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Abstract

This is the report documenting the results of the Sponsor Ballots on IEEE P802.11y. This report is to be submitted to the IEEE 802 Executive Committee to support the request to forward IEEE 802.11y to RevCom.

1. Introduction and Summary

This is the report to the IEEE 802 Executive Committee documenting all the Sponsor Ballots of IEEE 802.11y, including voting results, comment statistics, and unresolved negative comments.

The total number of sponsor voters on IEEE 802.11y is 128. The final results of the voters on IEEE 802.11y are 94-4-6, for an approval percentage of 95.9%, a return percentage of 81%, and an abstain percentage of 5%.

There are 16 outstanding negative comments from four remaining negative voters; nine of these outstanding negative comments are from the latest recirculation ballot, seven are previously recirculated unresolved negative comments from initial sponsor ballot.

Based on results of the Sponsor recirculation ballots about P802.11y as documented in this report, we are asking for conditional approval from the IEEE 802 Executive Committee to forward IEEE P802.11y to RevCom.

Agenda Items and motions requesting conditional approval to forward when the prior ballot has closed shall be accompanied by:

- Date the ballot closed
- Vote tally including Approve, Disapprove and Abstain votes
- Comments that support the remaining disapprove votes and Working Group responses.
- Schedule for recirculation ballot and resolution meeting.

Initial Sponsor Ballot was a vote on Draft 7.0, and ran for 40 days starting 21 December 2007, and ending on 30 January 2008.
104 voted, 92 yes, 7 no, 5 abstained, 92.9% approval rate

Sponsor Recirculation-1 Ballot was a recirculation vote on Draft 8.0 and resolutions in 11-08-0226-08, and ran for 10 days from 27 Feb 2008 until 8 Mar 2008.
104 voted, 93 yes, 5 no, 6 abstained, 94.9% approval rate

Sponsor Recirculation-2 Ballot on Draft 9.0 and resolutions in 11-08-0277-02 is running for 15 days from 12 March 2008 until 27 March 2008. There will be weekly comment resolution meetings after the ballot closes.

At this time there are four Negative voters, with comments recorded in the comment database.

There are five Required Comments on Draft 7.0 from a commenter who did not subsequently vote or respond about SB comment resolutions; three comments requested to define terms already defined in the base standard, the others were Accepted in Principle and changes made in Draft 8.0.

One negative voter asks P802.11y to use "DSERegisteredLocation" in place of "DSE registered location" in the clause 10 Name field, however both styles are common in clause 10. Three of the six comments were Accepted in Principle and all the Name field occurrences were changed to "DSERegisteredLocation" in Draft 9.0.

One negative voter wants P802.11y to adapt P802.11k measurements and text, but does not say how 11k measurements can be changed and communicated from the enabling STA to dependent STAs, and responses returned to the enabling STA.

One negative voter has one unsatisfied comment about the relaying of commands and status between the enabling STA and dependent STAs. We chose to change the definition to note that "An enabling STA may choose for other DSE messages to be exchanged over the air, over the DS, or by mechanisms that rely on transport via higher layers."

SB	Comment	Accept	Accept in Principle	Reject
Initial	Technical Required	5	45	16
Recirc-1		1	7	7
	Total	6	52	23

The Comment Resolution Committee responses to all of the unsatisfied comments are on the following pages:

Cl 05 SC 5.1.1.1 P14 L 40 # 111
 Palm, Stephen Individual
 Comment Type TR Comment Status R
 Mobile STA term not defined nor is the term used
 SuggestedRemedy
 Clarify and use
 Response Response Status U
 REJECT. the term "mobile station (STA)" is defined in section 3.86 of 802.11-2007

Cl 05 SC 5.1.1.1 P14 L 40 # 110
 Palm, Stephen Individual
 Comment Type TR Comment Status R
 Portable STA term not defined nor is the term used.
 SuggestedRemedy
 clarify
 Response Response Status U
 REJECT. the term "portable station (STA)" is defined in section 3.109 of 802.11-2007

Cl 05 SC 5.1.1.1 P14 L 46 # 109
 Palm, Stephen Individual
 Comment Type TR Comment Status R
 Hidden STA not defined
 SuggestedRemedy
 Clarify the term and why it is needed
 Response Response Status U
 REJECT. the term "hidden station (STA)" is defined in section 3.64 of 802.11-2007

Cl 07 SC 7.4.7.7 P14 L # 121
 Kwak, Joseph Individual
 Comment Type TR Comment Status R
 The DSE measurement function duplicates the functionality already defined in the TGk Frame Request measurement.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use and modify the TGk Frame Request measurement in Tgy. A new optional sub-element in the frame measurement request may be used to specify a tailored level of detail for Tgy purposes.

Response Response Status U
 REJECT. TGk measurement functions are optional and within a BSS. 802.11y measurement functions are mandatory, and requests come from the enabling STA, which may be outside the BSS. Commenter is encouraged to provide a proposed resolution in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will cause the negative voter to change his vote to "approve" can readily be determined.

Cl 09 SC 9.8.1 P28 L 60 # 145
 Palm, Stephen Individual
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A
 "across" seems to have specialized but undefined regulatory meaning

SuggestedRemedy
 Clarify
 Response Response Status U
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Will delete the first insertion "that is enabled for operation across regulatory domains" as it changes no meaning of the first two paragraphs.

Cl 09 SC 9.8.4 P29 L 46 # 146
 Palm, Stephen Individual
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A
 use a non-breaking hyphen in aSlot-Time

SuggestedRemedy
 use a non-breaking hyphen in aSlot-Time
 Response Response Status U
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Editor will use 'Esc n s' to surpress hyphenation of aSlotTime.

Cl 17 SC 17.3.10.5 P 47 L 62 # 132
Kwak, Joseph Individual

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Received signal strength (RSSI) cannot be used for any quantitative and verifiable performance requirement. RSSI is not defined in base standard. CCA-ED performance (which relies on RSSI) is not defined in base standard and cannot be used for any new Tgy performance requirements.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that Tgy modify the TGk defined IPI measurments (in 12.3.5) to include new performance spec for accuracy of idle power measurement. Then Tgy should modify CCA-ED to rely on measurement of IPI values (in place of RSSI) for its specified and testable performance. Otherwise strike out all references to CCA-ED in the Tgy draft. Repeating the errors of the past will only further degrade the baseline standard going forward.

Response Response Status U

REJECT. Regulators decide what homologation tests to perform independent of IEEE 802.11y. RSSI for the clause 17 PHY and CCA-ED as defined for operation in 3650-3700 MHz band are testable in the same way as RSSI and CCA for the clause 17 PHY in the 5 GHz band is testable.

Cl 00 SC 0 P1 L 64 # 1
 Stephens, Adrian P Individual

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

"An enabling STA communicates an enabling signal to its dependants over the air, but all other DSE messages may be exchanged over the DS."

This assumes that a serving AP and an enabling STA can communicate over the DS. Is this always true?

I am concerned that there is the assumption DSE messages may be exchanged over the DS - because I see no mechanism that makes this work. OK we have an MLME interface, but how does an enabling STA magically cause a dependent AP's SME to generate specific MLME-DSE* primitives?

Abstract interfaces are not implementation interfaces. This interface is not exposed in an AP, and there is no interoperable way that an enabling STA can access this interface across the wire.

SuggestedRemedy

Either limit the extent of the distribution to single-hop relaying of DSE public action frames, or define an interoperable interface between an enabling STA and a dependent AP across the wire - i.e. by tunnelling DSE public action frames using a specific Ethertype.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Will change to: "enabling STA: A registered STA that is authorized to control when and how a dependent STA can operate. An enabling STA may choose for other DSE messages to be exchanged over the air, over the DS, or by mechanisms that rely on transport via higher layers."

Cl 07 SC 7.4.7.7 P14 L # 17
 Kwak, Joseph Individual

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Comment#121 from prior ballot: DSE measurement request not fully specified.

SuggestedRemedy

As indicated in TGk draft, there is a very high overhead of procedure specification text (see TGk 11.10.0 - 11.10.5) needed to unambiguously specify the function of any measurement; Tgy draft does not include such required procedure detail and without such detail, no "standard" STA operation will result. Modify PICS to indicate that TGy STA is required to be TGk STA and will thus implement the already defined procedures for measurement request and report. ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Need to copy TGk sections 11.10.0-11.10.5 and include tailored version of these clauses in clause 11 of TGy draft. Without these procedures important issues including scheduling of measurement, prioritization of measurement tasks vs other services, off channel measurement scheduling, non-availability of measurement resources, non-continuous measurement duration, inability to perform requested measurement and other measurement issues will remain unspecified. No "standard" measurement behavior should be expected without complete measurement procedure specification.

Response Response Status U

REJECT. There are none of the issues commenter raises, no scheduling, prioritization or non-availability of measurement resources issues in 802.11y. TGk measurement functions are optional and within a BSS. 802.11y measurement functions are mandatory, and requests come from the enabling STA, which may be outside the BSS. Details of any modification to TGk text are missing from commenter's proposed change. Commenter is encouraged to provide a proposed resolution in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will cause the negative voter to change his vote to "approve" can readily be determined.

Cl 10 SC 10.3.10.1.2 P29 L 30 # 14
 Chaplin, Clint Individual

Comment Type ER Comment Status A

"DSE registered location"

SuggestedRemedy

"DSERegisteredLocation"

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses. Will correct Name entries throughout clause 10.

Cl 10 **SC 10.3.10.1.2** **P 29** **L 43** # **15**
 Chaplin, Clint Individual
Comment Type ER **Comment Status A**
 "DSE registered location"
SuggestedRemedy
 "DSERegisteredLocation"
Response **Response Status U**
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses. Will correct Name entries throughout clause 10.

Cl 10 **SC 10.3.7.3.2** **P 28** **L 11** # **12**
 Chaplin, Clint Individual
Comment Type ER **Comment Status A**
 "DSE registered location"
SuggestedRemedy
 "DSERegisteredLocation"
Response **Response Status U**
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses. Will correct Name entries throughout clause 10.

Cl 10 **SC 10.3.6.3.2** **P 25** **L 30** # **10**
 Chaplin, Clint Individual
Comment Type ER **Comment Status R**
 "DSEregisteredlocation"
SuggestedRemedy
 "DSERegisteredLocation"
Response **Response Status U**
 REJECT. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses.

Cl 10 **SC 10.3.7.4.2** **P 28** **L 62** # **13**
 Chaplin, Clint Individual
Comment Type ER **Comment Status R**
 "DSEregisteredlocation"
SuggestedRemedy
 "DSERegisteredLocation"
Response **Response Status U**
 REJECT. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses.

Cl 10 **SC 10.3.6.4.2** **P 26** **L 11** # **11**
 Chaplin, Clint Individual
Comment Type ER **Comment Status R**
 "DSEregisteredlocation"
SuggestedRemedy
 "DSERegisteredLocation"
Response **Response Status U**
 REJECT. It is the style of clause 10 to capitalize and list parameters without spaces, and to repeat them in the Name column. The Description uses the names found in other clauses.

Cl 17 SC 17.3.10.5 P 51 L 62 # 18
Kwak, Joseph Individual

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

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Response Response Status U

REJECT. This standard does not define regulatory tests, nor what must be demonstrated. We do not agree with commenter's presumption of what those FCC tests are, and what Canada will require.