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To: Dr. Bernd Friedrichs
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Dear Bernd,

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 July regarding figure, table, and clause numbering in the Rev2/D0a draft.

As you know, the IEEE requires technical standards to be periodically revised based on time and editorial considerations. The decision to renumber tables and figures in this project was a deliberate choice. Numerous tables and figures have been added to the base standard by amendments and corrigenda, and the numbering system for those additions, while concise, is somewhat ungainly. Renumbering these items in the revision is deemed necessary to provide a stable base document for future evolution of the standard.

All changes to subclause numbering were deemed necessary by the Working Group to maintain the clarity of the document.

Please note that any changes we introduce must be compliant with IEEE-SA editorial policy.

Although we believe that numbering changes are an inevitable part of the evolution and maintenance of the standard, we are investigating means to soften the impact. We are considering changing the numbering scheme to be less sensitive to document changes (e.g., including subclause numbers as part of table and figure numbers). We are also investigating whether the generation of a cross reference between old and new numbers could be automated by our editing tools.

Sincerely,

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