IEEE 802.16 Broadband Wireless Access Working Group <http://ieee802.org/16>

Project: IEEE 802.16.1 FINAL TASK GROUP REVIEW: Call for Comments

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Re: 802.16.1 Task Group working version of the air interface standard:
"Air Interface for Fixed Broadband Wireless Access Systems," (Document IEEE 802.16.1-00/01r1, which may be found at <http://ieee802.org/16/tg1/docs/802161-00_01r1.pdf>).

Abstract: Contains instructions for submitting comments electronically; comment deadline is 2000-09-01.

Purpose: Collect final comments to bring the document into a form suitable for Working Group Letter Ballot.

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802.16.1 Task Group Editorial Team

The 802.16.1 Task Group has produced a working version of its air interface standard, entitled “Air Interface for Fixed Broadband Wireless Access Systems,” (Document 802.16.1-00/01r1, which may be found at <http://ieee802.org/16/tg1/docs/802161-00_01r1.pdf>).

In accordance with a Task Group decision at 802.16 Session #8, this process initiates a Final Task Group Review in preparation for initiation of an 802.16 Working Group Letter Ballot following Session #9. The Task Group invites comment on this document. Detailed instructions for submitting comments electronically follow. Commentors are encouraged to be thorough and concise in their comments so the next version will be ready for Working Group Letter Ballot.

The Session #8 motion specified that priority consideration be given to resolving all open technical issues “to be determined” that remain marked as “TBD” in the document. Therefore, commentors are also encouraged to provide detailed input on these sections of the document. At Session #9, resolution of comments on TBD sections will be the first order of business.

You may have participated in similar comment/resolution procedures that took place for 802.16.1 and 802.16.3 Functional Requirements. We will use a very similar process for this Task Group review. All comments will be incorporated into a database and the 802.16.1 editors will produce two additional documents prior to Session #9: a database “dump” that is sorted by Page Number/Line Number (with comments on TBD sections listed first), and a new version of the document, with each comment edited-in and noted by change bars. Then, at Session #9, the 802.16.1 Task Group will proceed by considering each and every comment with discussion and vote. The Task Group may divide itself into parallel sessions to resolve MAC- and PHY-specific comments simultaneously.

To help resolve comments quickly at Session #9, commentors are required to categorize each comment into one of three categories:

- E: The comment is “editorial” in nature. Acceptance of the requested change should not require debate.
- T: The comment is “technical” in nature and may require debate on the proposed change.
- TBD: The comment is technical in nature and covers one of the sections marked with a “TBD.” These comments will be resolved before all others.

The editors and chairs reserve the right to change “E” categorizations to “T.”

The draft is open for comment regarding only specific changes: insertion, deletion or change of any part of the document. Below are detailed instructions for submitting comments. The instructions MUST be followed or comments will be respectfully rejected by the editors and will not be entered into the comment database. For a rejected comment to be considered, the commentor receiving a rejection MUST resubmit the comment(s) using the instructions found below:

- Each comment on the document MUST use the comment submittal form found at <http://ieee802.org/16/tg1/docs/commentform.txt>. The form is ASCII text-based (DOS text with CR/LF at the end of each line), and accommodates one “edit request.” It is filled-out with a short example.
- Commentors MUST replace the example text with their own information.
- Commentors MUST NOT delete or change the delimiters which are surrounded by square brackets ([]), as we need these to automatically import the submitted comment forms into a database.
- Commentors SHOULD wrap/fold each line at 80 columns or less. The only exception is for a table or other format that cannot be rendered in 80 columns).
- Commentors MUST fill out all of the fields, which are:
  - Last Name
  - First Name
• Membership Status (Member, Observer, Neither)
• Starting page number
• Starting line number
• “T,” “E” or “TBD”: Technical (content-related), Editorial (typos, grammar, etc.), or TBD-related
• A detailed description of the proposed edit
• A reason for the edit

• The commentor MUST send the comments directly to the email reflector (mailto:stds-802-16@ieee.org). This allows other participants to see, and prepare for, all of the comments and perhaps avoid overlapping comments.

• The prefix “TG1 COMMENT:” MUST appear at the start of the message’s subject line. This allows participants to easily recognize the COMMENT in their in-box and non-participants to conveniently filter out the COMMENT.

• Each email message MUST NOT contain attachments of any kind. Note that the IEEE reflector will automatically reject messages with any sort of attachment.

• Each email message MUST contain at least one comment form in the body of the message.

• An email message MAY contain more than one filled-out comment form in the body of a message. Commentors are encouraged to use this option by building up all comments in one text file so they can be reviewed, submitted and processed in one batch. It should be convenient for commentors to copy-and-paste comment forms (with their name already filled in) into one file while generating their comments.

• If multiple comment forms are sent in one message, each comment form MUST contain all of the fields filled out as required (see above), including the commentor’s name.

• Comments regarding graphics, figures, drawings, equations and tables MUST be fully described in text form. If such graphic-oriented comments cannot be rendered or described in text form, the commentor MAY contact the editors for “special” consideration. We will accommodate these requests by associating a graphical figure with the database comment.

• Commentors SHOULD send each comment message as a “reply” to the task group review announcement message so that people who browse the reflector archive on our web page can more conveniently skip over the submitted comments. Note that you may have to override the subject line with the “TG1 COMMENT:” prefix (see above).

The editors will gather all of the proposed changes (comments) and integrate them into the document and publish it as a new draft. Overlapping and conflicting comments will be clearly recognizable in the new draft.

Submissions will be considered non-confidential and will be posted for public access on the 802.16 Web Site.

For consideration for incorporating changes in the next working draft of the interoperability standard, valid comments that follow these instructions MUST be received no later than close of business, September 1, 2000.

Thank you,

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