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Dear Ms. Pribula:

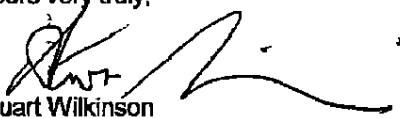
RE: IEEE Standards 802.3ac and 802.1Q

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Yours very truly,


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