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Proposed revision

In the WG Balloting subclause add a new requirement to the 802.3 additional requirements that reads:

2.8.4 Draft Standard Re-circulation Ballots Requirements

All 802.3 ballots are conducted through electronic means. Initial WG ballots on project drafts shall be a minimum of 35 days in duration (including e-mail time). WG Recirculation letter ballots shall be a minimum of 15 days in duration (including e-mail time). The ballot period may be extended if the volume of balloted material justifies. It is strongly that the period for anticipated ballots be announced at the closing 802.3 plenary meeting.

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Rational for Proposed Rules Revision

The 802.3 Rules reference the 802 Rules for the majority of Working Group Letter ballot requirements including the ballot cycle duration requirements. In the case of recirculation ballot however, the 802 rules simply state that 'There is a recirculation requirement. For guidance on the recirculation process see Section 5.4.3.2 Resolution of comments, objections, and negative votes in the IEEE Standards Operating manual'. On examination of this section of the IEEE Standards Operating manual it will be seen there is no specific duration requirement for recirculation ballots.

Until this issue is addressed at the 802 level, the 802.3 rules should be modified to state how we have been operating.