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| Proposed Resolution to DSE Link Identifier Element | | | | |
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Abstract

This document provides proposed resolutions for technical comments 38, 275, 386, 683, 707, 959, 1068, 1069, 1218, 172, 385, 823, 183, 706, 485 and 1157. Editing instructions are based on modifying P802.11af\_D1.04.

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

A motion to approve this submission means that the editing instructions and any changed or added material are actioned in the TGaf Draft. This introduction is not part of the adopted material.

***Editing instructions formatted like this are intended to be copied into the TGaf Draft (i.e. they are instructions to the 802.11 editor on how to merge the text with the baseline documents).***

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| **CID** | **Page** | **Clause** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** |
| 38 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | The length can be 6 or 12 | As in comment |
| 275 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | Length cannot be fixed if some fields are optional. | Allow for flexible lengths to accommodate optionally present fields. Also fix the corresponding table entry in 8.4.2.1 |
| 386 | 30.00 | 8.4.2.af2 | The text "The Length field is set to 12." doesn't coincident with the picture. The picture states that the second element may or may not be present. | Change "The Length field is set to 12." to "The Length field is set to 8 or 14." |
| 683 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | Figure 8-42af4 and line 32 below describe the BSSID field as an optional field that may not be present in the DSE Link Identifier element. However, this statement about the Length field having value 12 does not take into account that. | Replace “The Length field is set to 12” with “The Length field is set to 6 to 12”. |
| 707 | 30.24 | 8.4.2.af2 | The length field can be 6 or 12, depending on the presence of the BSSID field | Change to "The Length field is set to either 6 or 12" |
| 959 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | The length field does not capture the optional BSSID, e.g., when BSSID field is not present it should be 6. | Replace "The Length field is set to 12" with "The Length field is set to 12, or 6 depending on whether BSSID field is present or not. |
| 1068 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | "The Length field is set to 12." - how does this agree with the optionality of the BSSID field | Chang to "... 6 or 12". |
| 1069 | 30.28 | 8.4.2.af2 | "The length of the ResponderSTAAddress field is 6 octets." - this is doubly unnecessary. The figure above shows it as 6, and a MAC address is by definition 6 octets. | Remove cited text. |
| 1218 | 30.25 | 8.4.2.af2 | The Length field is not always set to 12 if the BSSID field is optional. | Clarify. |
| 172 | 32.34 | 8.4.2.1 | The length of the DSE Link identifier element is incorrect. 8.4.2.af2 requires the BSSID to be present when transmitted over the air (6 octetts in additoin to the 8 octetts for the element id, length, and responder STA address field) | Change length from 12 to 14 |
| 385 | 27.34 | 8.4.2.1 | The lenght of the total Element "DSE Link Identifier (see 8.4.2.af2)" is wrong. You need to count the Element ID and the Length field too. Also the second field in 8.4.2.af2 is 0 or six. So this IE can have two lengths. | Set length to 8 or 14. |
| 823 | 27.34 | 8.4.2.1 | Length of DSE Link Identifier doesn't agree with description in 8.4.2.af2. | Change length to “8 or 14”. |
| 183 | 30.31 | 8.4.2.af2 | If the enablement responder is the AP, what would be put in the BSSID field? Is such an AP associated to itself? What if the enablement responder is not associated to an AP? Example: Mode II device (e.g. mobile phone with WiFi Interface) accessing the database via the cellular network and enabling oder Mode I devices (WiFi) via ad-hoc communication / iBSS set-up? | Please clarify. |
| 706 | 30.10 | 8.4.2.af2 | What are "enablement requester" and "enablement responder". These are the first time these terms are used in the document. | Please provide a definition for these terms or reference another clause in IEEE 802.11REVmb (perhaps from a previous 802.11y clause??) |
| 485 | 25.45 | 8.3.3.2 | The usage of DSE Link Identifier is not clear, and it is not necessary for meeting regulatory requirements. | Remove the DSE Link Identifier from the beacon frame. |
| 1157 | 132.30 | E.2.4.1 | "shall provide the enabling STA's MAC address to its associated dependent STA" - presumably by writing it on a piece of paper and posting it to the STA.  Ditto line 33 | Indicate how this is provided - i.e. which element/frame, and as part of what protocol exchange. |

**Discussion:**

CIDs 38, 275, 386, 683, 707, 959, 1068, 1069, 1218, 172, 385 and 823 request to correct the value of length field in the DSE Link Identifier. CID 183 comments on the BSSID filed in the DSE Link Identifier frame. CID 706 asks for definitions of the enablement requester and enablement responder. Similarly, CID 1157 comments on the enabling STA’s MAC address and CID 485 says that the usage of DSE Link identifier is not clear and it needs to be removed from the beacon frame. Due to ambiguities of the usage of DSE Link Identifier, we propose to remove this information element from the TGaf draft.

**Propose** Counter for CID 38, 275, 386, 683, 707, 959, 1068, 1069, 1218, 172, 385 823, 183, 706 and 1157per discussion and editing instructions in 11-11/1150r2.

**Propose** Accepted for CID 485 per discussion and editing instructions in 11-11/1150r2.

## Editing instructions:

***TGaf editor: Delete DSE Link Identifier text from Table 8-20 Beacon frame body, Table 8-27 Probe Response frame body and Table 8-54 Element IDs.***

***TGaf editor: Delete 8.4.2.161 DSE Link Identifier element text***