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To: Rick Townsend, T1E1 Chair
Ed Eckert, T1E1 Vice Chair
Massimo Sorbara, T1E1.4 Chair
Tom Starr, T1E1.4 Vice Chair
Members of Working Group T1E1.4

Subject: Update on the progress of the Ethernet in the First Mile Copper Sub Task Force

Dear Chairmen, Members of Working Group T1E1.4,

The IEEE 802.3ah "Ethernet in the First Mile" Task Force held its ninth meeting this week (November 11-14) in Po'ipu, HI. The Task Force is continuing the review process for our draft that references the T1E1.4 Trial Use VDSL standard (T1.424/Trial-Use) and ITU-T Recommendation G.993.1.

During this meeting, the IEEE 802.3 Working Group discussed a change to the Task Force timeline. The Working Group did not adopt a new timeline at this time.

The Task Force continues to work towards a timely resolution of our open issues, giving due weight to the linecode selection process in T1E1.4. In order to facilitate the initiation of an IEEE 802.3 Working Group ballot on P802.3ah in July, 2003, we respectfully request that T1E1.4 consider accelerating the schedule for the VDSL line code decision to prior to July, 2003.

We continue to encourage liaison on this matter and we welcome the cross-membership participation in the process.

Regards,

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