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1 Introduction

This contribution proposes to have the type 0b1111 reserved as extended type code in the MAC signaling header design, in order to address the extendibility issue of the MAC signaling header.

2 Suggested changes in the 802.16m/D3

The following are the proposed changes in the 802.16m/D3. Note that the new text is marked with blue and underline; the deleted text are marked with red and strikethrough.

Suggested change #1: page 22, line 34

Change Table 656 as follows:

Table 656—Type field encodings for MAC signaling header type

Type field (4)bits	MAC Signaling Header Type
0000	BR with STID
0001	BR without STID
0010	Service specific BR without STID
0011	Sleep Control
0100~~-1111~~ -0110	Reserved
1111	Extended MAC Signaling Header

Suggested change #2: page 22, line 52

Insert the following text and Table:

The Extended MAC signaling header format is defined in Table 656a.

Table 656a—Extended MAC Signaling Header format

Syntax	Size (bits)	Notes
Extended_MAC_Signaling_Header() {		
FlowID	4	Flow Identifier. This field indicates MAC signaling header.
Type	4	MAC signaling header type = 0b1111, indicating Extended MAC signaling header
Length	3	Length in bytes of the Extended MAC signaling header, including all the fields in this Table.
Extended-Type	5	Extended MAC signaling type.
Extended MAC signaling header Body	variable	The contents of the extended MAC signaling header. Its size can be derived from the length field.
}		

3 References

[1] IEEE Std 802.16-2009

[2] IEEE P802.16m/D3, “DRAFT Amendment to IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks”