3.1 Working Group: Next Generation Fronthaul Interface(COM/MobiNet-SC/NGFI)

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4.1 Type of Ballot: Individual
4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE SA for Initial Standards Committee Ballot: Oct 2021
4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom: Mar 2022

5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project: 15

5.2 Scope of proposed standard: This standard defines the encapsulation and mapping of radio protocols transported over Ethernet frames and Internet Protocol (IP) packets and the operation of the mappers and demappers. Structure-agnostic definitions are provided for any digitized radio data. Structure-aware definitions are provided for the Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI). Native mode definitions are provided for normal and compressed digitized radio in-phase and quadrature (I/Q) payload. Specifications are provided for parameters, control messages, and mechanisms that help operate, administrate, and maintain the mapping and demapping functions. A management model for this protocol is defined.

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5.3 Is the completion of this standard contingent upon the completion of another standard? No

5.4 Purpose: This standard enables the transfer of radio data (e.g., user-plane data, vendor-specific data, and control and management information) across an Ethernet and/or IP-based packet network. The standard fosters interoperability among implementations by defining common information formats, information
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**6.1 Intellectual Property**

6.1.1 Is the Standards Committee aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project? No

6.1.2 Is the Standards Committee aware of possible registration activity related to this project? Yes

Explanation: A dedicated UDP port number will be requested from IANA.

The existing base standard has already received an EtherType assignment from the IEEE-SA Registration Authority.

**7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?** Yes

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**7.1.1 Standards Committee Organization:** O-RAN Alliance

**Project/Standard Number:** O-RAN.WG4.CUS.0-v05.00

**Project/Standard Date:** 01 Nov 2020
7.1.2 Standards Committee Organization: CPRI

7.2 Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization? No

8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes: This PAR is for a revision to IEEE Std 1914.3-2018 and is meant to replace the PAR for P1914.3a, which was for an amendment to IEEE Std 1914.3-2018 and will be withdrawn. This change is needed because the work that has been accomplished for P1914.3a appears to be too substantial to be classified as just an amendment.