Proposal to Encode Coptic Letter Eie for Use in Textual Apparatus

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A. Administrative

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<td>5. Requester’s reference</td>
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<td>6a. Completion</td>
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<td>Only as required for clarification.</td>
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B. Technical—General

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<td>1a. New Script? Name?</td>
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<td>1b. Addition of characters to existing block? Name?</td>
<td>Yes. Uncertain which block would be most appropriate. (Greek and Coptic? A new Coptic block? Letterlike Symbols block?)</td>
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<td>5a. Character names included in proposal?</td>
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<td>5b. Character names in accordance with guidelines?</td>
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<td>5c. Character shapes reviewable?</td>
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<td>6b. Font currently available?</td>
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<td>6c. Font format?</td>
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<td>7a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts, etc.) provided?</td>
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7b. Are published examples (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of use of proposed characters attached?  Yes

8. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing?  No

C. Technical—Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?  No

2a. Has contact been made to members of the user community?  Yes

2b. With whom?  Biblical Greek researchers, content providers of materials related to Biblical Greek

3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters is included?  These characters would be used by scholars in the field of Biblical Greek studies.

4. The context of use for the proposed characters  Corpora for Biblical Greek text research, software products providing Biblical Greek text content, scholarly publications (commentaries, journals, etc.). This is not widely used.

5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?  Yes

6a. Must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?  Preferably.

6b. Rationale?  This should be kept with other characters used for Coptic.

7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range?  n/a

8a. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?  No

8b. Rationale for inclusion?  n/a

9a. Can any of the proposed characters be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?  No

9b. Rationale for inclusion?  n/a

10. Does the proposal include the use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences?  No

11. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties?  No

D. Proposed Characters

There is one proposed character:

\[ \text{\textasciitilde} \] COPTIC LETTER EIE
E. Other Information

This character is used by some New Testament scholars as a textual apparatus symbol denoting a family of Egyptian manuscripts of portions of the Greek New Testament. The use of this symbol is illustrated here:

INTRODUCTION

Where a consensus of the manuscripts representing the Egyptian texts exists, they are cited corporately under the siglum Coptic eie. But the composition of eie varies from book to book and can be learned from the information given just before the first apparatus on the initial page of each book. If a regularly cited manuscript reflects the Egyptian texts, but is extremely fragmentary, it is normally excluded from eie in the book in question. To do otherwise would have necessitated calling attention to its hiatus repeatedly. But if not included in eie, the reader can assume that its nonappearance in the apparatus indicates its testimony was not available.

A summary of the value of eie is:

Matthew, Mark   RBC
Luke   p75RBC
John   p66 75RBC
Acts   p45RBCAC
Romans through 1 Thessalonians   p45RBCAC
2 Thessalonians   RBA
1 Timothy through Philemon   RAC
Hebrews   p45RBCAC
James   RBCAC
1, 2 Peter   p72RBCAC
1 John   RBCAC
2 John   RBA
3 John   RBCAC
Jude   p72RBCAC
Revelation   RAC

In those books where eie represents just three manuscripts, this siglum is only used when all three agree. Where eie has four representatives, it is used where at least three agree. The reading of the other member is then given separately or cited in parentheses with a preceding h. (hiatus). Where there are five representatives of eie, the siglum is only cited if four agree. The reading of the other witness is either given or a hiatus is indicated. If the reading of a manuscript at any point cannot be determined

Figure 1. Coptic letter eie used for textual apparatus, Hodeges and Farstad, p. xvii.