To: CPRI cooperation, IEEE 1904.3, ITU-T Q13/15, ITU-R WP5, MEF TC
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Colleagues,

IEEE 802.1 TSN (Time Sensitive Networking) Task Group is progressing a new generation of protocols for Ethernet to support time-sensitive networking with enhanced characteristics providing dramatically decreased and deterministic delays and delay variation, with better time synchronization, and scalability to larger network configurations.

We thank the representatives of the CPRI Cooperation for joining our meeting in Berlin this week, which was very productive. We have identified common interests and the need to cover both CPRI and Ethernet networking aspects to meet the needs of fronthaul related scenarios. At the meeting, we decided to initiate the development of a potential new work item on Time Sensitive Networking for Fronthaul. The scope of this work will be discussed at our upcoming interim meeting (details below). We would welcome the participation of all interested experts to ensure that this activity meets industry needs.

802.1 next meets in Pittsburgh, PA, USA, May 19-22: www.ieee802.org/1/meetings/.

We look forward to working with you.