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To: Alpesh Shah (IEEE-SA staff)

CC: 802 Executive Committee, Gary Stuebing (IEEE SA CAG Open Source ad hoc chairman)

Subject: IEEE Open Source

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Dear Alpesh

IEEE 802 appreciated being informed of the IEEE Open Source offering at our recent July 2017 plenary (as contained in https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/17/ec-17-0103-00-00SA-ieee-open-source-offering.pdf). We are intrigued by this potential offering and would like to clarify our position base on our understanding of the offering:

1. IEEE 802 currently finds value in using the existing standards process and would like this option to continue
2. Use cases 3 & 4 are of interest to IEEE 802
   a. These use cases are for informative or normative referencing of open source in a standard, i.e., source code (YANG, MIB, etc) can be developed as part of the standards process
3. Interest with the IEEE open source process development
   a. There is potential interest with being part of an open source trial
   b. Continuous maintenance of included source code is the primary interest, and example implementations of standards is secondary
   c. There are concerns with the proposed process (e.g., CLA) that should be addressed to facilitate broader engagement

We look forward to working with you to meet our requirements.
We would invite you to attend the IEEE 802 Plenary in Orlando, Florida November 5-10, 2017 to further discuss the direction and our concerns.

Thank you and Regards,

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