

## Home Phoneline Networking Alliance

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Geoffrey. O. Thompson, Chairman, IEEE 802.3 M/S SC5-02 Nortel Networks, Inc 4401 Great America Parkway Post Office Box 58185 Santa Clara, CA 95052-8185

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the HomePNA at the November IEEE tutorial. The companies that make up the HomePNA have a great deal of respect for the role of IEEE and the leadership it has provided for the computing community. We appreciate your sensitivity to the rigorous definitions that have been put in place by the IEEE 802.3 Working Group. HomePNA understands your concerns in utilizing language, which would suggest IEEE 802.3 compliance and in response we will make every effort to ensure the appropriate language in internal and external communications with regard to the use of Ethernet MACs. Our current plan is to simply refer to HomePNA compliant networks as home Ethernet networks.

We very much appreciate the offer of continued relationship and look forward to opportunities to collaborate with your organization. It is our ultimate goal to see that HomePNA specification(s) achieve industry acceptance as viable solutions for consumer home networking applications.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the activities of the HomePNA.

Regards,

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