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Subject: Liaison reply to TR-42 on the use of test method TIA-455-30 (FOTP 30)

Approval: **Agreed to at IEEE 802.3 Closing Plenary meeting, July 22, 2021**

Dear Mr. Sandels,

Thank you for your liaison letter dated June 17, 2021, informing us that the following document is being considered for retirement by TIA TR-42:

- TIA-455-30 Frequency Domain Measurement of Multimode Optical Fiber Information Transmission Capacity

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Based on your liaison request, we reviewed the following IEEE 802.3 standard for references to TIA-455-30 (FOTP 30):

- IEEE Std 802.3cr™-2021, Amendment 10: Maintenance #14: Isolation

No references to TIA-455-30 (FOTP 30) were found.

Additionally, we reviewed the following IEEE 802.3 standards that have Multimode Optical Fiber link specifications for references to TIA-455-30 (FOTP 30):

- IEEE Std 802.3™-2018, IEEE Standard for Ethernet
- IEEE Std 802.3cd™-2018, Amendment 3: Media Access Control Parameters for 50 Gb/s and Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 50 Gb/s, 100 Gb/s, and 200 Gb/s Operation
- IEEE Std 802.3cm™-2020, Amendment 7: Physical Layer and Management Parameters for 400 Gb/s over Multimode Fiber

There is only one reference to “TIA 455-30B-1991 (FOTP 30)”, referenced in IEEE Std 802.3™-2018, IEEE Standard for Ethernet, Section One, Annex A (Informative), Bibliography, page 572:

- “[B4] ANSI/EIA/TIA 455-30B-1991 (FOTP-30), Frequency Domain Measurement of Multimode Optical Fiber Information Transmission Capacity.”

We propose to replace the TIA-455-30B-1991 reference with TIA-455-204, which you indicated had superseded TIA-455-30. It is expected that comments will be submitted against the current revision of IEEE Std 802.3™-2018, IEEE Standard for Ethernet, proposing update to the above reference.

Regarding other possible references in IEEE-SA standards to TIA-455-30 (FOTP 30), such as IEEE 1594 Helically-Applied Fiber Optic Cable Systems (WRAP) for Use on Overhead Utility Lines referenced in your letter, we have referred this request to Mr. Patrick Gibbons, Senior Solutions Manager at IEEE-SA, for consideration and appropriate follow-up.

Sincerely,

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