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## Certificate Profile for x.509 BS Certificates in 802.16e

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## **1 Problem Statement**

802.16e adds BS certificates but does not include a BS Certificate profile. We must describe the format of the BS certificate and describe how it constitutes a credential of identity to the SS.

## **2 Overview of Solution**

1. The BS Cert provides Operator credentials, which the SS should (but is not mandated) to verify against a list of one or more acceptable operators. An SS might elect to forgo the verification of the operator credentials in the BS certificate and instead rely on credentials provided in subsequent EAP authentication.
2. Manufacturer certificates are not needed in the BS, as there is no need for the SS to verify the provenance or authenticity of the BS hardware.
3. BS certificates need not be created if the operator does not support RSA authentication

## **3 BS Certificate fields**

### ***3.1 CommonName field***

The CommonName field provides the identity of the BS to be used in the RSA authentication. Accordingly in the BS certificate this field contains the operator-configured BS\_ID (which in turn includes the 3-byte operatorId).

### ***3.2 Organization Name field***

The OrganizationName field contains the name of the Operator.

## **4 Specific text changes**

[Add new section 7.6.1.4.3]

### **7.6.1.4.4 BS certificate**

countryName=<Country of Operation>

organizationName=< Name of Infrastructure Operator>

organizationalUnitName=<WirelessMAN>  
commonName=<Serial Number>  
commonName=<BS Id>

The BS Id field shall contain the operator-defined BSId<sup>1</sup>. It is expressed as six pairs of hexadecimal digits separated by colons (:), e.g., “00:60:21:A5:0A:23.” The Alpha HEX characters (A-F) shall be expressed as uppercase letters.

The attributes listed above shall be included. Other attributes are not allowed and shall not be included.

**[Modify 7.6.1.6 as follows:]**

#### **7.6.1.6 tbsCertificate.issuerUniqueID and tbsCertificate.subjectUniqueID**

The issuerUniqueID and subjectUniqueID fields shall be omitted for all ~~both~~ of the PKM's certificate types.

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<sup>1</sup> the BSId is an operator-defined value, consequently the BS certificate is typically issued by the Operator, who must ensure that the BS ID is unique within the operator's network.