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Dear Mr. Trowbridge and Members of ITU-T SG15,

Thank you for the recent liaison that provided insight into ITU-T SG15 discussions about how OTN should support new Ethernet clients faster than 400 Gb/s.

The Study Group has been meeting throughout the year considering beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet. The Study Group webpage and the proceedings of the meetings may be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/3/B400G/index.html>. The list of currently adopted objectives may be found at https://www.ieee802.org/3/B400G/proj_doc/objectives_210720.pdf. This list of objectives includes "Provide support to enable mapping over OTN." Please note that the

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Study Group will meet again on 29 July 2021, during the ITU-T Q11/15 Interim Meeting, and may adopt additional objectives at that time.

Please note that the objectives and accompanying project documentation are still pending approval by the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group.

It is anticipated that the work of the IEEE 802.3 Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group will complete by the end of the year with the first task force meeting likely to happen in January 2022. We look forward to any future collaboration with ITU-T SG15.

Sincerely,

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