



## Committee Correspondence

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Re: Development of an Industry Standard on Analog Telephone Port Requirements for Packet-Based Terminal Adapters

This liaison is to inform you of a standards development project that may be of interest to your study groups. Work has been underway since November 2004 in TIA Subcommittee TR-41.1 to develop a standard on *Analog Telephone Port Requirements for Packet-Based Terminal Adapters*. The work addresses a North American telecommunications industry need to standardize the interface provided by packet-based terminal adapters to assure their compatibility with existing analog telephony equipment. It is being carried out under Project Number SP-3-0191 and is anticipated to be ready for industry ballot in August 2005.

The purpose of the standard is to establish technical performance criteria for the electrical and telephony aspects of the analog telephone ports of terminal adapters. It is not intended to be a complete equipment specification. Other interfaces (e.g. LAN interface), for connection to IP or packet-based networks, are outside the scope of this standard. The terminal adapter is considered customer premises equipment for the connection of on-premise telephony equipment. Off-premises connection requirements will not be covered in this standard.

We are pleased to provide the latest draft of the standard, as reviewed in the TR-41.1 meeting held on February 10, 2005 in Las Vegas, for your information. We understand there are differences in the requirements for analog telephones used by various Administrations that might make adoption of such a standard difficult at the ITU level, but we offer the document for your consideration. We hope it will draw your attention to the growing usage of packet-based terminal adapters over broadband media as an alternative means of connecting the analog telephones that have traditionally been used in public and private networks.

Sincerely,

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