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The Ethernet in the First Mile (EFM) Task Force appreciates the communication sent from Study Group 4 Question 14 entitled Interface Requirements for Ethernet Passive Optical Networks. The document's description of a management interface between an Element Management System and Network Management System covers issues of interest to EFM EPON sub-task force members and we appreciate the contribution. The document attached to the communication will be deposited in the private web page of the EFM task force, where it will be available to the task force members.

The EFM Task Force is working towards generating P802.3ah™ Draft 1.414 of the specifications for several network types, including the EPON based system, the 100M fibre system, and OAM functionality. When Draft 1.414 of the 802.3ah standard is available, it will be sent to your attention for distribution to interested parties within Q14/4. Pertaining to the communication received; please refer to Clause 30 in Draft P802.3ah™ Draft 1.414 which provides a layer management specification.

The EFM Task Force looks forward to a continuing dialog with the participants of the Q14/4 effort, and we welcome your attendance and participation at our upcoming meetings.