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Dear Mr. Bois and members of the OIF,

We wish to provide you a status update regarding IEEE P802.3dj that might be of interest to your members. The IEEE P802.3dj project recently initiated the third Task Force review and is actively working towards a technically complete document. **The review opened on DATE\_HERE** and we anticipate considering responses to received comments during the IEEE 802 November 2024 Plenary meeting.

Recently, there were changes to the electrical interfaces that may be of interest to OIF for the CEI-224G specifications. Specifically, we want to call your attention to the Channel Operating Margin (COM) parameter values for the copper cable and backplane PHYs as well as the COM parameter values for the AUI C2C electrical interface.

As noted in our prior communication, the IEEE P802.3dj Task Force has been evaluating different transmitter quality metric (TQM) approaches for the different coherent PHYs being

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developed as part of the project. Based on input from the ITU-T, the Task Force has adopted the following TQM calculation:

- $TQM = \Delta RSNR_{tx}$ , Tx-only RSNR penalty (Renamed as “Extended TCC”) in dB (normative with a maximum specification)

This approach has been specified in IEEE P802.3dj D1.2 for the project’s different coherent PHYs. It will be subject to further refinement and development, as well as continued collaboration with the ITU-T. This specification also includes the definition of a TQM reference receiver, which will provide consistency in the measurement methodology. This definition also provides guidance on the calibrated coherent detector front-end with the goal of improving measurement repeatability. Please refer to Sub-Clauses 185.9 and 187.9 for the respective PHYs.

The P802.3dj Optical track ad hoc will continue to work on this topic. We encourage any participation from any interested individuals. We also look forward to further collaboration on this topic and would be interested in any progress you make on specification updates, specification evaluation techniques or specification validation data.

We have **attached D1.2** for your reference.

For further information on the task force activities, please see [https://www.ieee802.org/3/dj/public/24\\_09/index.html](https://www.ieee802.org/3/dj/public/24_09/index.html)

Sincerely,

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