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Re:	Request for feedback on the HESSID and the IEEE 802.21 information model received from 802.11 dated 01-18-07	
Abstract	This document is the response to letter from IEEE 802.11 regarding request for feedback on the HESSID and the IEEE 802.21 information model.	
Purpose	To send the response to letter received from 802.11 on Jan 18, 2007	
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Title: Request for feedback on HESSID and the IEEE 802.21 information model

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for the letter dated 18 Jan 2007.

We have had joint sessions with 802.11u and further discussions within 802.21 regarding the 802.11u proposal of defining Information Service functionality at the access network level as opposed to at the Point of Attachment (AP) level. I am pleased to inform you that this proposal has received good support within 802.21 and has been adopted in 802.21 draft D5.0.

We have also adopted the notion that, the HESSID provides a unique identifier for an ESS such that all APs in the ESS provide a homogeneous set of services. The HESSID is now the primary identifier of 802.11 access network in the 802.21 Information model.

The joint sessions with 802.11u during the past year have been very productive. We would like to draw your attention to the MIH primitives that have been included in the current TGu draft D0.06. There is strong agreement within the 802.21 WG that some of these primitives are required in 802.11 to incorporate the inter-technology handover solution developed by 802.21. We look forward to additional discussions with 802.11u on this matter during the July 2007 meeting.

As the 802.21 WG continues to make progress towards Sponsor Ballot we invite 802.11 members to review the 802.21 draft D06.00 (which will be available by July 1, 2007) and provide any feedback on the same as well.

Please feel free to contact me or David Hunter if you have any further questions in this regard.

Best Regards,
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