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Dear Dr. Kramer,

Thank you for your letter dated 27th October 2010 concerning the issue of multicast LLIDs in IEEE Std 802.3 EPON systems.

We recommend that any changes in the ONU LLID filtering rules be made in a manner that is backward compatible to enable new products to implement such changes while not affecting the compliance of existing solutions.

We anticipate that a PAR will be forwarded by the IEEE 802.3 Working Group to initiate the revision of IEEE Std 802.3-2008. If approved, the revision process should open early in 2011. We recommend that any proposed changes to the ONU LLID filtering rules, such as those described in your letter, be submitted in the form of technical comments against the base text of the current standard during the anticipated revision process. Such comments should include the proposed textual changes to the appropriate EPON clauses. Any member of the IEEE 802.3 Working Group can submit comments on this topic. This approach will ensure due consideration of the topic within the 802.3 Working Group and offers the shortest path to resolution.

The development of the MPCP included extensive liaison exchange with the IEEE 802.1 WG and we suggest that the IEEE 802.1 WG is included in the further process.

Sincerely,

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