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Re: P802.1aj - Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks – Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks -  
Amendment 08: Two-port Media Access Control (MAC) Relay

Dear Paul:

I am pleased to inform you that on 08 December 2004 the IEEE-SA Standards Board approved the above referenced project until 31 December 2008. A copy of the file can be found on our website at <http://standards.ieee.org/board/nes/projects/802-1aj.pdf>.

Now that your project has been approved, please forward a roster of participants involved in the development of this project. This request is in accordance with the IEEE-SA Operations Manual, Clause 5.1.2i under Duties of the Sponsor which states:

"Submit annually to the IEEE Standards Department an electronic roster of individuals participating on standards projects"

For your convenience, an Excel spreadsheet for your use has been posted on our website at <http://standards.ieee.org/guides/par/roster.xls>. Please forward this list to me via e-mail at [j.haasz@ieee.org](mailto:j.haasz@ieee.org) no later than 8 March 2005.

Please visit our website, IEEE Standards Development Online (<http://standards.ieee.org/resources/development/index.html>), for tools, forms and training to assist you in the standards development process. Also, we strongly recommend that a copy of your draft be sent to this office for review prior to the final vote by the working group to allow for a quick review by editorial staff before sponsor balloting begins.

If you should have any further questions, please contact me at 732-562-6367 or by email at [j.haasz@ieee.org](mailto:j.haasz@ieee.org).

Sincerely,

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# PAR FORM

**PAR Status:** Amendment of Standard

**PAR Approval Date:** 2004-12-08

**PAR Signature Page on File:** Yes

**1. Assigned Project Number:** 802.1aj

**2. Sponsor Date of Request:** 2004-10-07

**3. Type of Document:** Standard for

**4. Title of Document:**

**Draft:** Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks – Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks - Amendment 08:  
Two-port Media Access Control (MAC) Relay

**5. Life Cycle:** Full-Use

**6. Type of Project:**

**6a. Is this an update to an existing PAR?** No

**6b. The Project is a:** Amendment to Std 802.1Q

**7. Working Group Information:**

**Name of Working Group:** IEEE 802.1 Working Group

**Approximate Number of Expected Working Group Members:**50

**8. Contact information for Working Group Chair:**

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**10. Contact information for Sponsoring Society or Standards Coordinating Committee:**

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**11. The Type of ballot is:** Individual Sponsor Ballot

**Expected Date of Submission for Initial Sponsor Ballot:** 2006-12-31

**12. Fill in Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** 2007-09-31

**Explanation for Modified PAR that completion date is being extended past the original four-year life of the PAR:**

**13. Scope of Proposed Project:**

This standard specifies the function of a MAC Relay with two MACs, and the protocols and procedures to support its operation. A MAC Relay is transparent to all frame-based media independent protocols except those explicitly addressed to this device. It is remotely manageable through at least one of its external MACs, and signals a failure of either MAC's LAN through the other MAC.

**Is the completion of this document contingent upon the completion of another document?** Yes

This standard is designed to support Provider Bridges (IEEE P802.1ad).

**14. Purpose of Proposed Project:**

The wide and growing deployment of Ethernet Provider Services has created a demand for simple two-port demarcation devices that connect two 802 media or 802 media emulations. The lack of standards for such devices, and particularly for link-loss signalling and remote diagnosis, is impeding the growth of this industry. This standard will greatly improve this situation.

**14a. Reason for the standardization project:**

Public networks represent a new and very broad application space for IEEE 802 technologies and specifically for Provider Bridges (P802.1ad) and Ethernet in the First Mile (802.3ah). Numerous vendors and potential users (the Service Providers) have expressed the need to integrate Ethernet link technologies with their existing infrastructure at a low cost, while providing the manageability and remote diagnostic capabilities traditionally offered by circuit switched technologies.

**15. Intellectual Property:**

**Has the sponsor reviewed the IEEE patent policy with the working group?** Yes

**Is the sponsor aware of copyrights relevant to this project?** No

**Is the sponsor aware of trademarks relevant to this project?** No

**Is the sponsor aware of possible registration of objects or numbers due to this project?** No

**16. Are there other documents or projects with a similar scope?** No

**Similar Scope Project Information:**

**17. Is there potential for this document (in part or in whole) to be adopted by another national , regional or international organization?** No

**If yes, please answer the following questions:**

**Which International Organization/Committee?**

**International Contact Information?**

**18. If the project will result in any health, safety, or environmental guidance that affects or applies to human health or safety, please explain in five sentences or less.**

**19. Additional Explanatory Notes: (Item Number and Explanation)**