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Subject: TR-42 liaison to IEEE 802.3 regarding connectors and topologies for single pair applications

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Dear Mr. Emplit,

Thank you for the continued liaison correspondence regarding single-pair Ethernet. Please find responses below to the October 14, 2017 TR42 liaison correspondence as well as requested feedback on TR42 draft 0.3 of TIA-568.5, *Single Balanced Twisted-pair Telecommunications Cabling and Components Standard*.

Regarding feedback on the TR42 draft 0.3 of TIA-568.5, *Single Balanced Twisted-pair Telecommunications Cabling and Components Standard*:

- Section 4.1 describes adaptation to four pair cabling. Please note that the published single-pair standards IEEE Std 802.3bw-2015, IEEE Std 802.3bp-2016, and IEEE Std 802.3bu-2016 and the adopted baseline for IEEE P802.3cg (10 Mb/s Single Twisted-Pair Ethernet) specify link segment parameters that may differ from TIA's four-pair cabling standards. Would you please clarify the statement that "Applications running single pair cabling shall be supported by four pair cabling"?
- Section 5.4.1 limits cord cable to a maximum size of "24 AWG (TBD)". Powering over a single pair under IEEE Std 802.3bu-2016 may support currents up to 1.36 Amperes per conductor, which may require heavier gauge cordage.
- Channel configurations: In addition to the 100m and 15m channel configurations in the TIA draft, the IEEE P802.3cg Task Force is developing link segment specifications up to 1000m with 18 AWG cable including up to 10 inline connectors. Process control industry applications and building automation systems have requested these long reaches. (see, e.g., [http://www.ieee802.org/3/10SPE/public/adhoc/hoglund\\_10SPE\\_161005\\_01\\_bldg.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/10SPE/public/adhoc/hoglund_10SPE_161005_01_bldg.pdf) as an example).
- Cable heating due to power provision and bundling restrictions: it would be beneficial to provide guidelines for bundling configurations vs. temperature rise for IEEE Std 802.3bu-2016 powering, similar to what was done for four-pair Power over Ethernet in TIA TSB-184-A.
- Progress on Multidrop
  - The IEEE P802.3cg Task Force is considering a multidrop topology of up to 25 meters in length with up to 8 nodes. While designed primarily for automotive applications, it's possible that multidrop topologies may be used beyond their original intended application. Further details on the multidrop topology, including representative performance, may be found at [http://www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Sept2017/kaindl\\_matheus\\_3cg\\_01c\\_09\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Sept2017/kaindl_matheus_3cg_01c_09_2017.pdf).
- Connectors
  - The IEEE P802.3cg Task Force has not yet engaged in a detailed discussion of connector characteristics beyond assumptions used to develop the link segment characteristics. Further details may be found in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Mar2017/diminico\\_01\\_0317.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Mar2017/diminico_01_0317.pdf). Our work to date has been focused on selecting baselines for the PHYs and powering. We will keep you informed when we have more on the topic of connectors.

Attached please find a liaison of the current, early draft of IEEE P802.3cg. We hope you will find it useful in your work.

Sincerely,

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(Attachment: IEEE P802.3cg draft 0.3)

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