Report on status of 802.1ax/802.3ax

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Status

➢ Balloting is complete.

  ➢ The companion 802.3Rev project is expected to be ready for September Standards Board.

➢ Expect to submit to RevCom for Sept meeting,

➢ But there is an LoA (letters of assurance) issue

  ➢ LoAs are submitted linked to a standard

  ➢ Moving the material to another standard breaks the link.

  ➢ Therefore PatCom advised seeking LoAs from all previous submitters of LoAs on the project or on the base standard after approval of the project.

  ➢ The LOAs must use the current LoA form

LOA Status

- ➤ LoAs
  - ➤ 4 LoAs submitted against IEEE 802.3ad link agg
  - ➤ 8 LoAs sumitted against IEEE 802.3 after link agg
  - ➤ Total of 12 to request
- ➤ Requests have been sent by the 802.3 Chair
  - ➤ But in some cases it wasn't clear to whom the request should be submitted
- ➤ Awaiting responses
- ➤ Any outstanding responses will be brought to the attention of PatCom
- ➤ PatCom will make a recommendation to SASB

Best Case and Worst Case

➢ Best case:
- ➢ 802.1ax and 802.3 Rev will be approved in September 2008

➢ Worst case:
- ➢ 802.1ax fails to be approved due to LoA unknowns
- ➢ 802.3 Rev project is co-contingent on 802.1ax so it would also not be approved.
- ➢ Fold the link agg material back into 802.3-Rev and recirculate.
- ➢ 802.3-Rev PAR would be amended to remove the contingency and 802.1ax PAR withdrawn