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Prescribing the timing for MAC PDU transmission

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Introduction to the problem

In the current TGj baseline draft (802.16j-06/26r4) the following shortcomings can be observed in the case of centralized scheduling:

- (1) The BS does not tell the RS exactly when it should transmit the MAC PDUs.
- (2) The specification does not prescribe how the RS should relate the bursts to the MAP.
- (3) The specification does not provide mechanisms to the RS for handling the situation when the MAP and the related data bursts arrive asynchronously.

Suggested Remedy

The foregoing problems can be overcome by letting the BS specifically prescribe the time when <u>and where</u> the RS should transmit the MAC PDUs. In 802.16 j, the simplest way to include timing information is by means of Frame Number, i.e. when sending a relay MAC PDU to the RS, the BS can instruct the RS in which frame the MPDU should be transmitted.

Efficiency can be obtained by prescribing only the last 4 LSBs of the frame number.

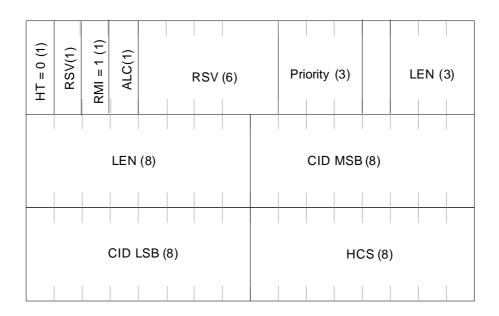
Proposed Text

 ${\it Modify Table 7a-Relay MAC PDU Header on page 7, as follows:}$

 $Table \ 7a-Relay \ MAC \ PDU \ header$

| Syntax | Size | Notes |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Relay MAC header(){ | | |
| HT | 1bit | |
| If(HT==0){ | | |
| Reserved | 1bit | |
| RMI | 1bit | Relay mode indication is used to indicate whethe |
| | | r this MAC header is GMH or Relay MAC head |
| | | er |
| | | RMI=0; use GMH |
| | | RMI=1; use Relay MAC header |
| ALC | <u>1 bit</u> | Indicate the inclusion of Allocation Subheader |
| Reserved | <u>6</u> 7 bits | Currently reserved. Content is subject to further d |
| | | iscussion |
| Priority | 3bits | Priority of the associated tunneled MPDU |
| LEN | 11bits | |
| CID | 16bits | May be tunnel CID or basic CID of the RS |
| HCS | 8bits | Header check sequence |
| } | | |
| Else{ | | |
| Use legacy 802.16e o | 39bits | |
| r 802,16j format | | |
| HCS | 8bits | |
| } | | |
| } | | |

Modify Figure 22a as shown below:



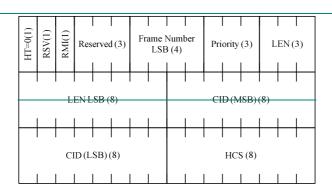


Figure 22a: Header format of relay MAC PDU with payload

Insert the following text at the end of section 6.3.3.8 (on page 66 of the current draft).

[Insert new section 6.3.2.2.8 on Page 14.]

6.3.2.2.8.1 Allocation Subheader

The MR-BS may include the Allocation Subheader in a relay MAC PDU to instruct the RS when to relay the MAC PDU.

When included, the MR-BS shall use one Allocation Subheader per RS for the relay link, and one or more Allocation Subheader for the access link. The Allocation Subheaders corresponding to the relay link shall precede the ones for access link. The access RS shall use the continuation bit in the Allocation Subheader to

detect whether there is a subsequent Allocation Subheader. The Allocation Subheader shall be the last subheader before the payload.

Table XXX Allocation Subheader

| <u>Syntax</u> | Size | Notes |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Allocation Subhheader{ | - | - |
| Target Transmission Frame | | LSB 6 bits of frame number of the frame that RS shall transmit the MAC PDU |
| Allocation Index | 6 bits | Allocation Index pointing to DL-MAP-IE in the MAP message |
| Number of MAC PDUs | 3 bits | Number of MAC PDUs in this allocation |
| Continuation | | 1: Another Allocation Subheader follows 0: This is the last Allocation Subheader for the RS. |
| } | - | - |

In case of centralized scheduling, the MR BS uses the frame number to instruct the RS exactly when it should relay the payload contained in the MAC PDU with the relay MAC header. The MR BS uses 4 LSBs of the frame number to specify the frame in which the payload must be forwarded.

[Insert following to section 6.3.3.8.1 on Page 66 at the end of first paragraph, page 35.]

The MR-BS may include the Allocation Subheader in a relay MAC PDU to instruct the RS when to relay the MAC PDU. When Tunnel Packet Mode is used with centralized scheduling, the Allocation Subheaders shall be included in relay MAC PDUs on the downlink to enable the receiving RS to match the MAC PDUs with the corresponding allocation in the MAP messages for transmission.