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Later, the WG Chair submitted a version of the PAR by the deadline required for consideration at the next NesCom meeting of 29 March. This contribution represents that submittal. The version submitted is not identical to that submitted to the IEEE 802 EC, primarily because the nature of the PAR submittal form has changed.

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