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## 1. Problem statement

From the IETF review:

Since EAP authenticators may have multiple ports, the EAP peer needs to be aware of the authenticator identity; this is not defined in IEEE 802.16e D8.

The BS extends the scope of the PMK by setting the "Handover optimization flags" (section 6.3.2.5.53) to tell the MS to reuse a PMK on a target BS.

However, this does not enable the MS to know all the BSes that share a given PMK. Giving the MS complete knowledge of the authenticator key scope would enable the 3-way handshake to activate all the AKs derived from a particular PMK.

The lack of an authenticator identity also means that IEEE 802.16e provides incomplete support for Channel Bindings, described in [RFC3748] Section 7.15. Lower layer support for Channel Bindings requires that the lower layer provide the same information to the peer as the authenticator provides to the backend authentication server.

IEEE 802.16e D8 provides the peer/BS with the Called-Station-Id (BS MAC address), Calling-Station-ID (MS MAC Address) & SSID and these same parameters can be provided to the AAA server in the Access-Request (assuming that IEEE 802.16e follows the guidelines described in [RFC3580]). The major parameter that is missing within the lower layer is the NAS-Identifier or authenticator identity.

As described in [RFC3748] Section 7.15 verifying the authenticator identity between the EAP peer, authenticator and server protects against impersonation attacks. The use of an authenticator identity also enables the MS to efficiently manage its PMK cache and to determine whether the PMK is being used outside its authorized scope.

## 2. Overview of solution

We add the notion of an explicit AuthenticatorId which is used as follows:

- Each BS is associated with one or more Authenticators. The corresponding AuthenticatorId(s) is

included with the BS information in the NBR\_ADV message

- An MS uses the AuthenticatorId to determine (upon entry to a particular BS) whether it can derive an AK for that particular BS from a particular Authenticator-specific PMK that it possesses.
- The MS can then perform HO among interfaces on the same authenticator without there being a need to perform the 3way handshake again. This is because accepted practice in the EAP architecture is such that performing the 3way handshake activates an AK for each port on the authenticator

### 3. Text changes

**[Insert the following paragraph to page 230 line 56:]**

The 3-way handshake demonstrates liveness of the BS and MS, proves mutual possession of the AK, and activates all of the AKs associated with the authenticator together with their AK context. When performing HO to a target BS associated with the same authenticator (as indicated in NBR\_ADV) as the serving BS, no 3-way handshake is required - as all AKs on the authenticator are already active.

**[Modify page 231 line 7 as follows:]**

~~2. If HO-Process-Optimization bit #1 is set indicating that PKM Authentication phase is omitted during network re-entry or handover, If the BS has an active AK for the MS, the BS begins the 3-way-handshake by appending the SA Challenge Tuple TLV to the RNG-RSP.~~

**[Add the following to table 358 (DCD Channel Encoding):]**

AuthenticatorId | `<code>` | variable | the identity of an EAP authenticator associated with the BS

**[Insert new section 11.9.35:]**

#### **AuthenticatorId**

Description: The Identity of the EAP Authenticator associated with the BS. This is the value that is used as the NAS\_Identifier AAA attribute

Type	Length	Value
Tbd	variable	Identity of the EAP Authenticator associated with the BS

**[Delete the following text from table 108f and renumber the text entries lying below it:]**

~~**Bit #1: Omit PKM Authentication phase except TEK**  
phase during current re-entry processing~~

**[Delete the following text from page 115 line 52 and renumber the text entries lying below it:]**

~~**Bit #1: Omit PKM Authentication phase except TEK phase during current re-entry processing**~~