 194 line 40 and 53 replace "!tx\_lpi\_qr\_active\*!lpi\_tx\_alert\_time\_done" with "tx\_lpi\_alert\_active".

Proposed Response Response Status W

Same as #16?

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.2.3 P195 L 23 # 18  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Timer values for LPI states must be precise number of symbols in length. Often timers have some tolerance.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Line 23...  
Change "equal to 9 LDPC frame periods" to "equal to exactly 9 LDPC frames"  
Line 27...  
Change "equal to 4 LDPC frame periods" to "equal to exactly 4 LDPC frames"  
Lines 31 and 36...  
Change "equal to lpi\_wake\_time LDPC frame periods" to "equal to exactly lpi\_wake\_time LDPC frames"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Stating that the timer period equals a value implies exactly equals; no tolerance is specified.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.2.3 P195 L 33 # 19  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Grammar

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "recever send IDLE" to "receiver sends IDLE".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.2.5 P197 L 23 # 20  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Error counter is readable via MDIO register 3.22 specified in sub-clause 45.2.3.9b EEE wake error counter..

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add text "The value is held at all ones in the case of overflow. The current value of lpi\_rwx\_err\_cnt is available in MDIO register 3.22 specified in sub-clause 45.2.3.9b. The counter is reset to zero when read."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add text 'The counter is reflected in register 3.22(see 45.2.3.9b)'. This text is identical to that used in Clause 36. Specifying the reset/saturation functionality here would be redundant.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P198 L 4 # 21  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Figure 55-14. Use of timer state in global boolean expression is messy. Consider replacing reference to timer state with new variable rx\_lpi\_wake.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Create variable "rx\_lpi\_wake".  
In figure 55-16a...  
in RX\_INIT, RX\_WE, and RX\_C add line "rx\_lpi\_wake=FALSE"  
in RX\_W add line "rx\_lpi\_wake=TRUE"  
Create variable definition...  
"rx\_lpi\_wake -- A boolean variable that is set true when the PHY Rx is in the WAKE state and sending IDLE to the XGMII. Set false otherwise."

Delete note in Figure 55-14.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P197 L32 # 22  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 reference to TX\_L should be RX\_L  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace TX\_L with RX\_L.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P201 L5 # 23  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D rx\_lpi\_active init  
 In Figure 55-16 and Figure 55-16a, the variable rx\_lpi\_active is never initialized to FALSE.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 In Figure 55-16, RX\_INIT state add line "rx\_lpi\_active=FALSE".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 See #78

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P203 L7 # 24  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 SLEEP state should not begin until beginning of frame.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change transition criteria from TX\_NORMAL to SEND\_SLEEP to  
 "tx\_lpi\_req\*ldpc\_frame\_done".  
 (Similar to transitions to SEND\_ALERT state.)  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P203 L7 # 25  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Note in upper right corner of Figure 55-16b is not required.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.4.2.2 P205 L10 # 26  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Since this section specifies the timing requirements, the requirement for slave loop timing  
 should be moved here from Section 55.3.4a.1 (page 191, line 51) or re-stated here.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add line from 55.3.4a.1. "An EEE capable PHY shall support loop timing and loop timing  
 shall be enabled on the slave PHY." Maybe statement in 44.3.4a.1 should refer to this  
 section.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 Add line from 55.3.4a.1. "An EEE capable PHY shall support loop timing and loop timing  
 shall be enabled on the slave PHY."

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P202 L6 # 27  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Figure 55-16a. Note in upper right is incorrect. The entire diagram is required for EEE.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove note or change to "The portion of the state machine in this figure is required for  
 EEE capability."  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 Use "It is required to implement the portion of the state machine in this figure for PHYs  
 with the EEE capability."

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P202 L 26 # 28  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Figure 55-16a. RX\_WE is a zero time state.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add note the figure that RX\_WE is a zero-time state.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This doesn't seem necessary. I can't see it being done anywhere else.

Cl 55 SC 55 P179 L 9 # 29  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The referenced adhoc proposal recommends inclusion of counters to track the number of times a fast retrain is invoked. By the same logic, a counter for normal retrains is also required.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Create a new counter normal\_retrain\_counter.

Definition: "Counts the number of times a normal re-train occurs. The counter is increment each time the SILENT state in Figure 55-24 is entered. The counter is reset when read or when entering the DISABLE\_10GBASE-T\_TRANSMITTER state in Figure 55-24. The counter is readable in MDIO register x.x."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This seems out of scope for 802.3az.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4a.3 P193 L 27 # 30  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

clarify "long training sequence"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace "long training sequence" with "training sequence without periodic re-initializaion".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1 P231 L 19 # 31  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing underscore in names. Inconsistent with other instances.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

FEC\_TXQUIET to FEC\_TX\_QUIET  
FEC\_RXQUIET to FEC\_RX\_QUIET  
FEC\_LPIACTIVE to FEC\_LPI\_ACTIVE

Make similar changes through sections where necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1 P231 L 32 # 32  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

rx\_lpi\_active is not sent to lower layers

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change

"rx\_quiet", tx\_quiet and rx\_lpi\_active to control"  
to  
"rx\_quiet and tx\_quiet to control".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.4 P231 L 43 # 33  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

energy\_detect is not a boolean variable is has values OK and FAIL

*SuggestedRemedy*

Redefine as follows:

"The energy\_detect parameter takes on one of two values OK or FAIL as indicated by PMA\_SIGNAL.indication(SIGNAL\_OK). A value of OK indicates that the PMD detects a signal. A value of FAIL indicates that the PMD does not detect a signal. A value of OK does not guarantee that a valid signal is being presented to the PMA client."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.



**Cl 74**    **SC 74.5.1.5**                      **P232**    **L10**                      # **34**

Brown, Matt                                      Applied Micro (AMCC)

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

Re-word.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change definition to:  
The rx\_lpi\_active parameter is a boolean variable sent from the PCS that is set to TRUE when LPI mode is active at the receiver and set to FALSE otherwise.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 74**    **SC 74.5.1.5.2**                      **P232**    **L19**                      # **35**

Brown, Matt                                      Applied Micro (AMCC)

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

Effect of rx\_lpi\_active is to enable use of fast block lock.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change definition to:  
When rx\_lpi\_active is TRUE, fast block lock as specified in 74.5.1.8 will be used to quickly determine the FEC start of frame during EEE REFRESH or WAKE. When rx\_lpi\_active is FALSE, fast block lock will not be used.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**Cl 74**    **SC 74.5.1.6**                      **P232**    **L27**                      # **36**

Brown, Matt                                      Applied Micro (AMCC)

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

RE-word.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:  
"The rx\_quiet parameter can take on one of two values: TRUE or FALSE. A boolean variable sent from the PCS..."

To:  
"The rx\_quiet parameter is a boolean variable sent from the PCS..."

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

According to Pillai\_1109\_01.pdf and resolution for comment #85 rx\_quiet becomes rx\_mode. Hence the description changes to:

"the rx\_mode parameter is a variable sent from the PCS. It is set to QUIET while the receiver is in the RX\_QUIET state and is set to DATA otherwise.."

**Cl 74**    **SC 74.5.1.6.2**                      **P232**    **L38**                      # **37**

Brown, Matt                                      Applied Micro (AMCC)

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

rx\_quiet effect of receipt looks like PCS definition. Specify FEC behavior.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change definition to:  
When rx\_quiet is TRUE the FEC decoder logic may deactivate functional blocks to conserve energy. When rx\_quiet is FALSE the FEC decoder logic operate normally. The value rx\_quiet is passed to the client layer through PMA\_RX\_QUIET(rx\_quiet).request.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Chaning the suggested remedy to accommodate rx\_mode instead of rx\_quiet

When rx\_mode is QUIET the FEC decoder logic may deactivate functional blocks to conserve energy. When rx\_mode is DATA the FEC decoder logic operate normally. The value rx\_mode is passed to the client layer through PMA\_RX\_MODE(rx\_mode).request.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.7 P232 L27 # 38  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D  
RE-word.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

"The tx\_quiet parameter can take on one of two values: TRUE or FALSE. A boolean variable sent from the PCS..."

To:

"The tx\_quiet parameter is a boolean variable sent from the PCS..."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

According to Pillai\_1109\_01.pdf and resolution for comment #85, tx\_quiet becomes tx\_mode. Hence the description changes to:

"the tx\_mode parameter is a variable sent from the PCS. It is set to QUIET while the transmitter is in the TX\_QUIET state, it is set to ALERT while the transmitter is in the TX\_ALERT state and is set to DATA otherwise."

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.7.2 P233 L3 # 39  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status X  
rx\_quiet effect of receipt looks like PCS definition. Specify FEC behavior.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change definition to:

When tx\_quiet is TRUE the FEC encode logic may deactivate functional blocks to conserve energy. When tx\_quiet is FALSE the FEC decoder logic operate normally. The value rx\_quiet is passed to the client layer through PMA\_TX\_QUIET(tx\_quiet).request.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
Chaning the suggested remedy to accommodate tx\_mode instead of tx\_quiet

When tx\_mode is QUIET the FEC encoder logic may deactivate functional blocks to conserve energy. When tx\_mode is DATA the FEC encoder logic operate normally. The value tx\_mode is passed to the client layer through PMA\_TX\_MODE(tx\_mode).request.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.8 P233 L8 # 40  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

SLIP is an action, moving the candidate start of block location.  
Also, pull the 2nd sentence of the following paragraph into this paragraph.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change paragraph to:

When rx\_lpi\_active is TRUE, FEC Rapid block lock mechanism will attempt to determine the FEC start of block location based on the deterministic pattern. When the rapid block lock is locked, the determined start of block location is used as the FEC lock state diagram candidate start of block location until the rapid block lock loses lock. Assuming the rapid block lock determined the correct start of block location, the FEC lock state diagram will achieve lock without requiring subsequent slips. The rapid lock algorithm is implementation dependent and outside the scope of this standard.

Delete second sentence of paragraph on line 22.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

When rx\_lpi\_active is TRUE and rx\_mode is set to DATA, FEC Rapid block lock mechanism will attempt to determine the FEC start of block location based on the deterministic pattern. When the rapid block lock is locked, the determined start of block location is used as the FEC lock state diagram candidate start of block location until the rapid block lock loses lock. Assuming the rapid block lock determined the correct start of block location, the FEC lock state diagram will achieve lock without requiring subsequent slips. The rapid lock algorithm is implementation dependent and outside the scope of this standard.

Delete second sentence of paragraph on line 22.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.8 P233 L22 # 41  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The note is talking both about transmit injection and receiver lock detection.  
The note is out of place here and should be in the PCS Tx section (Clause 49).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete first line or move it to sub-clause 49.2.6.  
Delete 2nd line and move it to previous paragraph.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

First line is already mentioned in sub-clause 49.2.6 in different words. It is up to the Clause 49 editor to change the suggested remedy.

2nd line is covered in comment #40.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.8 P233 L35 # 42  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

incorrect reference to FEC\_SIGNAL.indication  
also incorrect capitalization

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change: "FEC\_SIGNAL.indication(RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE)" to  
"FEC\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request(rx\_lpi\_active)"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 74 SC 74.5.1.8 P233 L35 # 43  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

incorrect reference to FEC\_SIGNAL.indication  
also incorrect capitalization

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change: "FEC\_SIGNAL.indication(RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE)" to  
"FEC\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request(rx\_lpi\_active)"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is a duplicate comment. This issue is already covered through comment #43, filed by the same commenter.

Cl 47 SC 47.1.6 P140 L41 # 44  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A mode is required where a XAUI link supports LPI signalling, but does not support the QUIET/REFRESH cycling.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Specify an MDIO bit field XAUI\_EEE\_QUIET\_ENABLE to determine if QUIET state is support. If TRUE, transmit will turn off tx\_mode is QUIET. If FALSE, transmit will not turn off if tx\_mode is QUIET.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is already defined in Clause 45 - see register bits 4.20.0 (capability) and 4.0.9 (enable).

This needs to be reflected in the text of this clause:

An XGMII Extender with the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability may enter a low power state to conserve energy during periods of low link utilization. \*\* The ability to support transition to a low power state is indicated by register 4.20.0 (for a PHY XS) or 5.20.0 (for a DTE XS). Transition to the low power state is enabled by register 4.0.9 (for a PHY XS) or 5.20.0 (for a DTE XS). \*\*The assertion of Low Power Idle (LPI) at the XGMII is encoded in the transmitted symbols. Detection of LPI encoding in the received symbols is indicated as LPI at the XGMII. When LPI is received, an Energy Efficient XGMII Extender sends sleep symbols, then, \*\* if enabled\*\*, ceases transmission and deactivates XAUI transmit signals to conserve energy. When the receiver sees the sleep symbols it transitions to a quiet state. The XGMII Extender periodically transmits during the quiet period to allow the attached XGMII Extender to refresh its receiver state (e.g. timing recovery, adaptive filter coefficients) and thereby track long term variation in the timing of the link or the underlying channel characteristics. If, during the quiet or refresh periods, normal inter-frame idle is asserted at the XGMII, the XGMII Extender re-activates transmit functions and initiates transmission. This transmission will be detected by the attached XGMII Extender, causing it to also exit the low power state.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.4.7 P160 L8 # 45  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

For consistency, change /LI/ name to match name in Clause 55 (page 188, line 18).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "LPI" to "lp\_idle".  
Alternately, change Clause 55 "lp\_idle" to "LPI".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no requirement for naming consistency between separate PCS clauses.

Cl 49 SC 49.1.5 P159 L33 # 46  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide specification for EEE service primitives:  
ENERGY\_DETECT.indication(energy\_detect) -- equate to energy\_detect variable  
TX\_MODE.request(tx\_mode) -- equate to tx\_mode variable  
RX\_MODE.request(rx\_mode) -- equate to rx\_mode variable  
RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request(rx\_lpi\_active) -- equate to rx\_lpi\_active variable

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The primitive definitions are in Clause 51. As they are for all of the inter-sublayer interfaces (such as tx\_data).

Cl 49 SC 49.2.4.4 P159 L40 # 47  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Not clear what LPI is.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "Low Power Idle(LPI) is an option" to "Low Power Idle (LPI) control characters."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The sentence is clear. The ability to transmit or receive Low Power Idle (LPI) is an option.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.4.4 P159 L40 # 48  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Note clear what "this option" is.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "this option" to "EEE capability".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

"This option" clearly refers to the option described in the previous sentence.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.4.4 P159 L40 # 49  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

It says that if EEE is supported LPI characters may be transmitted and if EEE is not supported then LPI characters are treated as errors. If EEE is supported, but not enabled as a result of AN, how shall LPI characters be treated. Does supported mean implemented and enabled?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Clarify what is meant by supported and/or clarify what to do if EEE is implemented, but not enabled.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

AN is used to exchange capabilities. If a device indicates that it is "not capable" then it does not support the function. There is no need to clarify the case where a device does support the function but pretends not to.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.6 P161 L1 # 50  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Scramble behavior here should align with than in scramble\_bypass definition.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

"To aid block synchronization in the receiver for EEE capability when Clause 74 FEC is in use, the scrambler input shall bypass the scrambler while scrambler\_bypass is TRUE."

To:

To aid block synchronization in the receiver for EEE capability when Clause 74 FEC is in use, the PCS will pass the unscrambled data from the scrambler input rather than the scrambled data from the scrambler output. The scrambler will continue to operate normally shifting input data into the delay line.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P164 L22 # 51  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The energy\_detect variable state is determined from energy\_detect primitive from FEC and/or PMA. The primitive has the values OK and FAIL, whereas the energy detect variable is expected to have the values TRUE and FALSE. Redefine energy\_detect variable and update LPI Receive state diagram (Figure 49-17).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change variable name from energy\_detect to energy\_detect\_ok. Make changes throughout section to references to this variable (not the primitive) including Figure 49-17.

Change definition of energy\_detect\_ok to...

A Boolean variable indicating when the PMD detects signal energy. The variable is set to TRUE when the energy\_detect primitive indicates OK and is set to FALSE when the energy\_detect primitive indicates FAIL.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also comments #4 & #5 (Clause 51).

Te energy\_detect variable that is defined and used in this clause is boolean, therefore no change is needed to Clause 49. However, the commenter correctly identified the error in Clause 51 that is remedied by comment #4 & #5.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P170 L33 # 52  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

After signal changes from ALERT to DATA, the energy\_detect may possibly indicate no energy. The purpose of using the ALERT signal was to provide a higher energy signal so that we may energy\_detect threshold higher to prevent false energy detect from noise.

As a result, when in RX\_WAKE and RX\_WTF states, it is very possible and expected that energy\_detect will go FALSE before block lock is achieved.

Since energy\_detect is VERY reliable with the ALERT signal, a transition to RX\_WAKE indicates either a REFRESH or WAKE signal not a false detection of noise or ringing.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the following transitions:

RX\_WAKE to RX\_QUIET

RX\_WTF to RX\_QUIET

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 00 P00 L0 # 53  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Capitalization of constants TRUE and FALSE is inconsistent.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In all text and figures, where the word represents a value or state, replace:

"true" with "TRUE"

"false" with "FALSE"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P164 L43 # 54  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

All variables here are specific to EEE based on sentence on line 20.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace "For EEE capability, this" with "This".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.2 P165 L19 # 55  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status D

It is common to refer to PCS receiver not PCS's receiver.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "PCS's receiver" to "PCS receiver".  
7 instances on page 165

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3 P170 L11 # 56  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Figure 49-17.  
In transition RX\_ACTIVE to RX\_SLEEP need to qualify with RX\_BLOCK\_LOCK.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change transition criteria to:  
rx\_block\_lock\*(block\_lock=rx\_block\_lock)\*R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=LI

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change condition to:

rx\_block\_lock\*block\_lock\*  
R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=LI

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.13a P128 L24 # 57  
Grimwood, Michael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The next page bit number references don't match up with the EEE advertisement register bit numbering as was specified in the resolution to Comment #193 against Draft 2.1 at the November Plenary.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In table 45-157a

For 7.60.3 change next page bit number from "U2" to "U3"  
For 7.60.2 change next page bit number from "U1" to "U2"  
For 7.60.1 change next page bit number from "U0" to "U1"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.14a P130 L24 # 58  
Grimwood, Michael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The next page bit number references don't match up with the EEE link partner ability register bit numbering as was specified in the resolution to Comment #193 against Draft 2.1 at the November Plenary.

Also, since this refers to register 7.61 the bit designations need to be changed from 7.60.x to 7.61.x.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In table 45-157b,

Change all eight occurrences of "7.60." to "7.61."

For 7.60.3 (7.61.3) change next page bit number from "U2" to "U3"  
For 7.60.2 (7.61.2) change next page bit number from "U1" to "U2"  
For 7.60.1 (7.61.1) change next page bit number from "U0" to "U1"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

*Cl* 55      *SC* 55.3.5.4      *P*199      *L* 18      # 59  
Grimwood, Michael      Broadcom

*Comment Type* **TR**      *Comment Status* **D**      *ASE-T lpi\_req during training*  
[Tag: 10GBASE-T lpi\_req during training]

If LPI is signaled while the PHY is training, during the PCS\_Test state, the local PHY may transition to QUIET before the Link Partner PHY is ready.

The PHY Control and Transmit PCS state diagrams need to be modified to check whether the local PHY is training and, if it is, ignore the LPI request.

*SuggestedRemedy*

At the end of section 55.4.5.1, introduce a new variable, loc\_lpi\_en.

In the Fig 55-24 PHY Control state diagram, loc\_lpi\_en is set to FALSE upon entry into state PCS\_Test and is set to TRUE upon entry into PCS\_Data.

In the Transmit PCS state diagram, inhibit transitions to LPI (TX\_L) when loc\_lpi\_en is FALSE.

Document the communications between the PHY Control block and the Transmit PCS block by updating the functional and reference diagrams and defining the PMA service primitive associated with the variable, loc\_lpi\_en.

A presentation will be submitted for review at the January 2010 interim meeting in New Orleans detailing the specific changes required.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Review detailed changes in the task force.

*Cl* 78      *SC* 78.1.1.2.1      *P*237      *L* 8      # 60  
Grimwood, Michael      Broadcom

*Comment Type* **TR**      *Comment Status* **D**  
Indicate that LPI requests are undefined when the PHY is indicating Local Fault or Remote Fault.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The effect of receipt of this primitive is undefined if link\_status is not OK (see 28.2.6.1.1) or if LPI\_REQUEST=ASSERT within 1 second of the change of link\_status to OK.

To:

The effect of receipt of this primitive is undefined if link\_status is not OK (see 28.2.6.1.1), or if LPI\_REQUEST=ASSERT within 1 second of the change of link\_status to OK, the PHY is indicating Local Fault, or the PHY is indicating Remote Fault.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P251 L 26 # 61  
Grimwood, Michael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

[Tag: 10GBASE-T lpi\_req during training]

If the 10GBASE-T PHY receives an LPI request while it is in PCS\_TEST, it should defer acting upon this request until PCS\_TEST is complete (A separate comment with the above tag proposes the mechanism by which the PHY ignores LPI requests while in the PCS\_TEST state). With this mechanism, the LPI requestor may not know precisely when the PHY acted upon the LPI request and therefore there may be ambiguity with respect to whether or not the CASE-1 wake time may be used.

To avoid this ambiguity, state that the CASE-1 wake time only applies if the PHY has not indicated Local Fault for at least 10 msec. This time period allows enough time for PCS\_TEST to complete.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:

Case-1 of the 10GBASE-T PHY applies when the PHY is requested to transmit the Wake signal before transmission of the Sleep signal to the Link Partner is complete.

To:

Case-1 of the 10GBASE-T PHY applies when the PHY is requested to transmit the Wake signal before transmission of the Sleep signal to the Link Partner is complete and if the PHY has not indicated Local Fault at any time during the previous 10 ms.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 40 SC 40.3.4 P99 L 11 # 62  
Grimwood, Michael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

For 1000BASE-T EEE, the PHY can use 3 of the 4 pairs to provide a reliable indication of scrambler lock. If the PHY needs to encode LPI during training, then one of the pairs is needed to convey this information so that only 2 of the 4 pairs can effectively be used. This constraint results in a small but non-zero degradation in the robustness of the link-up process. Additionally, even if a PHY is allowed to encode LPI during training, the link cannot actually enter a low power state during this time. Thus, permitting an LPI command during training offers no real benefit yet results in a slight degradation in robustness.

This small degradation in robustness can be eliminated by having the PHY ignore LPI requests during training.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Explicitly prevent encoding loc\_lpi\_req during training. The changes required to accomplish this follow:

Introduce a new variable, loc\_lpi\_en, which in the PHY Control state diagram (Figure 40-15a) is set TRUE in the state "SEND IDLE or DATA" and is set FALSE in the states "SLAVE SILENT" and "SEND IDLE".

In the Local LPI Request state diagram (Figure 40-9), modify the transition condition into the state "LOC LPI REQ OFF" to be:

pcs\_reset = ON + link\_status != OK + loc\_lpi\_en = FALSE.

Document the communication between the PHY Control and the Local LPI Request blocks by updating the functional and reference diagrams and defining the PMA service primitive associated with the variable, loc\_lpi\_en.

A presentation will be submitted for review at the January 2010 interim meeting in New Orleans detailing the specific changes required.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Pending review of grimwood\_02\_0110.pdf and Task Force discussion.



CI 40 SC 40.3.1.3.4 P97 L11 # 63  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It has been pointed out by IEEE staff editors that, per IEEE style, equations should be replaced rather than highlighting changes using strikethroughs and underscores.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove change highlighting (strikethrough and underscore) from the equations in this subclause and add replacement instructions before each equation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC Figure 49-17 P170 L9 # 64  
Horner, Rita Avago Technologies

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

RX\_ACTIVE, the transition with the condition "block\_lock != rx\_block\_lock" goes nowhere. There is a missing connectin to the right of the Figure 49-17.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Draw in a feedback line to the RX\_ACTIVE state, which matches the earlier D2.2 version of the diagram.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 49 SC Figure 49-17 P170 L18 # 65  
Horner, Rita Avago Technologies

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

In RX\_SLEEP, the transition with the condition "rx\_block\_lock \*~rx\_tq\_timer\_done \* R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) = IDLE" goes nowhere. There is a missing line connection, to the right of the Figure 49-17.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Draw in a feedback line to the RX\_ACTIVE state, which matches the earlier D2.2 version of the diagram.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 28C SC 28C.12 P258 L33 # 66  
Kasturia, Sanjay Teranetics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This is a "pile on" to comment #20192. Annex 28C and Clause 45.2.7.13a and clause 45.2.7.14a require new EEE next pages and new message codes that add 1/2 second during autonegotiation. This is unnecessary time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use the existing NP and XNP to control advertising of BASE-T EEE

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The BRC will discuss whether there is sufficient support to overturn the resolution in previous drafts.

CI 24 SC 24.2.3.4 P37 L13 # 67  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

A reference to subclause 45.2.3.9b would be better than to Table 45-1 which is the global register list and does not list individual bits.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text '.. register 3.22 (refer to Table 45-1) shall ..' to read '.. register 3.22 (see 45.2.3.9b) shall ..',

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 24 SC 24.1.1 P31 L26 # 68  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

Footnote 5 seems to be marked as inserted text yet I don't seem to be able to find footnote 5 - and it should be at the bottom of this page.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide footnote 5 at the bottom of this page.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 14 SC 14.1.1.1 P15 L49 # 69  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I believe that 10BASE-Te is a MAU and not a PHY. See subclause 14.1.1'Overview' which states that 'This clause also specifies the functional, electrical, and mechanical characteristics of the Energy Efficient version of 10BASE-T, the type 10BASE-Te MAU, and one specific medium for use with that MAU.'. 10BASE-T is also a MAU. A MAU is not the same as a PHY - see Figure 1-1 in IEEE Std 802.3-2008.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change 'A 10BASE-Te PHY interoperates with a 10BASE-T PHY if the minimum cabling requirements of a 10BASE-Te PHY are met.' to read 'A 10BASE-Te MAU interoperates with a 10BASE-T MAU if the minimum cabling requirements of a 10BASE-Te MAU are met.

Also change subclause 78.1 (page 235, line 20) that reads 'In addition to the above, EEE defines a 10 Mb/s PHY (10BASE-Te) with reduced transmit amplitude requirements. The 10BASE-Te PHY is fully interoperable with 10BASE-T PHYs over 100 m of class D (Category 5) or better cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:1995.' to read 'In addition to the above, EEE defines a 10 Mb/s MAU (10BASE-Te) with reduced transmit amplitude requirements. The 10BASE-Te MAU is fully interoperable with 10BASE-T MAUs over 100 m of class D (Category 5) or better cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:1995.'.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 24 SC 24.2.3.1 P35 L39 # 70  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

According to Table 22-2 a binary value 0001 of receive nibble-wide Data signals (RXD), together with the de-assertion of RX\_DV and the assertion of RX\_ER on the MII is used to indicate "Assert LPI" (see page 26, line 10).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change '.. used to indicate "receive LPI", as..' to read '.. used to indicate "Assert LPI", as ..'.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 22 SC 22.2.1 P22 L5 # 71  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

EEE requires the use of the MAC defined in Annex 4A.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text 'The definition of LPI signaling assumes the use of the MAC defined in Annex 4A..' to read 'Support for EEE requires the use of the MAC defined in Annex 4A ..'.

Please make the same change in subclause 35.2.1, 46.1.7 and 78.1.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Editors to ensure that changes are made in clauses 22, 35, 46 and 78.

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 72  
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

It has been agreed with staff that where a subclause is inserted prior to the existing first subclause it is labelled [existing subclause - one level].[a through z]. Where a subclause is inserted after an existing subclause - assuming it is not the last - the new subclause it is labelled [subclause number][a through z].

For example to insert two subclauses before 43.2.1 the subclauses would be numbered 43.2.a and 43.2.b. Two subclauses between 43.2.1 and 43.2.2 would be numbered 43.2.1a and 43.2.1b. Two subclauses added after the last subclause 43.2.2 would be numbered 43.2.3 and 43.2.4.

At the moment we are not consistent in IEEE P802.3ba and IEEE P802.3az. In some cases the draft isn't consistent with itself.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use consistent subclause insertion numbering including style guide and approach agreed with staff.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 28C SC 28C.12 P258 L33 # 73  
Marris, Arthur Cadence

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This is a pile on to 20192 against draft 2.1

Surely the whole point of adding XNPs for 10GBASE-T was to use them for this sort of configuration operation.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Please reconsider reponse to 20192

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The BRC will discuss whether there is sufficient support to overturn the resolution in previous drafts.

CI 46 SC 46.4a P135 L48 # 74  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communicat

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Do we need to add a description here of what happens if the PHY is in LPI on the transmit side and in the normal operational mode on the receive side, and it receives LF from the link partner?

It is not clear from the text whether LF or LP\_IDLE takes precedence.

I believe that, according to 46.3.4, the RS should respond to LF by sending RF on the transmit path. This would wake the transmit side of the link if it were in LPI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add text stating that the fault signaling takes precedence - transmitting the RF will wake up the PHY.

Should this description be added to clause 78?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Bring 46.3.4 into the draft. Modify the second paragraph:

Sublayers within the PHY are capable of detecting faults that render a link unreliable for communication.

Upon recognition of a fault condition a PHY sublayer indicates Local Fault status on the data path. When

this Local Fault status reaches an RS, the RS stops sending MAC data \*\* or LPI \*\*, and continuously generates a Remote

Fault status on the transmit data path (possibly truncating a MAC frame being transmitted).

When Remote

Fault status is received by an RS, the RS stops sending MAC data, and continuously generates Idle control

characters. When the RS no longer receives fault status messages, it returns to normal operation, sending

MAC data \*\* or LPI \*\*.

CI 46 SC 46.4a P135 L47 # 75  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communicat

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The MAC should be prevented from requesting a transition into LPI within 1 ms of sending or receiving fault signaling, to prevent LPI requests occurring during PCS\_Test while the PHY is retraining. This would prevent any frames being lost during LPI transitions following PCS\_Test.

The current text states that LPI requests should be prevented unless the link has been operational for at least 1 second, but this only traps the case when the link retrains after autoneg.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add text stating that transitions to LPI should be prevented within 1 ms of sending or receiving fault signaling.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is already a restriction on LPI dependent on link state (46.1.7). Additional restrictions are not necessary and have no effect on frame loss.

CI 55 SC P L # 76  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communicat

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Add the 10GBASE-T ad hoc output (link monitor and fast retrain capabilities) to the draft.

*SuggestedRemedy*

As comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 46 SC 46.4a P L # 77  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communicat

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

TX\_EN, TX\_ER and TXD<7:0> are not the correct names for 10G.  
RX\_EN, RX\_ER and RXD<7:0> are not the correct names for 10G.

This seems to be a copy/paste error from the GMII clause.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Update the names and description to use TXD/TXC, RXD/RXC.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the names. Also change the reference from 35.2.1.1 to 46.1.7.

CI 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P201 L5 # 78  
Parnaby, Gavin Solarflare Communicat

Comment Type TR Comment Status D rx\_lpi\_active init

rx\_lpi\_active is not set in the 64B/65B state diagram until RX\_L. It should be reset in RX\_INIT.

tx\_lpi\_req is not set in the 64B/65B state diagram until TX\_L. It should be reset in TX\_INIT.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add rx\_lpi\_active <= false to the RX\_INIT state.

Add tx\_lpi\_req <= false to the TX\_INIT state.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P75 L30 # 79  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Definition of code\_sync\_status should be same as what is there in 802.3-2008 for sync\_stauts.

*SuggestedRemedy*

A parameter set by the PCS Synchronization process to reflect the status of the link as viewed by the receiver.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC Fig 36-7a P81 L 24 # 80  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D  
 Missing closing paranthesis after idle\_d  
 SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.1.7 P76 L 48 # 81  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Description for tx\_ts\_timer, tx\_tq\_timer and tx\_tr\_timer starts as :  
 This timer is started when the PCS receiver enters..  
 It should be  
 This timer is started when the PCS transmitter enters..

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC Fig 36-7c P83 L 5 # 82  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 To be consistent across all the EEE PHYs, change the state name from  
 START\_RX\_SLEEP to RX\_SLEEP. Also on page 76, line 31.  
 If the editor decides to keep the name, then on page 76, line 28 change the name  
 RX\_SLEEP to START\_RX\_SLEEP.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC Fig 36-7c P83 L 40 # 83  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Exit out of RX\_WAKE\_DONE should be to H and not to G  
 SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC Fig36-7a P81 L 4 # 84  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Missing rx\_lpi\_active <= FALSE inside LINK\_FAILED state  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add the above.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 74 SC 74 P230 L # 85  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Editor forgot to change the tx\_quiet and rx\_quiet to tx\_mode and rx\_mode.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Refer to Pillai\_1109\_01.pdf and modify appropriately.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-16 P169 L 12 # 86  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Arrow head for TX\_ACTIVE back to TX\_ACTIVE needs to touch the vertical line.  
 SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-17 P170 L9 # 87  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Arrow heads for RX\_ACTIVE to RX\_ACTIVE and RX\_SLEEP to RX\_ACTIVE are floating.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Fix the diagram  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.2.5 P165 L34 # 88  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Timer description for tx\_ts\_timer, tx\_tq\_timer tx\_tr\_timer and tx\_tw\_timer states  
 This timer is started when the PCS's receiver..  
 change it to  
 This timer is started when the PCS's transmitter.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC 49.2.13.3.1 P168 L5 # 89  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 The transmit LPI state diagram controls tx\_mode which disables the transmitter  
 when true.  
 This should say  
 The transmit LPI state diagram controls tx\_mode which disables the transmitter  
 when it is set to quiet.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-16 P169 L41 # 90  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Inside TX\_REFRESH state change  
 tx\_mode <= data  
 to  
 tx\_mode <= DATA  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-16 P169 L24 # 91  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Either change all the 1usec timer name to  
 one\_uS\_timer  
 or  
 one\_us\_timer  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change all occurrences to one\_us\_timer

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-17 P170 L47 # 92  
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 one\_uS\_timer is used in TX LPI and RX LPI state  
 diagrams. It is better to use different names for these timers to avoid  
 confusion and to follow the usual practice in IEEE standards.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Suggestion is to change the one on Fig 49-16 to be tx\_one\_uS\_timer  
 and the one on fig 49-17 to be rx\_one\_uS\_timer. And add appropriate  
 descriptions under 49.2.13.2.5  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Use tx\_one\_us\_timer, rx\_one\_us\_timer

Cl 72 SC 72 P224 L # 93  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

None of the changes listed in Pillai\_1109\_01.pdf got added/modified into CL72.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Put changes from Pillai\_1109\_01.pdf into the next draft

Cl 49 SC Fig 49-17 P170 L46 # 94  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In draft 2.2 a new state got added to Fig 49-17. In certain cases this transition from RX\_WAKE to RX\_SCR\_BYPASS can cause issues.

For example: during refresh, what if the FEC gained the block lock by chance much before the transmitter asserts scr\_bypass. This will lead the receive PCS to get an rx\_block\_lock, at which case this transition will take place. But then when the transmitter asserts scr\_bypass, the receive PCS might see != LI, which will wake the receiver up.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Don't have a suggestion at this point. But certainly this needs more discussions.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This scenario must be prevented by modifying the requirements in Clause 74. The FEC must be precluded from asserting SIGNAL\_OK until it detects the deterministic block (even if it luckily attains block lock without it). The restriction applies following the deassertion of rx\_quiet, with rx\_lpi\_active asserted.

Note that this requires a change to Clause 74, no change to Clause 49.

Cl 49 SC 49 P158 L1 # 95  
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The draft is not addressing the situation in which how a transmitter will handle an LPI request if the link partner is transmitting Local fault.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Michael Grimwood is expected to address this problem for 10GBASE-T PHYs through a presentation. Either the 10GBASE-R PHY should adopted a similar solution or there is a need for discussing this issue separately.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is handled in the RS. See response to comment #74.

Cl 40 SC 40.1.3 P89 L9 # 96  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The response to comment 427 on the initial WG ballot was suppose to be applied here to remove "more commonly known as"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Apply the response.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 14 SC 14.10.3 P21 L12 # 97  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

Since the decision was that 10BASE-T includes 10BASE-Te, it is unclear whether a maker of a 10BASE-Te MAU also checks the 10BASE-T box yes.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add text to the 10BASE-T entry that excludes 10BASE-TE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 28C SC 28C.12 P258 L38 # 98  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This says that 45.2.7.13a defines what is sent in bits U10:U0 so there are no remaining U field bits (which is the only field in the unformatted page).

The bits should all be defined in one place (45.2.7.13a) so that this doesn't need to be updated two places if another bit is used sometime. My comment on 15.2.7.13a would update it to cover all the bits.

This comment also applies to 73A.4

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete ", the remaining field bits....on receipt".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Change for 28C.12 and 73A.4.

See also comment #99

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.13a P128 L25 # 99  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The bit assignments still aren't right. Bits 3 through 1 of the register should map to U3 through U1 of the U field. I.e. each bit in the register should map to the corresponding bit of the U field. This was agreed in the resolution of my comment 416 on the first ballot and in the response to 193 in the first recirculation.

This comment also applies to 45.2.7.14a which should use the same mapping.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the mapping of bits 3 through 1 to U3 through U1 respectively in both tables.

I would also prefer that the resolution in response to 416 be fully implemented - the register bits 0 through 15 should map to U0 through U15 (all bits apply to Clause 73 and only bits 0 through 10 apply to Clause 28) with the unused values reserved. That allows the mapping for the register to U bits to be established now for when additional bits are added later.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change 3:1 to U3 through U1 to rectify editorial mistake implementing comment #193. Make the change in both tables: 45-157a and 45-157b

Add a new paragraph after the current one in 45.2.7.13a:

Bits 10:0 of register 7.60 map to bits U10 through U0 respectively of the unformatted next page following a EEE technology message code as defined in 28C.12. Bits 15:0 of register 7.60 map to bits U15 through U0 respectively of the unformatted next page following a EEE technology message code as defined in 73A.4. Devices using Clause 28 autonegotiation may ignore bits defined for Clause 73 autonegotiation and devices using Clause 73 autonegotiation may ignore bits defined for Clause 28 autonegotiation.



Cl 55 SC 55.3.2.2.9a P189 L13 # 100  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Most of the clean-up of terminology for LPI and EEE has been done, but there are still a few cases where the EEE capability is referred to as low power idle.

in the state machine definitions of clause 55, "When the low power idle function is <not> supported," appears a number of times including in 55.3.5.2.4 Functions where there is no low power idle function. These should all refer to EEE which is the name of the optional capability.

*SuggestedRemedy*

If low power idle is not supported should be "If EEE is not supported".  
"the low power idle function" should be "EEE"

Check for any other instances of supported being applied to low power idle or LPI and correct. LPI is the signal and LPI mode is the state where that signal is used. EEE is the optional capability.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Also make changes on page 179, 195, 196, 206.

Cl 14 SC 14 P15 L5 # 101  
Thaler, Pat Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Some text still implies that a type 10BASE-Te MAU is not a type 10BASE-T one, but it needs to be for backwards compatibility in places like autonegotiation. 10BASE-Te should be treated as a subtype of 10BASE-T.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In the title of Clause 14, change "and type 10BASE-Te" to "including type 10BASE-Te".

14.1.1 in the note say: "Support for both 10BASE-Te and non-10BASE-Te signal levels in a single device is not expected." Or you could use legacy 10BASE-T where you need to differentiate from 10BASE-Te.

14.1.1.3 - the first paragraph doesn't explicitly exclude 10BASE-Te. The paragraph needs language to exclude 10BASE-Te; either replace 10BASE-T with "10BASE-T except 10BASE-Te" or "legacy 10BASE-Te"

14.3, The additional sentence "This subclause also ..." is not needed since 10BASE-T includes 10BASE-Te when not otherwise specified.

14.3.1.2 the paragraph about insertion loss for a legacy 10BASE-T MAU needs to explicitly exclude 10BASE-Te.

This needs to be done for every time that there is a requirement that is different for 10BASE-Te. The paragraph near the beginning of 14.3.1.2 that contains the reference to Figure 14-7 is an example where it was done right.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In the title of Clause 14, change "and type 10BASE-Te" to "including type 10BASE-Te".

14.1.1 - Change not to read:  
"Support for both 10BASE-T and 10BASE-Te signal levels in a single device is not required".

14.1.1.3 - Change text on page 16, line 5 from:  
"The performance specifications of the 10BASE-T simplex ..." to:  
"The performance specifications of the 10BASE-T except 10BASE-Te simplex ..."

14.3 - Delete additional sentence "This subclause also defines the ."

14.3.1.2 Change page 17, line 8 from:  
"For a type 10BASE-T MAU, insertion ." to:  
"For a type 10BASE-T MAU that is not a type 10BASE-Te MAU, insertion ."

Change text on page 18, line 34 from:

"data sequences for a type 10BASE-T MAU." to:  
"data sequences for a type 10BASE-T MAU that is not a type 10BASE-Te MAU."

Change text on page 18, line 44 from:  
". Figure 14-7 for 10BASE-T and ." to:  
". Figure 14-5 for 10BASE-T except 10BASE-Te and ."

Change text on page 19, lines 12, 18 and 25 from:  
". for 10BASE-T and ." to:  
". for 10BASE-T except 10BASE-Te and ."

Change text on page 19, line 52 from:  
". for a 10BASE-T MAU." to:  
". for a 10BASE-T MAU that is not a 10BASE-Te MAU."

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**Cl 74**    **SC 74.7.4.8**    **P**    **L**    # **102**  
Thaler, Pat    Broadcom

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

The response to 384 on the first Working Group ballot has not been fully implemented.  
FEC does not have "frames", it has blocks

*SuggestedRemedy*

All instances of "frame" in Clause 74 should be replaced with "block".

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

Change "frame" to "block" at the following locations:

Page 233, line 11, 15 and 19.

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**Cl 28C**    **SC 28C.12**    **P258**    **L 33**    # **103**  
Woodruff, Bill    Aquantia

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

This is a "pile on" to comment #20192. Annex 28C and Clause 45.2.7.13a and clause 45.2.7.14a require new EEE next pages and new message codes that add 1/2 second during autonegotiation. This is unnecessary time.

Submitted as TR, changed to T

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use the existing NP and XNP to control advertising of BASE-T EEE

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

The BRC will discuss whether there is sufficient support to overturn the resolution in previous drafts.

TYPE: TR/technical required ER/editorial required GR/general required T/technical E/editorial G/general  
COMMENT STATUS: D/dispatched A/accepted R/rejected RESPONSE STATUS: O/open W/written C/closed U/unsatisfied Z/withdrawn  
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**Cl 14**    **SC 14.1.1**    **P15**    **L 22**    # **104**  
Booth, Brad    AppliedMicro

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

There was a comment #10511 that was issued against the note in 14.1.1.  
I believe that the issue still exists with the note.  
"Expected" is defined as "considered likely or probable to happen or arrive." The use of the word reads with a level of uncertainty. Notes are used to call attention; therefore, it should contain stronger wording.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to read:  
Support for both 10BASE-T and 10BASE-Te in a single device is not required.

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

See resolution of comment #101.

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**Cl 24**    **SC 24.2.4.4**    **P40**    **L 15**    # **105**  
Dove, Dan    HP Networking

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

The IDENTIFY JK state has an exit vector with criteria "rx\_bits[9:0] = //P/. This cannot happen in this state and thus the vector would never be used. In addition, the vector going to BAD SSD must be changed because an //P/ satisfies the criteria to enter that state which would cause a FALSE CARRIER indication.

*SuggestedRemedy*

This vector should come from the CARRIER DETECT state. In addition, change the criteria from CARRIER DETECT into BAD SSD to be rx\_bits[9:5] = // \* rx\_bits[4:0] <> //J/.

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **Z**  
REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

CI 00 SC 0 P L # 106  
Anslow, Peter Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The comparison document only shows added text (in blue). This means that deletions from the draft cannot easily be seen.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Please show additions and deletions (in strikeout and red) in the comparison document as other projects have done.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The way document compare works in Frame, the file that shows deletions messes up all the numbering so it is not very useful.

CI 24 SC 24.1.2 P31 L19 # 107  
Cobb, Terry CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Maintenance request #1206 The objective d) is correct as it is written. The objective reflects what is in the TP-PMD standard which is what this clause uses for 100BASE-TX. The TP-PMD standard is specifically written to focus on Category 5 UTP and 150 ohm STP cabling, see Annex E of ANSI X3.263-1995.

The objectives are meant to serve as goals at the start of a project. Being able to run over UTP was important because there are more impairments due to noise, crosstalk, and EMC; compared to screened or shielded systems. So distinguishing UTP as a minimum objective is correct. It is the lowest common denominator.

I also don't believe you should change objectives that were true at the time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reject maintenance request #1206

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The footnote was added to execute the result of Motion #2 of Sep. Interim Meeting, 2009

Refer to MR #1206  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/revision\\_history.html](http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/revision_history.html)

Footnote 5: ISO/IEC 11801 makes no distinction between shielded or unshielded twisted-pair cables, referring to both as balanced cables.

CI 24 SC 24.1.2 P31 L19 # 108  
Cobb, Terry CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Maintenance request #1207 The objective 1) is correct as it is written.

The objectives are meant to serve as goals at the start of a project. Being able to run over UTP was important because there are more impairments due to noise, crosstalk, and EMC; compared to screened or shielded systems. So distinguishing UTP as a minimum objective is correct. It is the lowest common denominator.

I also don't believe you should change objectives that were true at the time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reject maintenance request #1207

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #107

CI 78 SC 78.4 P230 L30 # 109  
Diab, Wael Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Comment #110 on D2.1 requested a change from Tw\_sys to Tw\_sys\_tx to update the L2 nomenclature to the one adopted by the wake-shrinkage ad-hoc. Nevertheless, the scope of replacing Tw\_sys with Tw\_sys\_tx was limited to only 78.4, leaving other dependent area on L2 with the incorrect older nomenclature. For L2 purposes the scope ought to be more than 78.4, specifically for 79 and to check if C30 or C30 annexes need updating.

*SuggestedRemedy*

For the purposes of Layer 2, update the entire draft to match the nomenclature change done in comment #110 on D2.1. Specifically, change Tw\_sys to Tw\_sys\_tx for the Layer 2 negotiated parameter references in C78.4, C79 and C30, where applicable and wherever else applicable

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**CI 78**    **SC 78.4**    **P230**    **L30**    # 110  
Diab, Wael    Broadcom

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

Part of the adopted resolution to comment #110 on D2.1, a change in the assignment in the init state to be LOCAL INITIAL TX VALUE and LOCAL INITIAL RX VALUE. This inadvertently had the opposite effect of what we were trying to do as it leaves the start values to the system instead of the times defined by table 78-4

*SuggestedRemedy*

There are two ways that could resolve this. Either:

(a) Rather than change assignments in init state, change Tw\_phy to Tw\_sys\_tx in 78.4.2.2 PHY WAKE VALUE and 79 where it occurs. I believe this occurs in 3 places total (2 in 79 and 1 in 78.4.2.2).

or

(b) initializing everything to PHY WAKE VALUE

The second proposal maybe simpler as it reduces two constants in the draft. Nevertheless, I included both for discussion in case there was something missed

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Implement option (b) in the suggested remedy

**CI 78**    **SC 78.4**    **P230**    **L30**    # 111  
Diab, Wael    Broadcom

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

Comment #111 on D2.1 requested a change so that the negotiated Tw\_sys\_tx parameter should be rounded up to the nearest integer usec to fit within the byte length fields available. This was necessary since there were no decimal points when we first introduced the parameters, however, the wake shrinkage adhic settled on numbers that had fractional amounts which would eat up the length of the TLVs.

The issue with the adopted resolution is that it was specific to a sentence in that section. All negotiated and exchanged parameters in Layer 2 do not have fractional values and that should be clearly stated throughout any references to negotiated Tw\_sys\_tx.

*SuggestedRemedy*

For the purposes of Layer 2, all values need to be rounded to the nearest usec (i.e. not just for initialization params).

Statements can be inserted in C78.4, C79 and C30 where applicable and wherever else applicable

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

**CI 55**    **SC 55.3.5.4**    **P200**    **L13**    # 112  
Brown, Matt    Applied Micro (AMCC)

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

Figure 55-15a.

If a normal retrain occurs while a PHY transmitter is in LPI mode, there is no specified mechanism to abort the LPI mode (TX\_L state) in the PCS 64B/65B transmit state diagram.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide a mechanism to cause transition to TX\_INIT when normal retrain (exit from PCS\_DATA state in Figure 55-24) occurs.

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

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor proposes using tx\_mode != SEND\_N as a transition into the TX\_L state. This guarantees that any retrain attempt resets the state machine.

Add tx\_mode != SEND\_N as a transition condition into TX\_L.

Cl 55 SC 55.3.5.4 P202 L10 # 113  
Brown, Matt Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status D LATE

Figure 55-15a.

If a normal retrain occurs while a PHY receiver is in LPI mode, there is no specified mechanism to abort the LPI mode (RX\_L state) in the PCS 64B/65B transmit state diagram.

*Suggested Remedy*

Provide a mechanism to cause transition to RX\_INIT state when normal retrain (exit from PCS\_DATA state in Figure 55-24) occurs.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The editor proposes using tx\_mode != SEND\_N as a transition into the RX\_L state. This guarantees that any retrain attempt resets the state machine.

Add tx\_mode != SEND\_N as a transition condition into RX\_L.