### ForCES Protocol Update

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#### **IESG Review**

- Alia Atlas reviewed the protocol draft on behalf of IESG
  - Did an excellent job!
  - Raised 61 issues
    - Readability was a huge issue
    - Bugs found (ex: MAIN-TLV is not really a TLV;->)
    - A <u>lot</u> of dependencies on model draft left the reader confused
    - the 2PC mechanism needed more clarity

#### **IESG Review**

- All 61 issues from Alia addressed
  - Responses sent
  - Text moved around to improve readability
  - bugs fixed
  - More references to Model draft added
- Many other unrelated issues resolved at the same time
  - In total 115 issues
  - All tracker issues closed
- New Draft v09 released

## Main draft changes

- The draft essentially has undergone huge text changes
  - Mostly because of text rearrangement
  - Sometimes because we removed a few things that seemed to create confusion
    - Example in FE Protocol Object and in HA sections
      - Please use the IETF tools page to observe what changed

## Model Draft dependency

- Based on what the IESG review showed this is <u>very</u> important
- It means Model must be complete before the Protocol can become RFC
  - Jamal has started to help in speeding things up with model

# Implementation Report

- Before going to RFC we need to have implementation report
- Jamal to produce one
- If you have an implementation please contact me or post on list

## FIND\_EMPTY bit

- part of path flags
  - Defined in section 7.1.1.1.2
  - Initial intent was to allow FE to select table indices on a row creation
    - The current thinking is that the CE knows everything on the state of the FE
      - Therefore should be able to decide on FE table indices
- Can we please remove this bit to simplify things?