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Abstract	This adds x.509 SS certificates as an 802.16e requirement.	
Purpose	The purpose of this document is to prevent cloning of 802.16e SS and BS devices.	
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## X.509 certificates and extensions to prevent cloning of devices in 802.16e

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### **Motivation**

Operators will need authorization of 802.16e devices designed to be delivered with as few SKU's as possible for worldwide retail distribution. These devices will offer many profiles for operation in different bandwidths and frequencies. Verification that the device is unique and has certain characteristics is desired.

### **Background**

The 802.16e products will be produced en mass with support for a variety of profiles and suitable for operation on many operator networks worldwide. In a retail environment this device will be common and open to cloning if security is not put in place to prevent it. The certificate in the SS embedded by the manufacturer should be required and be in write once memory. The CA should be a higher level body governing certification as this will prevent verification issues if a manufacturer no longer is in business. "The WiMAX group is working to select a top level CA for 802.16 products at this time.

The extended attributes of the x.509 should be used to offer assistance to the backend system in determining authorization and key attributes of the device. As stated in the 802.16d document the extended attributes are constrained and should be augmented to facilitate quick assessment of device capabilities. This can help backend systems designed to provide over the air subscription and provisioning information about the device immediately upon entry of an unconfigured device. In its simplest form a SKU manufacture date and serial number would require that specified operational characteristics along with initial configuration be supplied to the CA and distributed in some standard for to the operators. Any method to distribute the required information as part of the certificate is welcomed.

### **Proposed Text changes**

Add section 7.6.2.1

7.6.2.1 SS x.509 SS mobile certificates are required for 802.16 mobile devices. These manufacturer issued SS certificates shall be stored in SS permanent, write-once memory. SSs that have factory installed RSA private/public key pairs shall also have factory-installed SS certificates. SSs that rely on internal algorithms to generate an RSA key pair shall support a mechanism for installing a manufacturer issued SS certificate following key generation. The CA certificate of the Manufacturer CA that signed the SS certificate shall be embedded into the SS software. If a manufacturer issues SS certificates with multiple Manufacturer CA certificates, the SS software shall include ALL of that manufacturer's CA certificates. The specific Manufacturer CA certificate installed by the SS [i.e., advertised in Authentication Information messages and returned by the management information base (MIB) object] shall be that identifying the issuer of that modem's SS certificate." It is recommended that a higher organizational unit maintain CA authority but it is beyond the scope of 802.16.

## Section 7.6.1.4.1 of the 802.16-2004 base document

## 7.6.1.4.1.1 Manufacturer certificate for Mobile devices

countryName=<Country of Manufacturer>  
[stateOrProvinceName=<state/province>]  
[localityName=<City>]  
organizationName=<Company Name>  
organizationalUnitName=WirelessMAN  
[organizationalUnitName=<Manufacturing Location>]  
commonName=<Company Name> <Certification Authority>

The countryName, organizationName, and commonName attributes shall be included and shall have the values shown. The organizationalUnitName having the value “ WirelessMAN” shall be included. The organizationalUnitName representing manufacturing location should be included. If included, it shall be preceded by the organizationalUnitName having value “ WirelessMAN.” The stateOrProvinceName and localityName may be included. **Other optional extended attributes are allowed.**

## 7.6.1.4.2.1 MSS certificate for Mobile 802.16 devices.

countryName=<Country of Manufacturer>  
organizationName=<Company Name>  
organizationalUnitName=<manufacturing location>  
commonName=<Serial Number>  
commonName=<MAC Address>  
**deviceSku=<SKU>**  
**DateofManufacture=<Manufacture Date>**

The MAC address shall be the SS' s MAC address. 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 organizationalUnitName in an SS certificate, which describes the modem' s manufacturing location, should be the same as the organizationalUnitName in the issuer Name describing a manufacturing location. Each SKU shall be unique and manufacturer will make available detailed capability information pertinent to device capabilities for each SKU.