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1 Introduction

Text Proposal

When relaying is applied to IEEE 802.16m system, a relay feature to support path management should be considered. Path management can follow the basic mechanisms defined in IEEE 802.16j [1], and adapt to the new features provided by IEEE 802.16m.

This document proposes a high level description on the relaying feature to support path management. The suggestions to the SDD text are summarized as follows:

- All the path management procedures are controlled by ABS centrally. ABS makes centralized calculation for the path between the ABS and an access ARS.
- As connection management and path management use the same message formats for establishment, removal and update, procedures may be simplified by implementing the two functions with combined signaling.

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15.4 Data and Control Functions
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15.4.x Relay path management
The ABS shall control the path management centrally including path establishment, removal and update by explicit signaling. Path establishment can be implemented during the network entry of an ARS, and the path establishment procedure can be combined with the procedure for establishing a tunnel connection of the ARS is tunneling is allowed. The explicit path information and a uniquely assigned path ID can be included in the signaling.
When a connection for an AMS is established, the connection to path binding information can be updated along the path with the establishment of the connection. The procedure of a connection to path binding update can be combined in the procedure to establish AMS's connection.

3 Reference

[1] IEEE P802.16j/D9, "Draft Amendment to IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks: Air Interface for Fixed and Mobile Broadband Wireless Access Systems, Multihop Relay Specification," Feb. 2009.