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Dear Dr Oehler,

Thank you for your liaison letter 25N2547 dated March 11, 2016, describing good progress on the development of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, "Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T application". We appreciate your sending us the first working draft of this document for review and allowing us the opportunity to respond with issues and questions. Attached please find a list of some of the technical comments and questions that our members found during an initial review of the document.

In reviewing the document, it is important that channels are specified to meet the link segment requirements of P802.3bq across the entire frequency range. Deviation from these principles creates a dual specification for the PHY and a potential interoperability problem. We are concerned that the current working draft of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 appears to allow alternate parameter qualification and may relax several of the P802.3bq link segment specifications.

IEEE P802.3bq draft 3.2 now refers to ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 both as an informative bibliographical reference and as a set of guidelines that are in development.

We look forward to cooperating with you in progressing ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905.

Sincerely,

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