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■ Submit a PAR to IEEE to extend the operating frequency range of 802.16a/e to include 470-2000MHz



Motivation

- Lower frequencies have superior propagation properties and enable
 - Better coverage
 - Use of omni-directional antennas
 - Outdoor to indoor propagation
- RF HW is cheaper and wildly available
- These frequencies are becoming available
 - 700MHz auction in the US
 - Analog broadcasting channels are anticipated to be released once TV broadcasting migrates to digital



Motivation – Cont'd

- Current IEEE 802.16a PHYs are highly suitable for operation in these frequencies with little or no change
 - Non-LOS operation
 - Capability to withstand severe multipath propagation
- Other wireless standards are also looking to use these frequencies
 - 3/4G cellular
 - IEEE 802.11



- Looks like small changes if any will be required to 802.16a specifications
- Many potential advantages both technical and marketwise