IEEE802.3.at Draft 3.1

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Problem

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Old origin of valid PD detection signature

 The only 802.3-2005 text where the phrase: "valid PD detection signature" is defined is in section 33.3.3 pg. 51 and Table 33-8 pg. 543 (52)

This violates Objective 4

Text of Objective 4

 The PoE Plus PSE shall operate in modes compatible with the existing requirements of IEEE STD 802.3af as well as enhanced modes.

Suggested Comment from the Floor

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Suggested Remedy :

- Change:
 - The detection voltage Vdetect shall be within the Vvalid voltage range at the PSE PI as specified in Table 33-4 with a valid detection signature as defined in **Table 33-5** connected.
- To:
 - The detection voltage Vdetect shall be within the Vvalid voltage range at the PSE PI as specified in Table 33-4 with a valid detection signature as defined in **Table 33-14** connected.

Motion

- Move to consider the comment from Jeff Heath as contained in heath_1_0809.pdf
- Mover: Wael Diab Second: Matt Landry

• Yes: 20 No: 1 Abstain: 0