



IEEE Broadband Over Power Lines Working Group Meets to Address 3,000 Comments on First Draft of Standard

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PISCATAWAY, N.J., USA, 28 October 2009 -- The IEEE working group devoted to developing a standard for Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) met in Boston in October, to resolve the more than 3,000 comments received on version 1.0 of the draft standard.

The working group is developing a new standard, IEEE P1901(TM), "Standard for Broadband over Power Line Networks: Medium Access Control and Physical Layer Specifications." When completed, the project will present a standard for high speed (>100 Mbps at the physical layer) communication devices via alternating current electric power lines, so-called Broadband over Power Line (BPL) devices.

"Industry participation in IEEE P1901 has been exceptional," said Jean-Philippe Faure, Chair of the Working Group. "The comments we received are helping to make this a vital and technologically advanced standard that will ultimately benefit peoples and companies all over the world."

By the last day of the working group meeting, 50 percent of the comments on Draft 1.0 of the standard had been addressed. The working group's Technical Sub Groups (TSGs) will continue to meet via biweekly teleconferences to resolve the remaining comments.

Also during the meeting, the working group decided to stop the development of the ITU-T G.hn Compatible PHY/MAC Draft option. Related chapters and annexes were removed from the Draft.

The Working Group will next meet 8-10 December 2009 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Following this meeting, Draft 2.0 of the standard will be circulated for letter ballot and comment.

For more information, contact the Working Group chair, Jean-Philippe Faure, at jean-philippe.faure@progilon.com or visit the website at http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1901/Meeting_Information.html

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