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Subject: Response to your liaison entitled "IETF draft on mobile backhaul".

Dear Loa,

The IP MPLS & Core WG thanks the IETF MPLS WG for your liaison on "IETF draft on mobile backhaul." We have reviewed it and the individual draft it references, (<http://tools.ietf.org/id/draft-li-mpls-seamless-mpls-mbh-00.txt>), at our Q3 meeting in Dublin.

The WG concluded that the draft does not seem to specify extending or enhancing protocols but appears to be more a solution architecture and requirements document. Indeed, in the introduction of the draft, we find "the proposed requirements make it possible to work out the complete solution for a flexible deployment of an end to end mobile backhaul service delivery."

The BBF has a history of working in this space; see for example TR-221, TR-178 and TR-224. While not all the issues and requirements mentioned in the draft are covered in these documents, we believe there is significant overlap.

We believe the work outlined in the draft is in the scope of our work and that it would be appropriate to address it within the BBF. We note that the author's companies are all members of BBF, we would be happy to entertain contributions from them on this topic here.

We attach below a schedule of our future meetings for your information.

Sincerely,

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Date of Upcoming Broadband Forum Meetings

DATES	LOCATION
8 th – 12 th December, 2014	Taipei, Taiwan
2 nd – 6 th March, 2015	Shenzen, China
8 th - 12 th June, 2015	Portsmouth NH, USA

Note: A list of upcoming meetings can also be found at <http://www.broadband-forum.org/meetings/upcomingmeetingsataglance.php>

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