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Abstract	This contribution corrects some problems with fast DL S/N measurements on enhanced fast-feedback channels.
Purpose	Discuss and approve.
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Introduction

802.16-2004 defines mechanisms for the MS to feedback measurements of the DL S/N on a fast-feedback channel. This type of fast feedback is termed "CQICH" (channel quality indication). The MS can be requested to send a S/N measurement via several means, including: sending a Fast Feedback subheader, and sending a CQICH Allocation IE in the UL-MAP.

In an 802.16-2004 fast-feedback channel, 4 bits of information are encoded into a single slot; consequently only 16 different S/N values can be sent on a CQICH. In 802.16-2004, the range of S/N that can be reported is -2 to +26 dB in 2 dB steps.

In P802.16e/D8, an enhanced fast-feedback channel is defined that encodes 6 bits into a slot. The draft also defines new mechanisms for requesting the MS to report DL S/N on this enhanced fast-feedback channel (including an "Enhanced CQICH Allocation IE"), and indicates how the S/N value is to be encoded. However there are a number of problems with the draft:

- 1) It is not clearly stated if requesting a report via the (old) CQICH Allocation IE should result in 6-bit S/N feedback, although this seems to be intent.
- 2) The section that specifies the S/N coding (8.4.5.4.10.5) contains a number of errors and ambiguities, in particular,
 - a. It is not clearly stated which encoding formula is supposed to be used in which cases;
 - b. The encoding formulas make use of Nr (number of MS receive antennas) which is not always known by the BS (for example, if the MS has 2 antennas, but does not support receiving either STC matrix A or B, then there is no way for the MS to indicate the number of its antennas in the "OFDMA SS Demodulator for MIMO Support" IE in SBC).
 - c. Several minor errors, e.g. incorrect cross-references.

These problems could result in the BS mis-interpreting the S/N value reported by an MS, which would have a negative impact on system operation.

In the proposed changes, we clarify the text in 8.4.5.4.10.5. To eliminate the dependency on Nr in the coding formulas, we introduce an explicit "S/N base" value, which is sent to the MS in the REG-RSP, and used by the MS in the encoding formulas. This allows the BS to insure that the MS's S/N reports cover the numerical range of interest regardless of the antenna configurations. This is a robust approach that will future-proof this important function.

Proposed text changes:

[Replace the contents of 8.4.5.4.10.5 (page 328, line 33 thru page 329, line 19) with the following text]:

When the FAST_FEEDBACK allocation subheader Feedback Type field is 0b00 or the MIMO_Permutation_Feedback_Cycle field in the CQICH_Alloc_IE() is 0b00 (see section 8.4.5.4.12), or the Feedback_type field in CQICH_Enhanced_Alloc_IE() is 0b000-0b011 with CQICH type 0b000, 0b001 or 0b100 (see 8.4.5.4.15), the MS shall report the S/N it measures on the DL. The following formula shall be used:

		0,			S / .	N I	В				
payload	_bits	n,	(<i>n</i>	1	B)	S/N	(<i>n</i>	<i>B</i>),	0	п	31
		31,			S / N	30	В				

When the Feedback_type field in CQICH_Enhanced_Alloc_IE() is 0b000 with CQICH type 0b101 the following formula shall be used:

	0,			S_{\perp}	/N	1	В					
payload _bits	n,	(2 <i>n</i>	1	B)	S/	N	(2 <i>n</i>	1	<i>B</i>),	0	п	15
	15.			S/	N	29	В					

where B is the positive integer value indicated in the SN Reporting Base IE (see 11.7.27). B shall default to "3" if the SN Reporting Base IE was not included in the REG-RSP.

The BS may allocate one or multiple CQICH channels to the MS in UL_MAP for the purposes of Fast DL Measurement. If a single CQICH is allocated, MS shall report the average post processing S/N. If more than one CQICH is allocated, the MS shall report post processing S/N of individual layers in order of layer index.

[On page 527, line 21, insert new subclause 11.7.27]:

11.7.27 SN Reporting Base

SN Reporting Base indicates the (negative of the) base value that the MS shall use in sending fast DL measurement feedback on an enhanced fast-feedback channel.

Туре	Length	Value	Scope
-	1	A positive integer in the	REG-RSP
		range 0-255; the base	
		value used in reporting	
		shall be the negative of	
		this value.	