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Cl 80 SC 80.1.1 P 98 L 14 # i-1  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type E Comment Status X

40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s Physical Layer entities such as those specified in Table 80-1, provide

*SuggestedRemedy*

40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s Physical Layer entities, such as those specified in Table 80-1, provide

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 80 SC 80.1.1 P 98 L 48 # i-2  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type G Comment Status X

The MDIs as specified in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4, in Clause 85 for 40GBASE-CR4, in Clause 86 for 40GBASE-SR4, in Clause 87 for 40GBASE-LR4, and in Clause 88 for 100GBASELR4 and 100GBASE-ER4, and in Clause 92 for 100GBASE-CR4 all use a 4 lane data path.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The MDIs as specified in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4, Clause 85 for 40GBASE-CR4, Clause 86 for 40GBASE-SR4, Clause 87 for 40GBASE-LR4, Clause 88 for 100GBASE-LR4 and 100GBASE-ER4, and Clause 92 for 100GBASE-CR4all use a 4 lane data path.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 80 SC 80.1.3 P 99 L 1 # i-3  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type G Comment Status X

Although there is no electrical or mechanical specification of the MDI for backplane Physical Layers, the PMDs as specified in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4, in Clause 93 for 100GBASE-KR4 and in Clause 94 for 100GBASE-KP4 all use a 4 lane data path.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Although there is no electrical or mechanical specification of the MDI for backplane Physical Layers, the PMDs as specified in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4, Clause 93 for 100GBASE-KR4 and Clause 94 for 100GBASE-KP4 all use a 4 lane data path.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 80 SC 80.3.1 P 103 L 7 # i-4  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type T Comment Status X

If the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability with the deep sleep mode option is supported (see Clause 78, 78.3) then the inter-sublayer service interface includes five additional primitives defined as follows:

*SuggestedRemedy*

If the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability with deep sleep mode is supported (see Clause 78, 78.3) then the inter-sublayer service interface includes five additional primitives defined as follows:

OR

If the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability with deep sleep mode is supported (see Clause 78, 78.3), then the inter-sublayer service interface shall include five additional primitives defined as follows:

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Cl 80 SC 80.3.3.6 P 107 L 2 # i-5  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type G Comment Status X

The IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request primitive communicates to the FEC that the PCS LPI receive function is active. This primitive may be passed through a PMA sublayer but has no effect on that sublayer. This primitive is only used for a PMA sublayer that is between the PCS and a Clause 74 FEC sublayer, in all other cases the primitive is never invoked and has no effect. Without EEE capability (with the deep sleep mode option), the primitive is never invoked and has no effect.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request primitive communicates to the FEC that the PCS LPI receive function is active. This primitive may be passed through a PMA sublayer but has no effect on that sublayer. This primitive is only used for a PMA sublayer that is between the PCS and a Clause 74 FEC sublayer. In all other cases the primitive is never invoked and has no effect. Without EEE capability (with the deep sleep mode option), the primitive is never invoked and has no effect.

OR

The IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request primitive communicates to the FEC that the PCS LPI receive function is active. This primitive may be passed through a PMA sublayer but has no effect on that sublayer. This primitive is only used for a PMA sublayer that is between the PCS and a Clause 74 FEC sublayer; in all other cases the primitive is never invoked and has no effect. Without EEE capability (with the deep sleep mode option), the primitive is never invoked and has no effect.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # i-6  
Rannow, R K self

Comment Type G Comment Status X

General comment

*SuggestedRemedy*

There appears to be editorial opportunities relative to clarifying statements by including the use of commas or semicolons. The run-on sentences make technical interpretation somewhat confusing.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 01 SC 1.4.50b P 24 L 28 # i-7  
Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"with reach up to at least 5 m." is extra information not needed in the definition.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete extra information in definition

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 01 SC 1.4.52b P 24 L 39 # i-8  
Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type G Comment Status X

"with a total insertion loss up to 35 dB at 12.9 GHz" sounds like a requirement. Definitions shouldn't contain requirements because people don't always read the definitions clause carefully.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete normative requirements from definitions

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 01 SC 1.4.52a P 24 L 33 # i-9  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type G Comment Status X  
 with a total insertion loss up to 33 dB at 7 GHz" sounds like a requirement. Definitions shouldn't contain requirements because people don't always read the definitions clause carefully

SuggestedRemedy  
 remove normative requirements from definition clause.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.11.4 P 145 L 40 # i-10  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 "shall be inferred" seems odd normative language and different from the language used in the base standard. "infer" suggests indirect observation or uncertainty (guess or surmise). The description that follows seems direct and precise. Was 'infer' chosen to be distinct from "assigned" in this case? "inferred" is used several other places in the draft, please review each one to determine (not guess or surmise :-)) if this is really the word you mean.

SuggestedRemedy  
 change to "shall be assigned as follows" (seems consistent with language used in this clause)

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.11.5 P 146 L 6 # i-11  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 Another "inferred"

SuggestedRemedy  
 "shall be determined" or "shall be set" seems to work here

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.11.5 P 146 L 13 # i-12  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 another "inferred" .

SuggestedRemedy  
 "shall be assigned"

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.11.6 P 146 L 36 # i-13  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 "inferred" means "assigned" (or "set")? Use same wording as the base standard and elsewhere in this amendment for consistency

SuggestedRemedy  
 "shall be assigned as follows"

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.11.6 P 146 L 43 # i-14  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 "inferred" again

SuggestedRemedy  
 "assigned" ?

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CI 92 SC 92.9 P 211 L 48 # i-15  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 Acronym COM should be included in abbreviations (1.5) and expanded the first time used (which is page 208 I think), then COM can be thereafter.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.14.4.1 P 234 L 28 # i-16  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 "The polynomial identifier for each lane shall be unique; therefore no two lanes have the same identifier." should be stated in the referenced normative clause.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Move to appropriate clause  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.14.4.1 P 234 L 11 # i-17  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type G Comment Status X  
 "Each lane shall use the same control function as 10GBASE-KR, as defined in 72.6.10" is repeating a normative requirement already stated in the referenced clause  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete repeated 'shall' and replace with reference  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.14.4.2 P 234 L 49 # i-18  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 "If training is disabled by management, PMD\_signal\_detect\_i shall be set to one for i=0 to 3." is repeating a normative requirement already stated in the referenced clause.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.14.4.3 P 235 L 45 # i-19  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type T Comment Status X  
 "When the transmitter is disabled,the peak-to-peak differential output voltage shall be greater than 720 mV within 500 ns of the transmitter being enabled." seems to be repeating the requirements stated in 92.8.3.1, but inconsistently (that is contradicting those requirements).  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove normative requirements from PICS, it is better to cross reference than repeat (and easier to keep consistent that way)  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.14.4.3 P 235 L 51 # i-20  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 repeating a normative requirement  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove "shall"  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 92 SC 92.14.4.3 P 236 L 5 # i-21  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 Repeating a normative requirement  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove "shall"  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 92 SC 92.14.4.3 P 236 L 47 # i-22  
 Rolfe, Benjamin Blind Creek Associate  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 repeating a normative requirement again  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove "shall"  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 69 SC 69.1.1 P 69 L 7 # i-23  
 Thompson, Michael Not Applicable (N/A)  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 If this sentence is describing the standard, then the "or" should be changed to "and" to show that the standard supports all of these possible speeds, not just one of the speeds in the list.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Backplane Ethernet supports the IEEE 802.3 full duplex MAC operating at 1000 Mb/s, 10 Gb/s, 40 Gb/s, and 100 Gb/s providing a bit error ratio (BER) better than or equal to 10<sup>-12</sup> at the MAC/PLS service interface.  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 00 SC 0 P 1 L 9 # i-24  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 This is the second amendment to 802.3-2012 that is going through the Sponsor Ballot, hence the number should not be X anymore  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "X" to "2" - would be nice to change that now, rather than only at publication time.  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 30 SC 30.12 P 34 L 7 # i-25  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status X  
 Extra empty lines that are unnecessary  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Battle with Frame and remove empty lines under 30.12 and above it. Note that there are many more locations in Clause 30 where extra spaces exist today and are unnecessary ... please scrub the Clause and remove them all  
 The same problem exists in Clause 45, 78, 79  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 30 SC 30.12.2.1.30 P 34 L 17 # i-26  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status X  
 Inconsistent formatting of the individual attributes, when comparing with the published version of 802.3  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please reproduce the formatting for individual attributes from 802.3-2012, which includes spacing, use of text styles, etc.  
 Consider using 30.3.5.1.1 as a reference for style use  
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 37 L 7 # i-27  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

Text inserted into Table 45-3 should be shown with underline, especially when we show the removed text in strike-through.

Also, consider showing a single Table 45-3 instance, with text that is being removed (with strike-through), text that is being inserted (in underline) and text that stays the same (no markup). Start from register 1.162 going into 1.499

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.2 P 38 L 17 # i-28  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Text inserted into Table 45-5 is not show with underline ...

SuggestedRemedy

Please use proper markup for text that is being inserted ...

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P 39 L 1 # i-29  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

Table 45-7 was modified by P802.3bk, yet it is not shown in the current table right now - the following entries were added

0 1 1 1 11 = 10/1GBASE-PRX-U4

0 1 1 1 10 = 10GBASE-PR-U4

0 1 1 1 0 1 = 10/1GBASE-PRX-D4

0 1 1 1 0 0 = 10GBASE-PR-D4

SuggestedRemedy

Align Table 45-7 with changes in IEEE Std 802.3bk-2013

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12 P 42 L 3 # i-30  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Rather than relying on description, please show the removed row with reserved bits 1.13.14:12 and then show the new text as its replaced (with underline, please)

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.100 P 58 L 27 # i-31  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

New text in table 45-73 should be shown as inserted (underline)

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 60 L 1 # i-32  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Any special reason why 45.2.3 is separated into a new page?

SuggestedRemedy

Move to the end of page 59

Same for 45.2.3.9

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**Cl 73**      **SC 73**      **P 74**      **L 5**      # **i-33**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

It is of very little relevance what the "original" intent was. What matters is what we do with Auto Negotiation today.

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Change lines 5-7 to a new reading (editing changes not shown): "Auto-Negotiation as defined in this clause, is specified for the use with various Ethernet PHYs operating over backplane and copper cable assembly, including 40GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-CR10, and 100GBASE-CR4 PHYs."

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 73**      **SC 73.6.4**      **P 74**      **L 51**      # **i-34**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"e.g." should be folowed by ","

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Insert "," after "e.g." in line 51, 53, and other locations where text is being modified or added by this project.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 78**      **SC 78.1.4**      **P 83**      **L 3**      # **i-35**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

The new title of 78.1.4 reads just strange - EEE is optional for the PHYs we list in Table 78-1, and this is what the subclause title should reflect

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Change title of 78.1.4 to read: "PHYs optionally supporting EEE"

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 78**      **SC 78.1.4**      **P 83**      **L 7**      # **i-36**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"for each PHY type and interfaces" - to make it read correctly, it should be "interface"

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Per comment

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 78**      **SC 78.2**      **P 83**      **L 39**      # **i-37**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"Replace table title and body of Table 78-2 as shown" - if what you're after is complete replacement of Table 78-2, the editorial instructions should read as follows: "Remove Table 78-2 as published in IEEE Std 802.3-2012. Insert new Table 78-2 as shown below:" - the staff editor needs to know here literally what to do. If changes are too extensive, copying and pasting a new table will be quicker

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Per comment

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 78**      **SC 78.4.3**      **P 90**      **L 3**      # **i-38**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"Insert the following at the end of 78.4.3" - likely should read "Insert the following text at the end of 78.4.3"  
Same issue on page 90, line 34, and on page 91, line 6

## **SuggestedRemedy**

Per comment

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

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<b>Cl 78</b>	<b>SC 78.5</b>	<b>P 92</b>	<b>L 1</b>	# <b>i-39</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
Inserted text in Table 78-4 should be shown in underline, just like changes to caption or column titles.				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Per comment				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			

<b>Cl 78</b>	<b>SC 78.6</b>	<b>P 93</b>	<b>L 1</b>	# <b>i-40</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
If no changes to PICS are needed, remove 78.6 altogether, with the editorial note. It is confusing right now, to have it there and read that no changes are needed.				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Per comment				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			

<b>Cl 79</b>	<b>SC 79.3</b>	<b>P 94</b>	<b>L 7</b>	# <b>i-41</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
Inserted text in Table 79-1 should be shown in underline				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Per comment				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			

<b>Cl 79</b>	<b>SC 79.3.6</b>	<b>P 94</b>	<b>L 22</b>	# <b>i-42</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
"... systems operating at links speeds >10 Gb/s" - elsewhere, we speak of "speeds greater than 10 Gb/s"				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Change to read "systems operating at links speeds greater than 10 Gb/s"				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			

<b>Cl 79</b>	<b>SC 79.4.2</b>	<b>P 95</b>	<b>L 22</b>	# <b>i-43</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
Changes to Table 79-9 should be shown in underline and strikethroughs				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Per comment				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			

<b>Cl 79</b>	<b>SC 79.5.6a</b>	<b>P 79</b>	<b>L 38</b>	# <b>i-44</b>
Hajduczenia, Marek		Bright House Network		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>X</b>	
Item EFW4 does not have a referenced subclause. Either add "NA" or "-" or alternatively provide reference to where this specific item has a "should" statement to match it				
<b>SuggestedRemedy</b>				
Per comment				
<b>Proposed Response</b>	<b>Response Status</b> <b>O</b>			



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**Cl 82**      **SC 82.2.12**      **P 125**      **L 29**      # **i-45**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 Missing space between the number and unit. "0.4ns" should be "0.4 ns"  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "0.4ns" to "0.4 ns"  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 80**      **SC 80.5**      **P 111**      **L 14**      # **i-46**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 References to "88.3.2" and "89.3.2" are not links so they should be in Forest Green (3 instances of each)  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "88.3.2" and "89.3.2" to Forest Green (3 instances of each)  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 93**      **SC 93.7.12**      **P 247**      **L 34**      # **i-47**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 The reference to "72.6.10.2.5" is not a link so it should be in Forest Green  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "72.6.10.2.5" to Forest Green  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 94**      **SC 94.3.13.3**      **P 307**      **L 27**      # **i-48**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 The reference to "94.3.12.8.1" is not a link but it should be  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "94.3.12.8.1" to be a link  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 92**      **SC 92.14.4.5**      **P 238**      **L 3**      # **i-49**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 The reference to "92.10.8" is not a link but it should be  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "92.10.8" to be a link  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 78**      **SC 78.1.3.3.1**      **P 82**      **L 5**      # **i-50**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 According to 802.3 spelling rules "Physical Layer" is always capped.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "Physical layer" to "Physical Layer"  
**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 69**      **SC 69.1.2**      **P 69**      **L 53**      # **i-51**  
 Anslow, Peter      Ciena Corporation  
**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**  
 According to [http://www.ieee802.org/3/WG\\_tools/editorial/requirements/words.html](http://www.ieee802.org/3/WG_tools/editorial/requirements/words.html) this should be "IEEE 802.3 MAC (not CSMA/CD MAC)".  
 Since this paragraph is being modified by the P802.3bj amendment, this should be corrected.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "the IEEE 802.3 (CSMA/CD) MAC" to "the IEEE 802.3 MAC", i.e. show "(CSMA/CD)" in strikethrough font.  
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CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P 83 L 7 # i-52  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

This text now reads: "Normative requirements for the EEE capability for each PHY type and interfaces are in the associated clauses". Here, "interfaces" should be "interface".

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "interfaces" to "interface".

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94 P 305 L 38 # i-53  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Clause 94 is not consistent in the style used for multi-part equations. Equations 94-3, 94-6, 94-7, use a format (with a closing curly brace) that is consistent with IEEE Std 802.3ba and the other clauses in the P802.3bj amendment (except that they don't include "(dB)" at the end), whereas Equations 94-17, 94-20, 94-21 and 94-22 don't include a closing curly brace.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Make the Clause 94 multi-part equations consisten in style with those in the rest of the draft.

Change Equations 94-17, 94-20, 94-21 and 94-22 to have a closing curly brace.

Add "(dB)" at the end of Equations 94-3, 94-6, 94-7, 94-17, 94-20, 94-21 and 94-22.

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CI 94 SC 94.3.12.1.1 P 300 L 12 # i-54  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Equation 94-4 is for  $RL_{max}(f)$  but the value of 10 dB is a minimum (a high return loss is a good thing).

Likewise for Equation 94-20.

Equation 94-22 is correct but the text referring to it and Figure 94-18 say  $RL_{max}$  where it should be  $RL_{min}$ .

*SuggestedRemedy*

In Equation 94-4 change  $RL_{max}$  to  $RL_{min}$ .

In Equation 94-20 change  $RL_{max}$  to  $RL_{min}$ .

In the text immediately above Equation 94-22 change  $RL_{max}$  to  $RL_{min}$ .

In Figure 94-18 change  $RL_{max}$  to  $RL_{min}$ .

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.88b P 44 L 38 # i-55  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The title of Table 45-67b is "PMA overhead control 1, 2, and 3 register bit definitions" but should be "PMA overhead status 1 and 2 register bit definitions"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the title of Table 45-67b from "PMA overhead control 1, 2, and 3 register bit definitions" to "PMA overhead status 1 and 2 register bit definitions"

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 37 L 34 # i-56  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Some of the new register names in Table 45-3 don't match the names in the subclauses defining them.

Registers 1.210 through 1.217 are "RS-FEC symbol error counter, FEC lanes 0 to 3" here but are "RS-FEC symbol errors counter lane 0" in 45.2.1.92f and 45.2.1.92g.

Registers 1.230 through 1.249 are "RS-FEC BIP error counter, PCS lanes 0 to 19" here but just use "lanes 0 to 19" (no PCS) in 45.2.1.92h and 45.2.1.92i.

Also, each register only relates to one lane so the names should be "lane x to y"

## SuggestedRemedy

In Table 45-3 for 1.210 through 1.217 change "RS-FEC symbol error counter, FEC lanes 0 to 3" to "RS-FEC symbol error counter, lane 0 to 3" and add a cross-reference to 45.2.1.92g in the Clause column.

Change the title of 45.2.1.92f to "RS-FEC symbol error counter lane 0 (Register 1.210, 1.211)" and make the same change (errors to error) in the first sentence of the text.

Change the title of Table 45-71f to "RS-FEC symbol error counter lane 0 register bit definitions"

Change the title of 45.2.1.92g to "RS-FEC symbol error counter lane 1 through 3 (Register 1.212, 1.213, 1.214, 1.215, 1.216, 1.217)" and make the same changes (errors to error and lanes to lane) in the first sentence of the text.

In Table 45-3 for 1.230 through 1.249 change "RS-FEC BIP error counter, PCS lanes 0 to 19" to "RS-FEC BIP error counter, lane 0 to 19" and add a cross-reference to 45.2.1.92i in the Clause column.

Change the title of 45.2.1.92i to "RS-FEC BIP error counter, lane 1 through 19 (Registers 1.231 through 1.249)" (lane rather than lanes).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 37 L 9 # i-57  
Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The right hand column headings in the three parts of Table 45-3 are wrong

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "Clause" to "Subclause" in 3 places

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 01 SC 1 P 1 L 1 # i-58  
Byrd, William PRIVACOM VENTUR

Comment Type G Comment Status X

This Standard has a terrible Introduction and format style. If it meets the IEEE's Style format, then it barely does meet it.

## SuggestedRemedy

This Standard should have a proper Introduction written in it before it is published. An Intro that is nothing more than a jump to defining various Jargon that is going to be used is no Introduction at all. At least write a purpose for this standard.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 84 SC 84.11.4.3 P 152 L 46 # i-59  
Karocki, Piotr independent

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
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## SuggestedRemedy

There should be space between numeral and percent sign - at least in SI ("a space separates the number and the symbol %", [http://www.bipm.org/en/si/si\\_brochure/chapter5/5-3-7.html](http://www.bipm.org/en/si/si_brochure/chapter5/5-3-7.html))

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 80 SC 80.1.4 P 100 L 11 # i-60  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
Word order

## SuggestedRemedy

change "devices also may" to "devices may also" - there are several locations where such changes are needed

Proposed Response Response Status O

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**Cl 80**      **SC 80.4**      **P 108**      **L 20**      # **i-61**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Changes to Table 80-3 shuld be shown in more detail, i.e., show where the text is to be inserted in the overal table.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Per comment - use underline to show new text

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 00**      **SC 0**      **P 110**      **L 1**      # **i-62**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Table 80-4 and 80-5 contain a thick border line below SP7. it should be a thin line

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Apply the border style correctly.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 80**      **SC 80.2.3**      **P 102**      **L 16**      # **i-63**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Serial comma missing in "It is optional for 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4 and 100GBASE-CR10 PHYs and mandatory for 100GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-KP4 PHYs."

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Change to "It is optional for 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4, and 100GBASE-CR10 PHYs and mandatory for 100GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-KR4, and 100GBASE-KP4 PHYs."

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 80**      **SC 80.2.4**      **P 102**      **L 29**      # **i-64**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"The 40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R PMAs are specified in Clause 83 and the PMA specific to the 100GBASE-KP4 PHY is specified in Clause 94." could be readable more if the new text was separated into a new sentence

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Change the text to read: "The 40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R PMAs are specified in Clause 83. The PMA specific to the 100GBASE-KP4 PHY is specified in Clause 94."

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 80**      **SC 80.4**      **P 108**      **L 20**      # **i-65**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"Insert rows in Table 80-3 as shown (insert 100GBASE-R RS-FEC below 100GBASE-R FEC; insert the other 3 rows below 100GBASE-R PMA):" - for clarity, the insertion into Table 80-3 should be (a) either divided into two separate instructions, showing separately 100GBASE-R RS-FEC from the remaining three rows, or (b) show the whole Table 80-3 with the specific changes, i.e., insertion of specific rows where needed.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
My personal preference is for option (b), since it makes changes explicit for a reader.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

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CI 81 SC 81.3a P 116 L 47 # i-66  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

According to Style Manual 2012, "... The use of the word willis deprecated and shall not be used when stating mandatory requirements; will is only used in statements of fact." - it seems that in this particular location, we are expressing a requirement and not a fact.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "will be set" to "shall be set". There are many instances in the text of this ammendment, where "will" seems to be used to imply a requirement. Examples include (page/line): 31/27, 116/47, 122/43, 145/50, 146/15, 146/45, 146/54 (first instance), 170/11, 293/1 (first instance), 293/9, 293/10

There are also other locations where the use of "will" is not necessary and should be replaced with Present Simple tense instead. These locations include (page/line): 29/17, 29/40, 30/18, 31/13, 31/33, 31/47, 32/8, 32/24, 32/42, 33/6, 80/5, 80/7, 80/21, 80/24, 118/32, 126/41, 126/43, 126/44, 128/35, 128/48, 128/51, 129/7, 129/11, 129/15, 129/19, 129/22, 129/26, 145/48, 145/51, 146/9, 146/16, 146/46, 146/51, 146/54 (second instance), 159/3, 160/53, 165/4, 169/47, 170/5, 170/10 (two instances), 204/26, 211/9, 218/49, 219/15, 228/1, 253/45, 293/1 (second instance), 293/2, 293/4, 295/37, 295/38, 296/45, 304/27, 342/17, 345/11, 345/12, 345/22, 347/32, 347/33

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 81 SC 81.3a.1 P 117 L 7 # i-67  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Individual definitions of primitives should be separated to improve readability

## SuggestedRemedy

Please use the format similar to what was used elsewhere in published 802.3-2012, e.g., 76.3.2.5.5

Similar issue in 81.3a.2.1. There are multiple locations in the amendment where the format of variables / messages is not consistent with the rest of published 802.3-2012.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 81 SC 81.3a.2 P 117 L 24 # i-68  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Remove the editorial note - given that it is removed from the text prior to publication, the final readers will not see it anyway.

## SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 81 SC 81.3a.2.1 P 117 L 32 # i-69  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Variables and counters defined in other locations, e.g., 802.3-2012, Clause 76, include also type definition, e.g., Boolean, Unsigned Integer, etc. Here, we do not include any type definitions.

## SuggestedRemedy

Consider using the definition format for variables and counters per 76.3.2.5.3. This change applies to the whole amendment.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 81 SC 81.3a.2.2 P 118 L 3 # i-70  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The conventions of the use of timers in this Clause (and likely others) is not very consistent across 802.3-2012. It is also more readable when the timer is explicitly started and loaded using the [start timer\_name, timer\_value] command, as shown in Figure 76-22 - see the "[start interval\_timer, BER\_Monitor\_Interval]".

## SuggestedRemedy

In Figure 81-10a, remove "tw\_timer <= 0" and replace "start\_tw\_timer" with [start tw\_rimer, XXX] with "XXX" indicating the proper value of the timer to count down to zero. Also, adopt the timer conventions from Clause 76.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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**Cl 81**      **SC 81.3a.3**      **P 118**      **L 33**      # **i-71**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

"Buffering and queue management should be designed to accommodate this" - is it intended to be an optional requirement?  
It is also not clear what "this" refers to in this particular statemnt

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Clarify what "this" means. Additionally, consider removing the optional requirement from this statement

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 81**      **SC 81.4.3.6**      **P 119**      **L 19**      # **i-72**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

There are many "should" statements in the added text in the amendment that are not covered right now in PICS.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Please add the new optional requirements added in new text in this Clause into PICS.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 82**      **SC 82.1.4.1**      **P 120**      **L 34**      # **i-73**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Text in 82.1.4.1 is not modified and as such, should not be shown

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Remove 82.1.4.1 and the associated text

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 82**      **SC 82.2.3.4**      **P 121**      **L 48**      # **i-74**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Only the second paragraph in 82.2.3.4 is modified. No need to show the first one

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Remove the first para from 82.2.3.4.  
Change the editorial note prior to 82.2.3.4 to read: "Change the second paragraph in 82.2.3.4"

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 82**      **SC 82.2.3.6**      **P 122**      **L 25**      # **i-75**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

82.2.3.6 is modified by adding a new paragraph - no need to show existing test

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Remove the first para in 82.2.3.6  
Change the editorial note prior to 82.2.3.6 to read: "Insert a paragraph at the end of 82.2.3.6 as shown:". No need to underline new text

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 82**      **SC 82.2.8a**      **P 124**      **L 5**      # **i-76**  
Hajduczenia, Marek      Bright House Network

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Extra empty lines on page 124

**SuggestedRemedy**  
Please remove them

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

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CI 82 SC 82.2.11 P 125 L 12 # i-77  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"by Figure 82-17 the LPI receive state diagram" - I do not see the need for "the LPI receive state diagram" in this text. It is enough to point to figure.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "the LPI receive state diagram" in the referenced text  
The same change in line 20 on the same page

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.2 P 125 L 41 # i-78  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"controlled by the Alignment marker lock state diagram" - it would be more meaningful to use reference to a specific figure and not reference it by name

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the statement "controlled by the Alignment marker lock state diagram" with "controlled according to Figure XX-YY", with the proper live reference to the respective figure.  
Similar change on page 125, lines 46/47 for "Block lock state diagram"  
Similarly, on page 126, line 2, change "Variable used by the Block lock state diagram" to "Variable used in Figure XXX-YY", with the proper live reference to the respective figure.  
Similarly, on page 126, line 36, replace "as described by the LPI receive state diagram (Figure 82-17)" with "as defined in Figure 82-17"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.2 P 126 L 40 # i-79  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Does not make sense: "This Boolean variable is used to bypass the Tx PCS scrambler" - variable is not used to bypass anything, it might at best reflect the state in which the said scrambler is being bypassed"

SuggestedRemedy

Consider using the following statement: "This Boolean variable indicates whether the Tx PCS scrambler is to be bypassed "

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.2 P 126 L 47 # i-80  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Missing "is" before "indicate"

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.4 P 128 L 23 # i-81  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Missing "." after "markers" - right now, it is shown as underlined space.

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.6 P 131 L 30 # i-82  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Rather than change the figures (where changes in any places can be misinterpreted and are hard to follow), suggest to perform a complete replacement. There is no other project changing these right now anyway.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Change figures 82-10, 82-11, 82-12, 82-13, 82-14 and 82-15;" to "Replace Figures 82-10, 82-11, 82-12, 82-13, 82-14 and 82-15;"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 85	SC 85.2	P 153	L 29	# i-83
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Hajduczenia, Marek                      Bright House Network

Comment Type    **E**              Comment Status    **X**

"If the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability ... " - the acronyms need to be expanded only on the first use, and that is already done in newly added text in line 20 on the same page.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the selected text to "If the optional EEE capability"

Similarly, change "Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)" to "EEE" on page 154, line 11

Proposed Response              Response Status    **O**

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Cl 85	SC 85.2	P 153	L 29	# i-84
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Hajduczenia, Marek                      Bright House Network

Comment Type    **E**              Comment Status    **X**

"see Clause 78, 78.3" - direct reference to 78.3 is sufficient

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change selected text to "see 78.3"

Proposed Response              Response Status    **O**

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Cl 85	SC 85.2	P 153	L 37	# i-85
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Hajduczenia, Marek                      Bright House Network

Comment Type    **E**              Comment Status    **X**

Incorerct format for a note: "Note: if Clause 74 FEC is in use, only the values DATA, QUIET and ALERT may be passed through the FEC to the PMD (see 74.5.1.7)."

*SuggestedRemedy*

Either change to "Note that if Clause 74 FEC is in use, only the values DATA, QUIET and ALERT may be passed through the FEC to the PMD (see 74.5.1.7).", or apply the proper style for a NOTE - see 77.2.2.3, book 5, page 665 for an example

Proposed Response              Response Status    **O**

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Cl 91	SC 91.5.2.5	P 162	L 1	# i-86
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Hajduczenia, Marek                      Bright House Network

Comment Type    **T**              Comment Status    **X**

"For the optional EEE capability, transitions between normal alignment markers and Rapid Alignment markers ..." - previously, "Rapid Alignment markers" were defined as "RAMs" - we ought to use the same acronym here as well.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text to read: "For the optional EEE capability, transitions between normal alignment markers and Rapid Alignment Markers (RAMs) ..."

Proposed Response              Response Status    **O**

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Cl 91	SC 91.5.2.5	P 162	L 7	# i-87
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Hajduczenia, Marek                      Bright House Network

Comment Type    **E**              Comment Status    **X**

"refer to 82.2.8" - we usually use the "see xxx" fromat

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "refer to 82.2.8" to "see 82.2.8"

Proposed Response              Response Status    **O**



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CI 78 SC 78.1.2.2.3 P 81 L 35 # i-88  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This comment is to implement maintenance request 1248  
([http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/maint\\_1248.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/maint_1248.pdf)). Please correct the 'When generated' description of LP\_IDLE.indication.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Bring the following text into 802.3bj  
"78.1.2.2.3 When generated  
This primitive is generated by the PHY when it receives an LPI signal or a wake signal from its link partner."  
Insert text above:  
"Change subclause 78.1.2.2.3 as shown:"

Strike through "This primitive is generated by the PHY when it receives an LPI signal or a wake signal from its link partner."

Add the following underlined text: "This primitive is generated by the RS when it starts or stops receiving Assert LPI encoded on the receive xMII according to the rules defined in 78.1.3.2."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 78 SC 78.1 P 81 L 37 # i-89  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

Delete the editor's note as it needs to be removed prior to publication.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 78 SC 78.1.3.3.2 P 82 L 25 # i-90  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Need to mention Fast Wake in PHY LPI receive operation. The current text in 78.1.3.3.2 says that the transmitter shuts down in LPI mode. This is not true for Fast Wake mode.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Bring subclause 78.1.3.3.2 into 802.3bj and change:  
"After sending the sleep signal, the link partner ceases transmission."  
To:  
"After sending the sleep signal, the link partner ceases transmission if not in Fast Wake mode."

Change "The link partner periodically transmits refresh signals"  
To "If in deep sleep mode the link partner periodically transmits refresh signals"

So add text:  
"Change subclause 78.1.3.3.2 as follows:"  
Copy the two paragraphs of 78.1.3.3.2 into 802.3bj and add underlined text of:  
"if not in Fast Wake mode" and  
"If in deep sleep mode"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 80 SC 80.3.1 P 103 L 21 # i-91  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

It is important to make clear that the IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request signal is only used by the Clause 74 BASE-R FEC and not by the Clause 91 RS\_FEC.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:  
"The IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request primitive is used to communicate to the FEC that the PCS is using its receive LPI function."  
To:  
"The IS\_RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE.request primitive is used to communicate to the Clause 74 BASE-R FEC that the PCS has detected LPI signalling. This allows the FEC to use rapid block lock. The RS-FEC does not use this signal."

On page 107 line 17 change the text in "80.3.3.6.2 When generated" from:  
"This primitive is generated to indicate the state of the PCS LPI receive function."

To:  
"This primitive is generated to indicate the state of the PCS LPI receive function. It is FALSE when in the RX\_ACTIVE state and TRUE in all other states."

On page 107 line 21 change:  
"In general, when"  
to:  
"When"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 82 SC 82.2.8 P 122 L 44 # i-92  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

BIP statistics should continue to be updated in Fast Wake mode. The PCS should operate as normal in Fast Wake mode of operation.

SuggestedRemedy

Assuming the RX\_FW state is deleted from Figure 82-17 the LPI Receive state diagram by another comment and the PCS remains in the RX\_ACTIVE state in Fast Wake mode then delete the text:  
"when LPI\_FW is FALSE and on the second received AM after entering the RX\_ACTIVE state when LPI\_FW is TRUE"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P 165 L 13 # i-93  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"It should be noted that these fields cannot be used ..." - unnecessary optional requirement "should"

SuggestedRemedy

Reword to say "Note that these fields cannot be used ..."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.5 P 164 L 17 # i-94  
Thaler, Patricia Broadcom Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The notation in Figure 91-3 is not described. The terms f\_x (x representing a number from 0 to 3) and s\_x are particularly non obvious, but c\_x and d\_x should also be defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Add definitions for the terms used in the figure: e.g. f\_x is the first nibble of the Block Type Field, s\_x is the second nibble of the Block Type Field, c\_x contains the rest of the block payload for Control Blocks and d\_x contains the block payload for data blocks.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 80 SC 80.1.2 P 98 L 19 # i-95  
Nikolich, Paul YAS Broadband Ventu

Comment Type G Comment Status X

Why was the 80.1.2 Objectives subclause deleted?

SuggestedRemedy

no change needed, I'm just wondering what the rationale for the deletion is.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P 61 L 32 # i-96  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"deep sleep" missing for 40GBASE-KR4

SuggestedRemedy

Change:  
1 = EEE is supported for 40GBASE-KR4  
0 = EEE is not supported for 40GBASE-KR4  
to:  
1 = EEE deep sleep is supported for 40GBASE-KR4  
0 = EEE deep sleep is not supported for 40GBASE-KR4

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 78 SC 78.1 P 81 L 36 # i-97  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type T Comment Status X

There is no high level description of how EEE signalling operates between the various PHY sublayers in Clause 78. There is however subclause "78.1.1.1 Interlayer service interfaces" but this only talks about the RS service interface.

SuggestedRemedy

Bring 78.1.1.1 into 802.3bj and rename subclause title.  
Change:  
78.1.1.1 Interlayer service interfaces  
To:  
78.1.1.1 Reconciliation Sublayer service interface

Bring 78.1.1 subclause title into 802.3bj  
78.1.1 LPI Signaling  
Insert the following text at the end of 78.1.1

The LPI Client connects to the RS service interface. LPI signalling between the RS and PCS is performed by LPI encoding on the Media Independent Interface. The transmit PCS encodes LPI symbols which are decoded by the link partner receive PCS. The receive and transmit PCS also generate a request signals each. These are passed down to the lower PHY sublayers and indicate when receive and transmit PHY functions may be powered down.

The EEE request signals from the PCS typically request quiet or normal operation. The Clause 49 and Clause 82 PCSes also request transmit alert operation to enable the partner device PMD to detect the end of the quiescent state. Additionally the PCS generates the RX\_LPI\_ACTIVE signal which indicates to the Clause 74 BASE-R FEC that it can use rapid block lock because the link partner PCS has bypassed scrambling.

Coding is defined in Clause 83 to allow LPI transmit quiet requests from the PCS to be signalled over the XLAUI and CAUI interfaces. The XLAUI and CAUI infer the receive quiet request from the data received from the link partner or from the RX\_TX\_MODE indication signal. The value of the RX\_TX\_MODE indication signal is itself inferred from the received data and is used when the EEE quiet coding has been corrupted by transcoding, FEC or bit multiplexing.

The receive PCS checks that the end of the quiescent state occurs at the correct time. The ENERGY\_DETECT indicate signal is passed up from the PMD to the PCS for this purpose.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.8a P 138 L 8 # i-98  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type T Comment Status X

This comment refers to Figure 82-16--LPI Transmit state diagram.  
The reset operation does not reset down\_count.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add down\_count <= 0 to TX\_ACTIVE state

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P 138 L 24 # i-99  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This comment refers to Figure 82-16--LPI Transmit state diagram.

PCS operation in fast wake mode needs to be identical to normal PCS operation.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the TX\_FW state.

Delete T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) /= LI transition out of the TX\_ACTIVE state.

Delete "or TX\_FW" on line of page 123 in 82.2.8a Rapid alignment marker insertion.

Re-arrange the blocks and arcs in the diagram so the layout is a bit neater.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P 138 L 13 # i-100  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This comment refers to Figure 82-16--LPI Transmit state diagram.

Delete the FW, BYPASS and SLEEP tx\_mode values as nothing uses these.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete  
tx\_mode <= SLEEP  
tx\_mode <= FW  
tx\_mode <= BYPASS  
assignments from the state diagram.

In 84.2 on page 149 line 34 change:

The tx\_mode parameter takes on one of up to six values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT or BYPASS.

to:

The tx\_mode parameter takes on one of up to three values: DATA, QUIET, or ALERT.

Make similar change in 74.5.1.7, 80.3.3.4.1, 85.2, 94.2.1.4.1

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P 139 L 26 # i-101  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This comment refers to Figure 82-17--LPI Receive state diagram.

The PCS should operate the same in fast wake mode as in normal operation, so delete the RX\_FW state.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the RX\_FW state.

Gate the transition from RX\_ACTIVE to RX\_TIMER with "\*\* LPI\_FW = FALSE"

Delete "If Fast Wake is selected then the receiver is expected to maintain sufficient state to allow much faster wake up." on line 42 on page 129 in 82.2.18.3.1.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.9.h P 62 L 26 # i-102  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Should be 40GBASE-KR4 EEE deep sleep supported

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change:  
40GBASE-CR4 EEE deep sleep supported  
To:  
40GBASE-KR4 EEE deep sleep supported

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 82 SC 82.6 P 133 L 1 # i-103  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Variable name is current\_am.

Typo exists in base document.

*SuggestedRemedy*

change curent\_am => current\_am (4 times)

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 82 SC 82.6 P 133 L 1 # i-104  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Transition between normal AMs and RAMs is not clearly handled in this diagram. As a result, the behavior when TX is in TX\_SLEEP may lead to transition to SLIP too early or too late, which may impact the LPI receive process (figure 82-17)

Behavior following TX entering TX\_SLEEP (and sending RAMs) should be defined in a way that prevents transition to SLIP state while RAMs are present on the wire. Probably something along the lines of figure 91-10.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add an equivalent of figure 91-10 and the required variables (ram\_valid, tx\_down\_count) and counters (ram\_counter, 1st\_ram\_counter).

A presentation suggesting a detailed remedy will be supplied if necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 82 SC 82.6 P 134 L 1 # i-105  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The "deskew process" is referenced by three status variables which convey only one bit of information, and a state diagram (82-12), but isn't actually defined anywhere. This makes the text too complicated, and hides the fact that deskewing is implementation specific.

*Details:*

Figure 82-12 is supposed to define the deskew process (as referred to in 82.2.18.3 and 91.5.2.2), but it is equivalent to stating that rx\_align\_status is equal to alignment\_valid, and enable\_deskew is the logical inverse of rx\_align\_status. For these assignments we don't need a state diagram... (and do we need three variables for one bit of information?)

enable\_deskew is not used anywhere except for its definition in 82.2.18.2.2, which only says that it controls the deskew process; similarly, alignment\_valid is defined but not used anywhere except for this diagram, which practically defines rx\_align\_status to be equal to it. rx\_align\_status is then used in many places.

The real deskew process is not actually specified anywhere - it is an implementation dependent process, and only the meaning of its input and output (effectively, both are rx\_align\_status) should be specified.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Bring in subclauses 82.2.1, 82.2.12 and 82.2.18.3, which all refer to the PCS deskew process; remove references to figure 82-12, and instead add the following statements

1. The deskew process is enabled when alignment\_valid is false and disabled when alignment\_valid is true.
2. The precise method for deskewing lanes is not specified and is implementation dependent.

Delete figure 82-12.

Modify reference to the deskew function in 91.5.2.2 and to the diagram in 91.6.11 accordingly.

In addition, consider merging the definition of alignment\_valid into the definition of rx\_align\_status in 82.2.18.2.2, removing the definitions of enable\_deskew and alignment\_valid, and using rx\_align\_status instead of alignment\_valid in statement 1 above.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.6 P 131 L 30 # i-106  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The editing instruction refers to figures which are logically part of subclause 82.2.18.3 (State diagrams).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Move the instruction and the figures near subclause 82.2.18.3 (page 130, above 82.3.1).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 82 SC 82.2.11 P 125 L 11 # i-107  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The distinction between align\_status/rx\_align\_status when EEE is supported is not clear.

align\_status is assigned from rx\_align\_status in the LPI receive state diagram (82-17), and only there. Both variables are used in the transition condition. This seems to be a requirement that rx\_align\_status is "stable" when R\_TYPE(rx\_coded)=LI is detected. But the state diagram conditions are continuously evaluated, so the "not equal" condition can exist only momentarily, and can't affect the transition to RX\_TIMER. This is meaningless, and rx\_align\_status can be used alone.

A similar comparison exists in the LPI Receive function in Clause 49 (Figure 49-13) as well, but there the variable in question is block\_lock, which can be assigned in another state (RX\_LINK\_FAIL); So it has a different meaning.

*SuggestedRemedy*

If there is a reason for this "stability check", please add an explanation for it.

If it is redundant, remove align\_status from the assignment in RX\_ACTIVE state; use rx\_align\_status directly in the condition for transition to RX\_TIMER, and remove the term "align\_status != rx\_align\_status" from the "loop" transition condition. Consider merging these two variables into one.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 83 SC 83.5.11 P 143 L 51 # i-108  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The conditions and status of this subclause requirements should be clarified. There are corresponding PICS items, which have an optional status; this should be a normative statement (conditional on EEE and nAUI).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change

"When the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) deep sleep capability is supported, additional functions are required when the PMA service interface is physically instantiated as XLAUI or CAUI."

To

"When the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) deep sleep capability is supported and the PMA service interface is physically instantiated as XLAUI or CAUI, The additional functions listed in this subclause (83.5.11) shall be supported."

In addition, in 83.7.7: change the status of both PICS items from LPI:O to mandatory with the suitable combination of LPI and XLAUI/CAUI; I think that LPI\*USP1SP6:M LPI\*DSP1SP6 can be used (using conditions defined in the base document, 83.7.3).

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 91 SC 91.5.3.1 P 169 L 1 # i-109  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Figure 91-9 specifies when the inter-lane skew removal process should execute, but does not specify the process itself. The skew removal process is actually implementation specific.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change from:

After alignment marker lock is achieved on all 4 lanes, all inter-lane Skew is removed as specified by the FEC alignment state diagram shown in Figure 91-9. The FEC receive function shall support a maximum Skew of 180 ns between FEC lanes and a maximum Skew Variation of 4 ns.

To:

After alignment marker lock is achieved on all 4 lanes, inter-lane skew is removed. The FEC receive function shall support a maximum Skew of 180 ns between FEC lanes and a maximum Skew Variation of 4 ns. The precise method for deskewing lanes is implementation specific. After alignment is achieved, it is maintained until three consecutive uncorrectable codewords are detected, as specified by the FEC alignment state diagram shown in Figure 91-9.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.2 P 169 L 10 # i-110  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Lane reorder does not appear in figure 91-9 and does not have any associated process or variables. It is not specified to complete at any specific time. If it is assumed that it is completed when deskew is done, then it can be viewed as a part of the deskew process.

Note that in Figure 91-7 these operations appear as a single block.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Rename subclause 91.5.3.1 to "Alignment lock, deskew and lane reorder", and merge the lane reorder functionality into it.

Delete subclause 91.5.3.2.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.6.11 P 184 L 17 # i-111  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The PCS deskew state diagram assigns the variable rx\_align\_status, not align\_status. This is also the variable used in state diagrams.

Note another comment I made which suggests removing figure 82-12.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change align\_status to rx\_align\_status here and in Table 91-4.

If my other comment is accepted, remove reference to figure 82-12.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 207 L 16 # i-112  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Comment applies to both clause 92 and clause 93.

For large multi-port ASICs with significant switching activity, it may be challenging to meet The 0.1 UI PTP BUJ requirement without decreasing port density. On the other hand, RJ specifications can be met more easily.

There is a tradeoff between BUG and RJ, and it is suggested to shift some of the jitter budget towards BUJ.

The values in the suggested remedy were tested with the contributed channels; the limiting channels which passed with previous values still pass with the suggested values.

A presentation comparing COM results will be supplied.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change BUJ specification to less than 0.12 UI PTP.  
Change RJ specification to less than 0.008 UI RMS.

Update tables 92-6 and 93-4 accordingly.

Change values of A\_DD and Sigma\_RJ in COM parameters (table 93-8) accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.10.7.5 P 293 L 21 # i-113  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The additional requirement to respond to requests following the first acknowledged request in less than 2 ms may be impossible to fulfill if the frame\_lock variable is set to false, e.g. due to SLIP function (see figure 72-4). There is currently way to abort the coefficient update state diagram or the training state diagram in that case; so there is no compliant behavior when this requirement can't be met.

It is unusual for such "handshake" related state diagram in the receiver not to have a compliant abort path. Examples include: TRAINING\_FAILURE state in figure 72-5; several paths leading to TRANSMIT\_DISABLE in figure 73-11; and RX\_LINK\_FAIL in figure 49-13.

It is possible that a designer wishing to avoid violating this requirement would defer its response to the first request (possibly, until the SLIP condition is unlikely). Such a delay is still compliant, but would undermine the purpose of the PMD control function.

Comment also applies to subclause 92.7.12 and 93.7.12.

*SuggestedRemedy*

A detailed remedy will be submitted separately.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 83A SC 83A.3.2a P 323 L 18 # i-114  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

au\_tx\_mode is described in subclause 83.5.11.3.

*SuggestedRemedy*

change cross reference from 83.5.11 to 83.5.11.3.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.1.4 P 120 L 25 # i-115  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Clause 91 is the RS-FEC sublayer; here it is referred to as FEC sublayer, which is used earlier in this paragraph referring to Clause 74.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "connects to the FEC sublayer" to "connects to the RS-FEC sublayer".

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 69 SC 69.1.1 P 69 L 16 # i-116  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The editorial instruction "Replace the third paragraph as shown" should be "Change the third paragraph as shown" with the strikethrough and underline text shown together, i.e. not as separate paragraphs. Similar changes are required for the next editorial instruction "Change the fourth paragraph as shown."

*SuggestedRemedy*

Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 99 SC 99 P 6 L 8 # i-117  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Update working group officers and populate sponsor balloters list.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status O



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CI 74 SC 74.5.1 P 79 L 79 # i-118  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Changes to the service interface are misplaced. 74.5.1 pertains to 10GBASE-R service primitives. Changes to the 40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R service primitives should have been made to 74.5.2.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove changes to 74.5.1. Amend 74.5.2 with the new service interface primitives required for the optional EEE capability at 40 and 100 Gb/s.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6.1 P 203 L 12 # i-119  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This method specifies the waveform capture method defined in 85.8.3.3.4. Referring to 85.8.3.3.4, the sampling rate is defined to be at least 7 times the signaling rate. When the oversampling ratio is this low, the method defined in 92.8.3.6.1 will yield erroneous results.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the first sentence to read "...PRBS9 as specified in 83.5.10 at TP2 per 85.8.3.3.4 with M not less than 32."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7.1.1 P 217 L 28 # i-120  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The transmitter and receiver PCB model should consist of 141 sections, not 185, based on the revised section model per Table 92-12. Also, sentences could be changed to avoid expressing these large numbers in words.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the second paragraph to "...the transmitter and receiver PCB model each consist of 141 sections representing an insertion loss of 6.26 dB..." Apply similar changes to the third paragraph.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7 P 216 L 46 # i-121  
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Cable assembly COM definition is incomplete because no COM parameters are specified.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the last sentence of the first paragraph to "COM is computed using the procedure in 93A.1 with the values in Table 93-8 and the signal paths defined in 92.10.7.1 and 92.10.7.2."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.11.3.2 P 224 L 23 # i-122  
Palkert, Thomas Molex Incorporated

Comment Type G Comment Status X

MCB's and HCB's that are within reasonable manufacture impedance tolerances (~5%) can fail the 92.11.3.2 Mated test fixtures return loss specifications.  
Change 92.11.3.2 Mated test fixtures return loss specifications to proposed limits.  
See supporting presentation

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change 92.11.3.2 Mated test fixtures return loss specifications to..

Return loss(f)>=  
20-1.429\*f 0.01 <= f < 4.9 GHz  
14.4-0.286\*f 4.9 <= f < 10.85 GHz  
12.05-51.1\*log(f/10.5) 10.85 <= f < 13.8 GHz  
5 13.8 <= f <= 25 GHz

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7.1.1 P 217 L 28 # i-123  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

There are two conflicting definitions of the same quantity (SHOSP) and an inconsistency in the loss per mmm of the traces.

*SuggestedRemedy*

On line 28 change "one hundred and eighty five" to "one hundred and forty one" to match what is on this page on line 32.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.7.12 P 197 L 18 # i-124  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Poor grammar

SuggestedRemedy

Change "indicated" to "indicate"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.7.12 P 197 L 7 # i-125  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

It would be good to point out that there are differences to 72.6.10

SuggestedRemedy

Add "with the following differences" to the end of the sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.2 P 200 L 17 # i-126  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X

It would be good to provide a graph of this return loss function.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a graph and a reference similar to that on line 40.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6.1 P 203 L 13 # i-127  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The equalizer used here for measuring the transmitter waveform only has Np=11 whereas that used in the Tx SNDR test (92.8.3.8) and clause 93 has Np=14. They should be the same.

SuggestedRemedy

Change Np=11 to Np=14. If this is accepted also delete the exception "and Np is set to 14." in section 93.8.1.5.1

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7 P 216 L 51 # i-128  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The COM calculation for the cable uses perfect trace loss in addition to the measured cable response that is measured with instrument grade cable assembly test fixtures. It is un-realistic to expect a real channel to be as good., and the Tx specifications at TP2 and TP3 (eg return loss) do not require that.

SuggestedRemedy

Increase the required cable assembly COM value to 3.5dB.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.8 P 205 L 45 # i-129  
 Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

It is intended that the same chips can be used for KR4 and CR4 however the SNDR values for the two systems are the same despite the CR4 value being measured after the host trace and connector. There should be an allowance for degradations due to these components.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the SNDR requirement to 26dB and use this 26dB number in the COM calculation for the cable COM.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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**CI 92**      **SC 92.11**      **P 220**      **L 42**      # **i-130**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

This paragraph would read better with a change of order.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Move "to enable connections to measurement equipment" to the start of the paragraph as it applies to all the fixtures.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**CI 92**      **SC 92.12.1.2**      **P 229**      **L 17**      # **i-131**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

Table 92-15 is missing two important signal grounds that if not present would influence the performance.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add Signal gnd for S32 and S20 MDI connector contacts.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**CI 92**      **SC 92.8.3.1**      **P 235**      **L 3**      # **i-132**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

The timing requirement isn't when the Transmitter is disabled it is when it is enabled after having been disabled.

**SuggestedRemedy**

replace "When the transmitter is disabled" with "After the transmitter has been in the disabled state" also in the PICS for both TC9 and TC10.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**CI 92**      **SC 92.8.3.9.2**      **P 206**      **L 35**      # **i-133**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

The method of determining the bin numbers for the extrapolation depend on the number of samples taken. With a somewhat truncated Gaussian which is likely due to low probability bounded jitter from eg Crosstalk the values of the Random and Bounded jitter will be different depending on the number of samples taken leading to inconsistent results.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change the formula for determining the bins for extrapolation to one that is consistent in probabilities at 1e-4 and 1e-6.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**CI 93**      **SC 93.7.12**      **P 247**      **L 30**      # **i-134**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **X**

The differences to 72.6.10 could be better explained.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add "with the following differences" to the end of the sentence. "Each lane of the 100GBASE-KR4 PMD shall use the same control function as 10GBASE-KR, as defined in 72.6.10.". Make the rest of this paragraph into the first bullet. The next three paragraphs become 3 additional bullets.

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

**CI 93**      **SC 93.8.1.3**      **P 250**      **L 40**      # **i-135**  
Dudek, Michael      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**      **Comment Status**    **X**

The timing requirement isn't when the Transmitter is disabled it is when it is enabled after having been disabled.

**SuggestedRemedy**

replace "When the transmitter is disabled" with "After the transmitter has been in the disabled state" .

**Proposed Response**      **Response Status**    **O**

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CI 92 SC 92.8.4.4 P 209 L 19 # i-136  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Depending on the ILD characteristics of the test channel the amount of noise required to be equivalent to the COM of a passing channel will vary. By using a fixed value of ICN independent of the ILD of the test channel the receiver may be understressed or overstressed.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the cablitrated ICN row with COM. Delete the FEXT row. Set the COM value to that used as the pass/fail criterion for the Cable, and refer to section 92.8.4.4.3. In section 92.8.4.4.3 replace "The amplitudes of the disturbers should be such that the calibrated far-end crosstalk in Table 92-8 is met in the calibration setup at the LUT point with no signal applied at the PGC, and HTx and PGC terminated in 100 Ohms differentially" with "The amplitudes of the disturbers should be such that the COM calculated between the pattern generator and the output of the Cable Test fixture is equal to the value in Table 92-8 using the method of 92.10.7 except that the channel is not concatenated with the second S(HOSP).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.2.1.4.3 P 272 L 52 # i-137  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
poor English

SuggestedRemedy

Change "may be" to "may"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P 293 L 26 # i-138  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
poor English

SuggestedRemedy

Change "updated to indicated" to "updated to indicate"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.9 P 294 L 35 # i-139  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
poor English

SuggestedRemedy

delete the "a" in "by the a training frame"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.5.5 P 304 L 13 # i-140  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

There are not 12 steps listed in the linear fit procedure in 94.3.12.5.2

SuggestedRemedy

delete "step 12 of"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93C SC 93C P 352 L 9 # i-141  
Dudek, Michael QLogic Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status X  
poor English

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the "for" in "specifies for the following items"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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**Cl 93C**    **SC 93C.1**                      **P 352**    **L 50**                      # **i-142**  
Dudek, Michael                      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **TR**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

A noise crest factor of 4 is rather small for measuring the BER of 1e-12 for clause 93 without FEC

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add after at least 4. "unless the required BER is 1e-12 in which case the crest factor shall be at least 6.

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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**Cl 93C**    **SC 93C.2**                      **P 355**    **L 22**                      # **i-143**  
Dudek, Michael                      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

There aren't necessarily just two test cases.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change "for test 1 and test 2" to "for each test case"

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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**Cl 93C**    **SC 93C.2**                      **P 355**    **L 31**                      # **i-144**  
Dudek, Michael                      QLogic Corporation

**Comment Type**    **TR**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

In the COM calculation the random jitter and noise are assumed to be independent. However during the calibration of the interference tolerance test the additional noise will create random jitter which is correlated and shouldn't be added in twice. The result is likely to understress the receiver.

**SuggestedRemedy**

At the start of step 4 change to "Disable the transmit noise source and measure..."

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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**Cl 45**    **SC 45.2.1.92b**                      **P 46**    **L 13**                      # **i-145**  
Szczepanek, Andre                      Inphi Corporation

**Comment Type**    **TR**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

FEC alignment only has one global status bit : 1.201.14 "FEC alignment status" indicating alignment of all lanes, whereas PCS alignment has both a global "PCS lane alignment status" and individual PCSL block and AM lock status bits. If PCS alignment fails it is easy to determine the failing lane, whereas FEC alignment provides no indication of which lane is failing. We really need per lane FEC alignment status bits.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add four bits "FEC AM Lock 3" through "FEC AM Lock 0" to register 1.201 (1.201.11:8 ?) or in a different register at the editors discretion.

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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**Cl 91**    **SC 91.6**                      **P 182**    **L 24**                      # **i-146**  
Szczepanek, Andre                      Inphi Corporation

**Comment Type**    **TR**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

See my clause 45.2.1.92b comment

**SuggestedRemedy**

Update Table 91-3 to include per lane FEC alignment, as per my Clause 45 comment

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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**Cl 83A**    **SC 83A.3.2a**                      **P 323**    **L 15**                      # **i-147**  
RAN, ADEE                      Intel Corporation

**Comment Type**    **T**                      **Comment Status**    **X**

This subclause is missing a normative statement.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change "includes" to "shall include".

Add suitable PICS item.

**Proposed Response**                      **Response Status**    **O**

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CI 93 SC 93.11.4.4 P 267 L 34 # i-148  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The items in this table characterize the channel, which is practically separate from the rest of the PICS, and conformance is not stated by the same vendor. Maybe they should be marked by a separate option similar to "CBL" in 92.14.3.

Also applies to 94.6.4.5.

SuggestedRemedy

Add option "CHAN" in 93.11.3 and make items in this table conditional on it.

Similarly for clause 94.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.2 P 200 L 26 # i-149  
 Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

S-parameter limits are illustrated - except this one.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the curve for this limit. There is space on Figure 92-5, and those who read the material already in this clause will be able to cope with two lines on one chart.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.3 P 201 L 6 # i-150  
 Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

The graphs in this clause and Annex 92A are bitmaps, with their disadvantages. Unlike others e.g. in 72, 85, 93, 86A.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace with vector graphics e.g. emf files

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.8 P 205 L 42 # i-151  
 Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Second equation 92-1, following 92-10.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix equation numbering.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9 P 205 L 49 # i-152  
 Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Because they have definitions, even-odd jitter, effective bounded uncorrelated jitter, and effective random jitter are proper nouns so should be given capitals. See the front matter in Merriam-Webster, as the style guide says - or as another spec neatly puts it: "Some terms are capitalized to distinguish their definition in the context of this document from their common English meaning. Words not capitalized have their common English meaning." Without the capitals, one could imagine one's own definitions for these terms, with different results to what is intended (although even-odd jitter might be self-evident).

SuggestedRemedy

Even-Odd Jitter, Effective Bounded Uncorrelated Jitter, and Effective Random Jitter throughout the document.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.1 P 206 L 3 # i-153  
 Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"a repeating pattern with an odd number of bits and at least two transitions" could be just 101,101,101 which would be a bad choice (very unbalanced).

SuggestedRemedy

Might as well just define it for PRBS9, as for EBUJ and ERJ below. Implementers can cut corners and use e.g. PRBS7 if they wish.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 26 # i-154  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"Acquire a horizontal histogram with at least 20 000 samples ... with resolution no coarser than 20 fs per bin":

This is supposed to be a standard defining EBUJ and ERJ, not a software specification for an instrument. Sample and bin size affect accuracy but do not make or break the method. The DEFINITION of EBUJ and ERJ should be precise, and should be of the "expectation": i.e. the likely result if you repeated the measurement many times with accurate equipment and enough samples. Something like bin coarseness is like voltmeter accuracy: give advice if you like but it should not be normative. Normative imperfections such as bin size in this case degrade the precision of the definition.

Note also "1.2.6 Accuracy and resolution of numerical quantities

Unless otherwise stated, numerical limits in this standard are to be taken as exact, with the number of significant digits and trailing zeros having no significance."

#### SuggestedRemedy

Move advice about sample size and bin size into an informative NOTE.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 26 # i-155  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"a horizontal histogram ... measured at ... [a] point". Oxymoron?

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change "measured at the zero crossing point" to "measured around the zero crossing point".

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 28 # i-156  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

A window of 1 % of the signal VMA is slow, with a sampling scope, because most samples will miss the vertical window. Why not 2%?

#### SuggestedRemedy

Increase this to 2% or more.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 35 # i-157  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"Determine the bin numbers IL1, IL2, IR1, and IR2 meeting the following criteria:

CDFLIL1>=20/NS and CDFLIL1-1<20/NS,

CDFLIL2<=500/NS and CDFLIL2+1>=500/NS,"

1. Don't need to mention bins, should not do so.

2. This is a roundabout way of saying exclude the first 20 samples and use the next 480. But, someone who took 100,000 or 1,000,000 samples rather than 20,000 would be then be fitting further down the curve and would have a different "expectation" (different results) if the CDFs do not exactly follow the dual-Dirac model.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Just say fit to the curves between x and y on the CDFs.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 207 L 14 # i-158  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"effective random jitter = 2 / (mright - mleft)"

m has the units of inverse time so 1/m is the standard deviation: let's call it s. You could combine two standard deviations as (s1+s2)/2 (sum them) or sqrt((s1^2+s2^2)/2) (RSS, weighted to the worse s), but this uses 2/(1/s1+1/s2) (weighted to the better s). Why?

#### SuggestedRemedy

RSS the two standard deviations?

This all might be easier with equations of the form  $Q \cdot \sigma = t - t_0$  rather than  $Q = m \cdot t + b \cdot s$ .

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.2 P 208 L 11 # i-159  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

Equation 92-20, for receiver differential input return loss, is just the same as Equation 92-1 for transmitter differential output return loss. Don't waste the reader's time.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Remove Equation 92-20, refer to Equation 92-1.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.4.4 P 210 L 46 # i-160  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
Comment Type T Comment Status X  
"transition times ... 19 ps"  
SuggestedRemedy  
Review. Is this still the right number?  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 92 SC 92.11 P 220 L 40 # i-161  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
Test Fixtures  
SuggestedRemedy  
Test fixtures (even if the name of a particular type is a proper noun)  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 92 SC 92.11.1 P 220 L 49 # i-162  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
TP2 or TP3 Test fixture  
SuggestedRemedy  
TP2 or TP3 test fixture  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 92 SC 92.11.2 P 222 L 27 # i-163  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
Comment Type ER Comment Status X  
As in 92.11.1, we should use the usual industry term so readers can recognise that this is a something they have seen before.  
SuggestedRemedy  
The test fixture of Figure 92-16 (also known as Module Compliance Board) or its equivalent, is...  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 93 SC 93 P 240 L 7 # i-164  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
This says "There are two associated annexes" but there are three. Also, should 91 mention its Annex 91A at the beginning?  
SuggestedRemedy  
Correct. Add text mentioning 93C. In 91.1, add text mentioning 91A.  
Proposed Response Response Status O



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CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P 256 L 17 # i-165  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

"low-pass response with 33 GHz 3 dB bandwidth ... for measurements of the broadband noise."

This isn't realistic: product receivers won't have that much bandwidth, so it's building an error into the method that we don't need. Also the spec is inconsistent: 92.10.10 has "fr is the 3 dB reference receiver bandwidth, which is set to 18.75 GHz", Table 93-8 (COM parameters) has  $f_r = 0.75 \cdot f_b$ , 93A.2, Test channel calibration using Channel Operating Margin (COM), has "The power spectral density of the noise is flat from  $-f_b / 2$  to  $f_b / 2$  and is zero elsewhere", Annex 93C Receiver interference tolerance noise sources are controlled up to only  $f_b/2$ , S-parameter specs stop at 19 GHz. At the last meeting we established that we could change from 33 to 25 GHz without needing to adjust the linear fit pulse peak spec. We should bring the observation bandwidth more in line with product receivers, and the range of frequencies specified in the S-parameter specs, and other parts of the spec. This will also allow for lower cost, lower noise measurements (or, more accurate results from a real-time scope with a set sampling rate), and in some circumstances, measurements that correlate better to performance.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change 33 GHz to 25 GHz, or if feasible, 19.34 GHz =  $0.75 \cdot f_b$ . Here and in 93.8.1.1, 92.8.3 and 92.8.4. If necessary, make small ( $<0.3$  dB for 19 GHz, much less for 25 GHz) adjustments to the linear fit pulse peak limits.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.4 P 256 L 47 # i-166  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Receiver Jitter Tolerance

## SuggestedRemedy

Receiver jitter tolerance

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 93.9.1 P 259 L 41 # i-167  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status X

A 14-tap DFE seems expensive for high density applications: one would expect that a shorter equaliser and improvements in something else would be a better approach. And we have FEC now.

## SuggestedRemedy

Reduce 14 to a lower number.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A P 339 L 29 # i-168  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

There are several "summary" tables, e.g. Table 93-4, Summary of transmitter characteristics at TP0a, that list spec limits. Table 93A-1 is different, so help the reader and show it's different.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "The parameters used to calculate COM are summarized in Table 93A-1." to "The parameters used to calculate COM are listed in Table 93A-1."  
Change table title from "Summary of parameters" to "[List of] Channel Operating Margin parameters".  
Change title of Table 93-8 from "Channel Operating Margin parameters" to "Channel Operating Margin parameter values". Similarly for Table 94-17.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A.1 P 339 L 31 # i-169  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

This annex is a pain to use because it unhelpfully says "The values assigned to these parameters are defined by the Physical Layer specification that invokes the method" rather than giving specific, clickable cross-references, although there are cross-references in the other direction.

## SuggestedRemedy

Provide specific, clickable cross-references to the filled-in versions of Table 93A-1 (which are Table 93-8 in 93.9.1 and Table 94-17 in 94.4.1).

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 93A SC 93A.1.4.3 P 344 L 41 # i-170  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This reference equalizer and the OIF-like one used in 802.3bm differ: this has poles at 6.4 and 26 GHz, that has poles at 14.1 and 15 to 19 GHz. The difference is an impediment to making and testing dual-purpose electrical receivers, and I have not seen a justification for the difference.

SuggestedRemedy

Can these two be made consistent enough? As the OIF equalizer was established earlier and has been studied more, is there a justification for this one being different?

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.4.3 P 344 L 46 # i-171  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status X

the application of rectangular pulse one unit interval in duration at its input.

SuggestedRemedy

the application of \*a\* rectangular pulse one unit interval in duration at its input.  
or  
the application at its input of a rectangular pulse one unit interval in duration.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.2.3 P 342 L 37 # i-172  
Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

equation 93A-9 for return loss is a polynomial in frequency and will diverge at high frequencies, which is unphysical

SuggestedRemedy

replace equation 93A-9 with  $s_{11}=s_{22}=\rho_{bb} + \rho_0(1-\exp(-2\pi j f \tau))$  in table 93A-2 delete all rho lines. add lines for  $\rho_{bb}=1e-3$  no units  $\rho_0=-1.06e-1$  no units  $\tau=1.22e-2$  1/GHz in table 92-12 delete all rho lines. add lines for  $\rho_{bb}=4e-4$  no units  $\rho_0=4.5e-2$  no units  $\tau=1.21e-2$  1/GHz

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.4.3 P 344 L 41 # i-173  
Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Annex 93A is intended to support numerous PMDs. Some of them may have a CTLE which does not match equation 93A-20. Lets make the equation a bit more general by moving the pole locations into the PMDs

SuggestedRemedy

Change equation 93A-20 to  $H_{ctf}(f) = \{10^G_{DC}/20 + j(f/f_{pctf\_2})/((1+j(f/f_{pctf\_1}))(1+j(f/f_{pctf\_2})))\}$  in table 93A-1 add lines referring to 93A.1.4.3 for  $f_{pctf\_1}$  and  $f_{pctf\_2}$ , both in units of GHz. in table 93-8 add lines referring to  $p_{ctf\_1}=f_b$  and  $p_{ctf\_2}=f_b/4$  in table 94-17 add lines referring to  $p_{ctf\_1}=f_b$  and  $p_{ctf\_2}=f_b/4$

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.5 P 345 L 17 # i-174  
Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Equation 93A-22, NOTE 2 to the equation and various tables, imply that  $h^*(k)(t)$  extends in time from  $t=0$  to 100ns. But the COM code provided to the task force, which is the de facto definition of COM, truncates the pulse response from  $t=0$  to shortly before  $t_s$  and from some time around  $t_s+100T_b$  on. It would be good to get alignment between the written and the de-facto standards.

SuggestedRemedy

Either eliminate truncation from the COM code or document how to truncate in the written standard.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 24 # i-175  
Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Jitter measurement method specifies a minimum number of samples but no maximum. But due to fixed number of hits on endpoints of fitting region linear fit will give different results for different number of settings. This could make the measurement un-repeatable between labs.

SuggestedRemedy

A presentation will be given.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P 39 L 28 # i-176  
 Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

It appears that Table 45-7 does not include the changes published in IEEE Std 802.3bj-2013.

*SuggestedRemedy*

[1] Add the following entries to Table 45-7:

0 1 1 1 1 1 = 10/1GBASE-PRX-U4  
 0 1 1 1 1 0 = 10GBASE-PR-U4  
 0 1 1 1 0 1 = 10/1GBASE-PRX-D4  
 0 1 1 1 0 0 = 10GBASE-PR-D4

[2] Delete the following entry from Table 45-7:

0 1 1 1 x x = reserved

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.100 P 58 L 52 # i-177  
 Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

I assume that the Test-pattern ability register (1.1500) does not need ability bits for the JP03A, the JP03B and the QPRBS13 test patterns since the JP03A, the JP03B and the QPRBS13 test patterns are mandatory for a 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD (subclause 94.2.9.1, 94.2.9.2 and 94.2.9.3 respectively) and therefore the 100GBASE-KP4 ability bit (1.13.12) determines if they are supported or not.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that it be made clear that these test patterns bits will only operate for a 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD, based on this:

[1] Change 'Register 1.1501 bit 8 enables testing with the JP03A pattern defined in 94.2.9.1.' to read 'Register 1.1501 bit 8 enables 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD testing with the JP03A pattern defined in 94.2.9.1.'.

[2] Change 'Register 1.1501 bit 9 enables testing with the JP03B pattern defined in 94.2.9.2.' to read 'Register 1.1501 bit 9 enables 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD testing with the JP03B pattern defined in 94.2.9.2.'.

[3] Change 'Register field 1.1501 bit 10 enables testing with the QPRBS13 pattern defined in 94.2.9.3.' to read 'Register field 1.1501 bit 10 enables 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD testing with the QPRBS13 pattern defined in 94.2.9.3.'.

[4] Change 'The assertion of 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 1.501.10 operates in conjunction with register 1.1501 bit 3.' to read 'The assertion of 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 1.501.10 operates in conjunction with register 1.1501 bit 3 and the PMA/PMD ability.'.

[5] Change 'If bit 1.1501.3 is not asserted then 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 1.1501.10 have no effect.' to read 'If bit 1.1501.3 is not asserted, or the 100GBASE-KP4 ability (1.13.12) bit is not one, then 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 1.1501.10 have no effect.'.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94.2.9 P 280 L 13 # i-178  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Aren't the JP03A, the JP03B and the QPRBS13 test patterns mandatory for the implementation of a 100GBASE-KP4 PMA rather than a 100GBASE-KP4 PHY since Clause 94 specifies a 100GBASE-KP4 PMA/PMD, subclause 94.2.9 is titled 'PMA test patterns'.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that:

[1] Change 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PHY shall include a JP03A test pattern generator as specified in this subclause.' to read 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PMA shall include a JP03A test pattern generator as specified in this subclause.'.

[2] Change 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PHY shall include a JP03B test pattern generator as specified in this subclause.' to read 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PMA shall include a JP03B test pattern generator as specified in this subclause.'.

[3] Change 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PHY shall include a quaternary PRBS13 (QPRBS13) pattern generator as specified in this subclause.' to read 'A 100GBASE-KP4 PHY shall include a quaternary PRBS13 (QPRBS13) pattern generator as specified in this subclause.'.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.2 P 159 L 23 # i-179  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Is it correct that the two additional PMD service interface primitives are required to 'support the optional EEE capability', aren't they only required to support the optional EEE deep sleep capability, and are not required to support Fast Wake (see figure 80-3b).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that 'If the optional EEE capability is supported ...' be changed to read 'If the optional EEE deep sleep capability is supported ...'.

Similarly, suggest that this change be also made in subclause 92.2 (page 191, line 7), subclause 92.7.2 (page 195, line 3), subclause 92.7.5 (page 195, line 34), subclause 92.7.6 (page 196, line 1), subclause 92.8.3.1 (page 200, line 1), subclause 93.2 (page 242, line 7), subclause 93.7.2 (page 245, line 23), subclause 93.7.5 (page 246, line 1), subclause 93.7.6 (page 246, line 22), subclause 93.8.1.3 (page 250, line 47), subclause 94.3.1 (page 282, line 21), subclause 94.3.6.2 (page 285, line 43), subclause 94.3.6.5 (page 287, line 7), subclause 94.3.6.6 (page 287, line 27) and subclause 94.3.12.3 (page 300, line 36).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 82 SC 82.3.1 P 130 L 38 # i-180  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

While I realise this is existing text from IEEE Std 802.3-2012 is the title for Table 82-6 'MDIO/PMD control variable mapping' correct, isn't this actually the MDIO to PCS control variable mapping. The last column of the table reads 'PCS control variable' and the text in IEEE Std 802.3-2012 reads 'Mapping of MDIO control variables to PCS control variables is shown in Table 82-6.'.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that 'MDIO/PMD control variable mapping' be changed to read 'MDIO/PCS control variable mapping'.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.3.9.2 P 206 L 40 # i-181  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The straight line fit in step (d) will be different depending on the the number of samples acquired since the fit region is dependent upon number of samples.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Fix this problem by implementing one of the following changes. (1) Specify a range of Q to be used regardless of the number of samples required and specify a minimum number of samples accordingly. (2) Rather than calculating the jitter components using a straight-line extrapolation, calculate the INVERFC parameters to fit the data.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7 P 216 L 47 # i-182  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

COM must be calculated using the parameters in Table 93-8 for both Test 1 and Test 2 using wording from 93.9.1. Also, it should be explained that the end to end channel is assembled according to 92.10.7.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace the last sentence in the first paragraph of 92.10.7 with:  
"The Channel Operating Margin (COM) is computed using the procedure in 93A.1 with the Test 1 and Test 2 values in Table 93-8 and with the channel specified in 92.10.7.1. Test 1 and Test 2 differ in the value of the device package model transmission line length zp."  
Add the following after the sentence on line 51:  
"This minimum value allocates margin for practical limitations on the receiver implementation as well as the largest step size allowed for transmitter equalizer coefficients."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92 P 201 L 25 # i-183  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status X

According to style guide, text in figures should be either Arial or Helvetica font with size 8 pt. Many figures have font larger or smaller than this. In particular, most of the parameter vs frequency plots have a much larger font.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change text in the all figures to conform to the 8 pt text size.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 93 P 240 L 25 # i-184  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status X

According to style guide, text in figures should be either Arial or Helvetica font with size 8 pt. Many figures have font larger or smaller than this. In particular, most of the parameter vs frequency plots have a much larger font.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change text in the figures 93-12, 93-9, and 93-8 to conform to the 8 pt text size.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94 P 269 L 25 # i-185  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status X

According to style guide, text in figures should be either Arial or Helvetica font with size 8 pt. Many figures have font larger or smaller than this. In particular, most of the parameter vs frequency plots have a much larger font.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change text in figures 94-2 and 94-3 to use Arial or Helvetica font.  
Change text in the figures 94-5, 94-6, 94-8, 94-11, 94-12, 94-17 (ILmax), 94-18 (RLmax) to conform to the 8 pt text size.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.7 P 204 L 30 # i-186  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
Grammar.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change "greater then" to "greater than" on line 30 and line 33.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 92 SC 92.1 P 189 L 43 # i-187  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type TR Comment Status X  
Subsequent to adoption of the FLR target in 802bj, further analysis and colloboration has determined that the appropriate number for the target FLR corresponding to BER of 1E-12 should be 6.2E-10 as adopted in 802.3bm rather than 1.7E-10. To unify the specifications among the various clauses, which should have the same target, adopt the target from 802.3bm. See anslow\_03\_0113\_optx.pdf.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change the FLR target from 1.7E-10 to 6.2E-10.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 93 SC 93.1 P 240 L 52 # i-188  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type TR Comment Status X  
Subsequent to adoption of the FLR target in 802bj, further analysis and colloboration has determined that the appropriate number for the target FLR corresponding to BER of 1E-12 should be 6.2E-10 as adopted in 802.3bm rather than 1.7E-10. To unify the specifications among the various clauses, which should have the same target, adopt the target from 802.3bm. See anslow\_03\_0113\_optx.pdf.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change the FLR target from 1.7E-10 to 6.2E-10.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 94 SC 94.1 P 269 L 44 # i-189  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type TR Comment Status X  
Subsequent to adoption of the FLR target in 802bj, further analysis and colloboration has determined that the appropriate number for the target FLR corresponding to BER of 1E-12 should be 6.2E-10 as adopted in 802.3bm rather than 1.7E-10. To unify the specifications among the various clauses, which should have the same target, adopt the target from 802.3bm. See anslow\_03\_0113\_optx.pdf.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change the FLR target from 1.7E-10 to 6.2E-10.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.1.1 P 300 L 8 # i-190  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
No figures showing a plot of Differential and CM return loss.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Add DRL and CMRL plot figures.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P 301 L 26 # i-191  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
Comment Type E Comment Status X  
No figures showing a plot of Differential and CM return loss.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Add DRL and CMRL plot figures.  
Proposed Response Response Status O

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**Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P 307 L 9 # i-192**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 No figures showing a plot of CM return loss.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Add CMRL plot figure.  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

**Cl 92 SC 92.8.3 P 199 L 51 # i-193**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 The footnote (a) is an important piece of information that system implementors should be aware of. Since this table is a summary and all normative aspects are specified in 92.8.3.1, the footnote text should be in 92.8.3.1, not in a footnote.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Move the footnote text in Table 92-6 to a note at the end of 92.8.3.1.  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

**Cl 92 SC 92.8.4 P 207 L 42 # i-194**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 Table 92-7 is a summary (not normative) table. The footnote (a) provides measurement specific already provided in 92.8.4.2. 92.8.4.2 also contains other as-important specifics so the footnote is redundant and incomplete.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Remove footnote from Table 92-7.  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

**Cl 93 SC 93.8.1 P 248 L 42 # i-195**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 Table 93-4 is a summary (not normative) table. The footnote (a) provides measurement specific already provided in 93.8.1.3. 93.8.1.3 also contains other as-important specifics so the footnote is redundant and incomplete.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Remove footnote from Table 93-4.  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

**Cl 94 SC 94.3.12 P 299 L 32 # i-196**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 Table 94-13 is a summary (not normative) table. The footnote (a) provides measurement specific already provided in 94.3.12.3. 94.3.12.3 also contains other as-important specifics so the footnote is redundant and incomplete.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Remove footnote from Table 94-13.  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

**Cl 93 SC 93.8.1 P 248 L 25 # i-197**  
 Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)  
**Comment Type E Comment Status X**  
 The subclause reference is a top-level sub-clause for a number of corresponding sub-subclauses. Refer to the specific subclause for each parameter as is done in 92 and 94.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Steady-state voltage vf (max.) -- 93.8.1.5.2  
 Steady-state voltage vf (min.) -- 93.8.1.5.2  
 Linear fit pulse peak (min.) -- 93.8.1.5.2  
 Normalized coefficient step size (min.) -- 93.8.1.5.4  
 Normalized coefficient step size (max.) -- 93.8.1.5.4  
 Pre-cursor full-scale range (min.) -- 93.8.1.5.5  
 Post-cursor full-scale range (min.) -- 93.8.1.5.5  
**Proposed Response Response Status O**

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CI 94 SC 94.3.12.5.1 P 320 L 31 # i-198  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status X

The transmitter linearity test pattern should be defined in a subclause along with the other test patterns.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Create a new subclause "94.2.9.4 Transmitter linearity test pattern" with the following text:  
"Transmitter linearity test pattern is a 160-symbol pattern with a sequence of 10 voltage levels each 16 UI in duration. The 10 levels correspond to the set of PAM4 symbols shown in Equation (94-xx). The resulting waveform is shown in Figure 94-yy.

{-1,-1/3,+1/3,+1,-1,+1,-1,+1,+1/3,-1/3} (94-xx)"

Move figure 94-13 to the new 94.2.9.4.

Replace the first sentence in 94.3.12.5.1 with:

"Transmitter linearity is measured using the transmitter linearity test pattern (see 94.x.x.x).

Delete the first sentence of the second paragraph in 94.3.12.5.1 (line 37).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.1 P 305 L 3 # i-199  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The transmitter jitter measurement filter is defined by a -3 dB gain at 1.6 MHz point and a +3 dB peak 6 MHz. The effect of this filter will vary greatly depending on how a filter matching these two criteria are achieved. The shape of the filter should be explicitly specified (and replaced) by an equation that matches the two criteria.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Replace step (5) with the following text.

"Apply the effect of a high-pass filter with the response given by Equation 94-xx where  $f_n$  is equal to 2.12E6 and T is equal to 28.6E-9."

Add Equation 94-xx after the current 94-15 as follows:

" $G(f) = |f / (f + f_n * \exp(j*2*\pi*f*T))|$ "

Also, provide a figure with a plot of the of the filter response.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.2 P 305 L 24 # i-200  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

The KP4 transmitter random and deterministic jitter components are specified at half the values (in terms of UI, same in time) specified for similar jitter components for the KR4 transmitter. Yet, the KP4 even odd jitter is specified for KP4 (0.03) is only slightly smaller than the EO jitter specified for KR4 (0.035). Since the EO jitter is primarily due to clock duty cycle, the time value should be no worse than for KR4 so the value should be set to 0.035/2 or 0.0175 UI PP.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change the specified value for even jitter to 0.0175 UI PP. Updates are required to Table 94-13 and to line 24 on page 305.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3 P 198 L 1 # i-201  
Brown, Matthew Applied Micro (AMCC)

Comment Type E Comment Status X

In order to foster effective re-use of transmitter test methodologies, several of the transmitter test methods should be moved to a new annex.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Create a new Annex 93D "Specification Methods for Transmitters".

Move the text describing the methodology from the following subclauses and parameters/subclauses.

- Linear fit in 92.8.3.6.1
- Steady state voltage and pulse peak in 92.8.3.6.2
- SNDR in 92.8.3.8
- effective bounded uncorrelated jitter, effective random jitter, and even-odd jitter in 92.8.3.9.

Re-write each subclause to point to the corresponding method in Annex 93D. 93 and 94 must be modified to point to the Annex subclauses as well.

Proposed Response Response Status O



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Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.92a.1 P 45 L 45 # i-202  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Isn't it normal to order the subclauses in reverse numerical order for the bits, therefore the subclause describing register bit 1.200.1 would appear before the subclause describing register bit 1.200.0.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that subclause 45.2.1.92a.1 should be 'FEC bypass indication enable (1.200.1)' and that 45.2.1.92a.2 should be 'FEC bypass correction enable (1.200.0)'.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.92b.1 P 46 L 28 # i-203  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Isn't it normal to order the subclauses in reverse numerical order for the bits, therefore the subclause describing register bit 1.201.15 would appear before the subclause describing register bit 1.201.14.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that subclause 45.2.1.92b.1 should be 'PCS align status (1.201.15)', subclause 45.2.1.92b.2 should be 'RS-FEC align status (1.201.14)', subclause 45.2.1.92b.3 should be 'RS-FEC high SER (1.201.2)', subclause 45.2.1.92b.4 should be 'FEC bypass indication ability (1.201.1)' and subclause 45.2.1.92b.5 should be 'FEC bypass correction ability (1.201.0)'.

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P 61 L 1 # i-204  
Law, David Hewlett-Packard Ltd

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Register 3.20 'EEE control and capability' is a PCS register (MMD 3). I'm therefore not sure how the implementer of a PCS supporting register 3.20 can implement bits 3.20.14 '100GBASE-CR4 deep sleep', 3.20.13 '100GBASE-KR4 deep sleep', 3.20.12 '100GBASE-KP4 deep sleep', '3.20.11 100GBASE-CR10 deep sleep', 3.20.8 '40GBASE-CR4 deep sleep' or '3.20.7 40GBASE-KR4 deep sleep' since the support of deep sleep is depended on the support of deep sleep in the associated RS-FEC (if present), PMA(s), and PMD which could potentially be pluggable.

If my comment is correct it seems that these capability bits should be removed from the EEE control and capability PCS register, so that only the 40GBASE-R fast wake and 100GBASE-R fast capability bits remain. Deep sleep capability bits should then be added to a new PMA/PMD EEE capability registers defined in the PMA/PMD MMD register space (device address 1). While support for deep sleep in the PMA/PMD can be inferred from the 'PMA ingress AUI stop ability' and 'PMA egress AUI stop ability' bits it would appear that this bits do not need to be supported by RS-FECs/PMAs/PMDs that do not support a physical instantiation of the PMA service interface.

In addition it would seem that the deep sleep capability should not be advertised in the EEE advertisement register for a PHY unless all sublayers (PCS/RS-FEC/PMAs/PMD) as well as all physical instantiation of the PMA service interface that for the PHY in question supports deep sleep.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that:

[1] Remove bits 3.20.14 '100GBASE-CR4 deep sleep', 3.20.13 '100GBASE-KR4 deep sleep', 3.20.12 '100GBASE-KP4 deep sleep', '3.20.11 100GBASE-CR10 deep sleep', 3.20.8 '40GBASE-CR4 deep sleep' or '3.20.7 40GBASE-KR4 deep sleep' from register 3.20 and renumber the remaining bits as required.

[2] Define new MMD 1 register bits to enable RS-FECs/PMAs/PMDs to indicate if they support deep sleep mode.

[3] Add text to the subclauses describing the new bits being added to the 'EEE advertisement register' to make it clear that deep sleep should only be advertised if all sublayers (PCS/RS-FEC/PMAs/PMD) as well as all physical instantiation of the PMA service interface for that PHY supports deep sleep mode.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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**Cl 83A**    **SC 83A.3.2a**    **P 323**    **L 19**    # **i-205**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **T**    **Comment Status**    **X**

It needs to be made clear that the ALERT pattern here overwrites the data or the ALERT pattern defined in 83.5.11.1.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Insert after "transmitted across the XLAUI/CAUI.." - in 2 instances. "This pattern replaces the data or the pattern defined in 83.5.11.1."

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 83**    **SC 83.3**    **P 143**    **L 7**    # **i-206**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **T**    **Comment Status**    **X**

The transmit disable in the Rx direction is incorrect.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Replace "ingress AUI when rx\_mode (or rx\_tx\_mode, as appropriate) is QUIET" with "ingress AUI when aui\_tx\_mode is QUIET"

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 83**    **SC 83.5**    **P 143**    **L 11**    # **i-207**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **E**    **Comment Status**    **X**

The bookmarks don't show 83.5.xx subclauses correctly

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Insert dummy header for 83.5

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 84**    **SC 84.2**    **P 149**    **L 35**    # **i-208**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **T**    **Comment Status**    **X**

It should be made clear that the where the ALERT & QUIET behavior is defined.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Add (see 84.7.2) after "the alert signal is transmitted"

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 85**    **SC 85.2**    **P 153**    **L 35**    # **i-209**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **T**    **Comment Status**    **X**

It should be made clear that the where the ALERT & QUIET behavior is defined.

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Add (see 85.7.2) after "the alert signal is transmitted"

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

**Cl 84**    **SC 84.7.2**    **P 150**    **L 11**    # **i-210**  
 Barrass, Hugh    Cisco Systems, Inc.

**Comment Type**    **T**    **Comment Status**    **X**

The PMD behavior is not sufficiently clear in this clause (the style of 92.7.2 is better).

**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change "when tx\_mode is set to ALERT, the adjacent PMA sends a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00, to the PMD, which the PMD transmits" - to - "when tx\_mode is set to ALERT, the PMD transmit function shall transmit a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00, on each lane. This pattern replaces the data or the pattern received from the PMA."

**Proposed Response**    **Response Status**    **O**

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CI 85 SC 85.7.2 P 154 L 11 # i-211  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The PMD behavior is not sufficiently clear in this clause (the style of 92.7.2 is better).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "when tx\_mode is set to ALERT, the adjacent PMA sends a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00, to the PMD, which the PMD transmits" - to - "when tx\_mode is set to

ALERT, the PMD transmit function shall transmit a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00, on each lane. This pattern replaces the data or the pattern received from the PMA."

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.7.2 P 195 L 6 # i-212  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

It needs to be made clear that the ALERT pattern here overwrites the data comingf from the PMA."

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert after the second sentence of the second paragraph: "This pattern replaces the data or the pattern received from the PMA."

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.7.2 P 195 L 3 # i-213  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

This is only needed for deep sleep.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "If the optional EEE capability is supported" to "If the optional EEE capability with the deep sleep mode option is supported"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 93 SC 93.7.2 P 245 L 26 # i-214  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

It needs to be made clear that the ALERT pattern here overwrites the data comingf from the PMA."

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert after the second sentence of the final paragraph: "This pattern replaces the data or the pattern received from the PMA."

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 93 SC 93.7.2 P 245 L 23 # i-215  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

This is only needed for deep sleep.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "If the optional EEE capability is supported" to "If the optional EEE capability with the deep sleep mode option is supported"

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.6.2 P 285 L 26 # i-216  
Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

It needs to be made clear that the ALERT pattern here overwrites the data comingf from the PMA."

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert after the first sentence of the final paragraph: "This frame replaces the data or the pattern received from the PMA."

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.6.2 P 285 L 23 # i-217

Barrass, Hugh

Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status X

This is only needed for deep sleep.

### Suggested Remedy

Change "If the optional EEE capability is supported" to "If the optional EEE capability with the deep sleep mode option is supported"

Proposed Response Response Status O