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| IEEE 802.1 REVISION REQUEST 0156 |
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REQUESTED REVISION:

STANDARD: 802.1X-2010
CLAUSE NUMBER: 13.5
CLAUSE TITLE: Definitions for PAE MIB

RATIONALE FOR REVISION:

According to the description of `ieee8021XAuthenticatorTable`, it should be instantiated if `ieee8021XPaePortAuthenticatorEnable` in the corresponding entry of the `ieee8021XPaePortTable` is 'true'.

The problems with this are (1) you cannot configure the authenticator before enabling it, and (2) any configuration is lost if the authenticator is disabled.

PROPOSED REVISION TEXT:

To allow configuration of an authenticator independently of its administrative status, the table should depend on capability bits rather than administrative status:

`ieee8021XAuthenticatorTable` OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF `Ieee8021XAuthenticatorEntry`
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A table that contains the configuration objects for the Authenticator PAE associated with each port. This table will be instantiated if the value of the object `ieee8021XPaePortCapabilities` in the corresponding entry of the `ieee8021XPaePortTable` has the bit 'authImplemented' On.

For the writeable objects in this table, the configured value shall be stored in persistent memory and remain unchanged across a re-initialization of the management system of the entity."

REFERENCE "802.1X Clause 8, Figure 12-3"

::= { `ieee8021XPaeAuthenticator` 1 }

IMPACT ON EXISTING NETWORKS:

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