

Title: **Liaison response on the “Category A+” TAE Requirement**  
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Dear Colleagues,

IEEE 802.1 is grateful for the clarifications of CPRI Technical Working Group provided in the liaison letter CPRI\_Tdoc\_1910 [http://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2018/liaison-CPRI\\_Category\\_Aplus\\_TAE\\_Requirement-1218.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2018/liaison-CPRI_Category_Aplus_TAE_Requirement-1218.pdf).

We would like to inform you that IEEE 802.1 has recently started the P802.1CMde project to amend IEEE Std 802.1CM. The title of the P802.1CMde project is: *Enhancements to Fronthaul Profiles to Support New Fronthaul Interface, Synchronization, and Syntonization Standards*. The scope of the project is to define enhancements to fronthaul profiles in order to address new developments in fronthaul interface standards, and related synchronization and syntonization standards (in particular based on inputs from ITU-T Q13/15), and also address errors and omissions in existing content. The P802.1CMde Project Authorization Request (PAR) is available at <https://development.standards.ieee.org/get-file/P802.1CMde.pdf?t=99815500003>. Further information is available at <http://www.ieee802.org/1/802-1cmde>.

In continuation of the fruitful collaboration on fronthaul between CPRI Cooperation and IEEE 802.1, we take liaison letter CPRI\_Tdoc\_1910 as a valuable contribution to the P802.1CMde project. Based on this and as we understand that CPRI TWG no longer considers Category A+ as a requirement for IEEE Std 802.1CM, we will consider removing Category A+ via the P802.1CMde amendment to IEEE Std 802.1CM. We would also be grateful for your further contributions to the P802.1CMde project and we look forward to a revised version of the *Requirements for the eCPRI Transport Network* document.

IEEE 802.1 meets again 20-24 May 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT, USA and 15-18 July 2019 in Vienna, Austria. IEEE 802.1 face-to-face meeting details are available at: <http://www.ieee802.org/1/meetings>.

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