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## EtherType assignment 880B - US Robotics

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Thank you for your response, Donald.

I appreciate the additional information and I will keep trying to locate an individual within US Robotics with knowledge of this assignment to get this matter addressed.

Regards,

Angela

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On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM Donald Eastlake <d3e3e3@gmail.com> wrote:  
Hi Angela,

Since draft-ietf-pppext-pptp became RFC 2637 which is the specification for the protocol, I think it would be a good thing to list that RFC in the Protocol column.

As to whether this could be listed with "IETF" as the company name, that is an interesting question. I note that RFC 2637 says it was designed by a vendor consortium and I note that none of the authors of RFC 2637 is listed as being with US Robotics. There is no question that if RFC 2637 was a Standards Track RFC, then the IETF would have change control and should be listed. However, RFC 2637 is just Informational... So, in the absence of further information, I think it might be best to continue to list US Robotics. Presumably US Robotics was, in effect, the agent for the vendor consortium in obtaining an Ethertype. I would note that, since the time of this Ethertype assignment, US Robotics was acquired and then spun off again. In any case, it's address has changed and now appears to be

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as shown on <https://www.usr.com/about/contact-us/>

You could try emailing or calling USR to see what they say about this but I have found it difficult to get through to someone at a company that can answer this sort of question.

Hope the above is helpful.

Thanks,  
Donald

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On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 11:27 AM Angela Thomas <a.n.thomas@ieee.org> wrote:  
Dear Mr. Eastlake,

In an effort to ensure that the IEEE public EtherType listing contains current information, I am contacting you regarding the EtherType "880B" that was assigned to US Robotics in 1996. Since it was noted at the time of application that indicates "draft-ietf-pppext-pptp-00" as a reference, which became IETF RFC 2637 in 1999 I would like to confirm whether or not this assignment should be updated to reflect the IETF instead of the company name of the individual that applied for the assignment. If so, please also consider the protocol description update since it currently is shown as not available when it could be listed as something similar to PPP - IETF RFC 2637.

| Assignment | Assignment Type | Company Name | Company Address   | Protocol              |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|---|-----------------------|
| 880B (hex) | Ethertype       | US Robotics  | 8100 North McCormick Blvd<br>Skokie IL 60076-2999<br>US | Protocol unavailable. |

I would appreciate any additional details or assistance that you can provide with this matter.

Regards,

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