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RS Autonomous Synchronization

Introduction

Global navigation satellite system (GNSS) is the generic name given to the satellite-based navigation systems including GPS (global positioning system), GLONASS (global navigation satellite system), and Galileo. GPS is the first passive one-way ranging satellite system to become operational. While GPS was under development by United States (US), the Soviet Union undertook to develop a similar system, called GLONASS. Like GPS, GLONASS was designed primarily for the military, and was also offered for civil use. In a later time, the European Union decided to develop a similar system planned to be under civil control. This system is called Galileo, which is now developed by European Space Agency (ESA).

As described in C80216j-07/102r3, the time alignment between MR-BS and RS will ensure smooth operation of RSs and their MSs in diverse environment. Moreover, it will minimize the synchronization loss of subordinate MSs during RS handover if the RS has timing information regarding the candidate station. Traditionally, the time synchronization could be achieved by the ranging process as defined in 16e. However, it will be easier for GNSS-equipped MR-BS and RSs to be time aligned since they have the same time reference, and the propagation delay between them can be estimated by measuring the receiving time of the preamble from the candidate station.

This contribution describes RS time synchronization with MR-BS. In order to facilitate the incorporation of this proposal into IEEE 802.16j standard, specific changes to the baseline working document IEEE 802.16j-06/026r2 are listed below.

Text Proposal

6.3.2.3 MAC management messages

[change Table 14 as indicated]

Table 14—MAC Management messages

68	CLK-SYNC	Clock synchronization message for RS	Broadcast
6869-226			

[insert new subclause 6.3.2.3.65]

6.3.2.3.65 RS clock synchronization (CLK-SYNC) message

In MR network systems that require the MR-BS and non-transparent RSs to transmit frame-start DL preamble synchronously, CLK-SYNC message should be broadcasted on the relay link by the MR-BS. Implementation of the CLK-SYNC message is optional. The CLK-SYNC message format is shown in Table xxx.

Upon receiving CLK-SYNC message, non-transparent RS shall align its DL frame-start preamble and broadcast the received CLK-SYNC message to its subordinate RSs.

Table xxx – CLK-SYNC message format

<u>Syntax</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>CLK-SYNC message format () {</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
<u>Management Message Type = 68</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	<u>=</u>
<u>Fraction GPS time</u>	<u>16 bits</u>	<u>Fraction GPS time for frame-start DL preamble of current frame in unit of 1 micro second, where fraction GPS time is defined as</u> $\text{fraction GPS time} = \frac{\text{GPS time} - \text{frame duration}}{\text{frame duration}}$
<u>}</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>