REVISION REQUEST

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REQUESTED REVISION:
STANDARD: 802.3
CLAUSE NUMBER: Most clauses
CLAUSE TITLE:

PROPOSED REVISION TEXT:

Make usage of PHY consistent. Because of the extent of possible changes for consistency, it would make sense to only do changes as part of a revision. Recommendation, uses of “Physical Layer entity” should be “Physical Layer device”. Any uses similar to Physical Layer (PHY), should eliminate the acronym or add “device”. when referring to the ISO Physical Layer, eliminate the acronym in expansions or replace with “Physical Layer” as appropriate.

RATIONALE FOR REVISION:

PHY is expanded inconsistently throughout IEEE Std 802.3. For example Abstract has “Physical Layer devices (PHY)”, as do ISO reference model diagrams in many clauses with “PHY = PHYSICAL LAYER DEVICE”. But 1.5 expands PHY as “Physical Layer entity” and 1.4.391 defines “Physical Layer entity (PHY):”. In other cases, PHY is used as the acronym for Physical Layer (for example 1.4.319 “master Physical Layer (PHY)”, also “slave Physical Layer (PHY)”

IMPACT ON EXISTING NETWORKS:

None.

Please attach supporting material, if any
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