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Subject Liaison Communication to IEEE 802.3WG – Update Regarding Ethernet Alliance PoE Certification Program

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Dear Mr. Law,

We are happy to inform you that today the Ethernet Alliance publicly announced the full launch of the Ethernet Alliance PoE Certification Program. The press release may be found at [http://ethernetalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/EA\\_PoECert\\_170912.pdf](http://ethernetalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/EA_PoECert_170912.pdf).

Within the program, power sourcing equipment (PSE) and powered devices (PD) manufacturers can submit PoE-enabled products for testing and validation against the Ethernet Alliance's industry-defined test plan. Tests may be performed at the [University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory](#) (UNH-IOL), or vendors can self-test using approved equipment. Upon successful test completion, vendors will be authorized to use the Ethernet Alliance's official certification logo and be added to a first-of-its-kind public registry of certified PoE products.

With the launch of this program the Ethernet Alliance is beginning work on the second generation of this program, which will address the future IEEE P802.3bt 4 Pair PoE standard. We would appreciate the IEEE 802.3 Working Group forwarding future drafts of the standard, as they become available.

We appreciate your communications, and look forward to continuing our work together.

Regards,

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Chairman, Ethernet Alliance