



Notes from X.msr Meeting

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Purpose of Meeting

- Look at requirements and requests from ITU-T SG 7/17 for use of RPR as the MAC for X.msr



Fairness



- X.msr allocates bandwidth on a nonreclaimable basis
 - Effectively A0 class only
 - if it provisioned around the ring and the node does not go above that provisioned amount and no class B or C traffic is added, then class A is effectively A0
- Question – what if any FCU functions are needed?
 - Fairness message is currently a keep alive
 - Fairness messages must be passed to downstream neighbours
- Fairness Disable – should there be a “switch” to turn off fairness
 - if you request only service class A then there is no fairness



Tributary Multicast Support



- Use of Group Addresses.
 - Do we have specify a primitive to support the setting/delete of a Group Address in the MAC?



Topology Database Interaction



- MA_CONTROL.indicate is sufficient as it delivers a new database on topology/protection changes
- Request that MA_CONTROL.request have an opcode to return the database on demand through MA_CONTROL.indicate



Tributary Based Protection



- Requires MAC to inform X.msr of a protection events.
 - This is supported, the issue of how the data is passed up to the client is an implementation detail.
 - May require a recommendation that the MAC periodically sends the current protection status and database until the client has sent back a confirm.
 - The confirm is a new MA_CONTROL.request primitive



Broadcast Network



- X.msr supports single fiber uni-directional broadcast ring
 - RPR *might* support this depending on protection mechanisms disables and forwarding rules if no topology exists
 - MA_DATA.request is currently specified to allow a packet to be sent with Wrap Disable, Protection Disable, and Steering Disable by explicitly requesting a particular ringlet with no protection.



Manual Switch Protection



- Need to provide specification for Manual Protection Switch invocation



Plug and Play versus Pre-planned



- RPR actually does both
 - the plug and play guarantees that topology / protection works immediately.
 - The LME system allows the provisioning of bandwidth for pre-planning



Use of X.85 as a PHY



- Add X.85 as a PHY / reconciliation layer in the SONET PHY section
 - In addition to Byte Synchronous Flag Delineated PHY



Next Steps

- Check validity of assumptions
 - Both 802.17 and ITU-T SG 7/17
- Process / Mechanism for changes
 - Are these changes part of this PAR?
 - New Annex – X.msr profile and PICS for same
 - Changes to existing draft?
- Make decisions on requested changes
 - Motions made to WG and draft text to be ready by March Plenary meeting