Table 1 Modifications to Clarify IEEE Std 802.16 System Variants

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Re: IEEE 802.16 Working Group Letter Ballot Recirc #26a

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Note: Version 053r3 shows three elements of the proposal – 12.5, 12.7, and 12.8 – shown struck out (with double-strikethrough marks) at the request of the Maintenance Task Group Chair.

Purpose: To be discussed by the 802.16 Maintenance Task Group during WG Letter Ballot Recirc #26a comment resolution, for adoption into P802.16Rev2/D2.

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Introduction
Contribution IEEE C802.16m-07/079 ("Proposed edits to Draft P802.16m Requirements (C802.16m-07/076r2) regarding Backward Compatibility and Profiles") discussed problematic maintenance issues that have arisen with the development of amendments and revisions to IEEE Std 802.16. That contribution proposed a style for the 802.16m amendment, but it presupposed that the format of the base standard would be refined during the Rev2 development to form an appropriate basis for previous and future developments. This contribution proposes to address those concerns through edits to Table 1.

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Proposed Table 1 Updates and Motivation
We propose the following updates to Table 1:

1. Change the column name “options” to “System Features”, and change the contents of the column to the references to the corresponding subclauses in Clause 12, which defines sets of system features to be used in typical implementation cases.

2. Divide the WirelessMAN-OFDM entry into two entries:
   - Fixed WirelessMAN-OFDM, to represent fixed systems, and
   - WirelessMAN-OFDM, to represent fixed and mobile systems originating in IEEE 802.16e.

3. Split the WirelessMAN-OFDMA entry into four entries:
   - Fixed WirelessMAN-OFDMA, to represent fixed systems,
   - WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1, to represent fixed and mobile systems prior to 802.16Rev2 (where “Rel.” is an abbreviation for “Release”)
   - WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1r1, to represent fixed and mobile systems per 802.16Rev2
   - WirelessMAN-OFDMA FDD Rel. 1r1, to represent fixed and mobile systems per 802.16Rev2

The motivations of the proposed updates to Table 1 are:

a. to clearly delineate the variants of IEEE Std 802.16 and the associated feature sets and versions;
b. to ensure that each new variant of the standard is provided with a static designation indicative of
its name and release number, ensuring that support for that variant is continued indefinitely in future versions of the standard but with allowance for the naming of maintenance updates to the variant and its designation;

c. to provide extendibility allowing IEEE Std 802.16 to evolve to accommodate new future developments while ensuring that compliant systems can remain compliant. For example, for IEEE 802.16j, a new entry WirelessMAN-OFDMA MMR Rel. 1 can be added to Table 1, and a corresponding subclause in Clause 12 can be added to list the set of MMR system features. Similarly, for 802.16m, new entries such as WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 2 and corresponding subclauses in Clause 12 can be added.

Suggested Changes to P802.16Rev2/D, subclause 1.3.4

In P802.16Rev2/D2, page 2, line 40, update the beginning of subclause 1.3.4, including Table 1, by the following material, where the new text is marked by blue and underlined, and the deleted text is marked by red with strikethrough.

1.3.4 Air interface variants and nomenclature

Table 1 summarizes the nomenclature for the various air interface variants in this standard.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Applicability</th>
<th>PHY Specification</th>
<th>Options System Features</th>
<th>Duplexing alternative</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WirelessMAN-SC™ Rel. 1</td>
<td>10 – 66 GHz</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>12.1</td>
<td>TDD FDD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed WirelessMAN-OFDM™</td>
<td>licensed bands below 11 GHz</td>
<td>8.3</td>
<td>AAS (6.3.7.6) ARQ (6.3.4) Mesh (6.3.6.6) STC (8.3.8) mobile 12.3</td>
<td>TDD FDD</td>
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Suggested Changes to P802.16Rev2/D2, Clause 12

In P802.16Rev2/D2, page 1195, line 1, update the beginning of Clause 12 by the following material, where the new text is marked by blue and underlined, and the deleted text is marked by red with strikethrough.

12. System profiles

This clause defines system profiles that list sets of features to be used in typical implementation cases. Each profile is assigned an identifier for use in such documents as PICS proforma statements. Features specified in the standard as optional may be listed in a profile as “required” or “conditionally required.” Profiles do not change “mandatory” status if specified in the standard itself. Any feature that is specified in the standard as optional and does not appear in a certain profile is optional for the profile; thus, absence of this feature in specific implementation does not affect conformance to the profile. Optional features shall be implemented as specified in the standard.

12.1 WirelessMAN-SC (10–66-GHz) system profiles Rel. 1

| WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1 | licensed bands below 11 GHz | 8.4 | AAS (6.3.7.6) | TDD FDD |
| WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1+ | licensed bands below 11 GHz | 8.4 | AAS (6.3.7.6) | TDD FDD |
| WirelessMAN-OFDMA FDD Rel. 1+ | licensed bands below 11 GHz | 8.4 | AAS (6.3.7.6) | TDD FDD |

12.2 Reserved
12.3 WirelessMAN-OFDM and WirelessHUMAN(-OFDM) System Profiles

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Add subclauses 12.5 - 12.8:

12.5 WirelessMAN-OFDM Rel. 1
[to be determined]

12.6 WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1
This profile is specified in WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile, Release 1.0 (Revision 1.4.0) [Ref X].

12.7 WirelessMAN-OFDMA TDD Rel. 1r1
[to be determined, with content current per P802.16/Rev2]

12.8 WirelessMAN-OFDMA FDD Rel. 1r1
[to be determined, with content current per P802.16/Rev2]

Add to Clause 2 (References)

[X] WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile, Release 1.0 Approved Specification (Revision 1.4: 2007-05-02)