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Number: IEEE 802.3af
 Title: Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) Power via Media Dependent Interface (MDI)

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 Title: Power transfer apparatus for concurrently transmitting data and power over data wires

Patent/Application Number: US10/799,212; 10/804,615
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