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## 7 IEEE APPROVES IEEE P802.22b AMENDMENT PROJECT FOR ENHANCED 8 BROADBAND SERVICES AND MONITORING APPLICATIONS USING TV

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**PISCATAWAY, N.J., USA, 4th December 2011** – IEEE, the world's largest professional association advancing technology for humanity, today announced that it approved the IEEE P802.22b<sup>™</sup> Amendment Project for Enhanced Broadband Services and Monitoring Applications. With this new enhancement, the IEEE 802.22<sup>™</sup> Working Group proposes to bring advanced wireless technologies and applications to rural and under-served areas around the world.

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18 The IEEE 802.22 Working Group has established Task Group b for executing the

- 19 activities for this amendment PAR. The new PAR aims to enhance the IEEE 802.22-
- 20 2011<sup>™</sup> Standard capabilities to accommodate a wide variety of applications using
- 21 cognitive radio technology in Television White Spaces (TVWS). These applications
- 22 include long range and regional area smart grid, critical infrastructure monitoring, triple
- 23 play services like providing voice, video and data, backhaul for broadband access,
- offloading cellular telephony traffic, regional area public safety and homeland security
- networks, emergency broadband services, monitoring rain forests, monitoring livestock,
  border protection etc.
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28 IEEE P802.22b Task Group is making calls for contribution from interested participants

for the development of this standard. The group begins work on this project from the
 March IEEE 802 plenary session.

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Additional information on this amendment PAR can be found on the <u>IEEE 802.22 WG</u> (<u>www.ieee802.org/22</u>) webpage.

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