

The first question in the liaison letter concerned Option 1 or Option 2 and lane numbering. We confirm that both Option 1 and Option 2 work for existing applications such as SR10, and we do not have a preference regarding these existing applications.

Regarding the second question about future applications, no current IEEE 802.3 projects have adopted 2-row MPO MDIs.

Based on previous success with IEEE 802.3 New Ethernet Applications (NEA) workshops, we are planning to organise and host a virtual "2-row MPO MDIs" workshop to address this topic, with further details forthcoming. The agenda for such a workshop would be to consider liaison contributions from Standards Developing Organisations (SDOs) and industry organisations on this topic. The virtual workshop will be open to all, with no registration or fee required.

Sincerely,
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