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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for the client management (e.g. client association, roaming, spatial reuse) comment related to TGax D1.0 with the following CID: 5163.

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 TGax Draft. This introduction is not part of the adopted material.

***Editing instructions formatted like this are intended to be copied into the TGax 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** | **Section** | **Pg / Ln** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 5163 | 10.3.2.4a | P115L46 | Regarding "10.3.2.4a Duration-based RTS/CTS. In dense environments, managing RTS usage by an AP can help the overall interference situation since the AP may have better view of the network situation.", while this a good start in adding control by the AP over non-AP STAs other aspects of client management need to addressed. In an large, dense, managed ESS, the network has much better visibility into the best selection of AP and band that the client should initially associate with and then subsequently select during roaming. The network also needs to be able to control usage of probe request and probe response in an ESS in improve network efficiency. | Add tighter management by the network of client association and roaming | Accepted  Please see document 11-17/YYYYr0 |

**Discussion:**

In order to maximize network efficiency in a dense ESS, the network needs to be able to direct clients to associate/re-associate to the most appropriate AP. One method of doing so is via “**Neighbor report information upon rejection with suggested BSS transition**”, and the clients following the AP’s direction. Furthermore, we need to modify the Neighbor Report element to be HE aware. Clients also need to use the information in the BSS Transition Management request to better inform its decision when roaming in a dense ESS.

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**11.3.8 Neighbor report information upon rejection with suggested BSS transition**

***Insert the following at the end of the subclause:***

An HE STA that requested association with an HE AP but received an Authentication or (Re)Association Response frame that has the Reason Code field set to REJECTED\_WITH\_SUGGESTED\_BSS\_TRANSITION and that includes one or more Neighbor Report elements shall select an AP from the Neighbor Report element on subsequent authentication or (re)association attempts.

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**9.4.2.37 Neighbor Report element**

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The BSSID Information field can be used to help determine neighbor service set transition candidates. It is

4 octets in length and contains the subfields as shown in Figure 9-296.

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|  | B0 B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 B9 | B10 | B11 | | B12 | | B13 | | B14 | | B15 B31 | | |
|  | AP  Reachability | Security | Key Scope | Capabilities | Mobility  Domain | High  Throughput | | Very High  Throughput | | FTM | | High Efficiency | | Reserved | |
| Bits: | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |  | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 17 | | |

**Figure 9-296—BSSID Information field**

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The FTM field is set to 1 to indicate that the AP represented by this BSSID is an AP that has set the Fine

Timing Measurement Responder field of the Extended Capabilities element to 1. The FTM field is set to 0 to

indicate either that the reporting AP has dot11FineTimingMsmtRespActivated equal to false, or the reported

AP has not set the Fine Timing Measurement Responder field of the Extended Capabilities element to 1 or

that the Fine Timing Measurement Responder field of the reported AP is not available to the reporting AP at

this time.

The High Efficiency bit is set to 1 to indicate that the AP represented by this BSSID is a HE AP and

that the HE Capabilities element, if included as a subelement in the report, is identical in content to the

HE Capabilities element included in the AP’s Beacon.

Bits 15–31 are reserved.

**11.24.7.1 BSS transition capability**

***Insert the following at the end of the subclause:***

A non-AP HE STA shall set to 1 the Transition field of the Extended Capabilities elements that it transmits to indicate that it supports BSS transition management.

***Modify the subclause as follows:***

**11.24.7.4 BSS transition management response**

When the STA’s SME receives an MLME-BTM.indication primitive, it may issue an MLME-BTM.

response primitive.

The STA’s SME may include the result of its BSS transition decision in the Target BSSID field and BTM

Status Code field in the MLME-BTM.response primitive. A BTM Status Code field set to a value of 0 (i.e.,

Accept) indicates the STA will transition from the current BSS. The non-HE STA’s SME receiving an MLME-BTM.indication primitive may issue an MLME-BTM.response primitive with a valid status code not equal to a value of 0 (i.e., Accept) indicating rejection if it is unable to comply with this BSS transition management request. The HE STA’s SME receiving an MLME-BTM.indication primitive shall issue an MLME-BTM.response primitive with a valid status code not equal to a value of 0 (i.e., Accept) indicating rejection if it is unable to comply with this BSS transition management request.

**Discussion:**

To further assist the roaming capability of clients in a managed ESS, it would be helpful to indicate to the clients that they are infact in a managed ESS and when they reach the physical edge of an ESS. APs that are at the edge of an ESS (e.g. APs near an exit to a stadium of office building) could broadcast such an indication so that clients could prepare for more aggressive roaming or switching to a different system.

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**9.4.2.1 General**

***Insert the following new rows into Table 9-77 (Element IDs) (header row shown for convenience):***

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| **Element** | **Element ID** | **Element ID Extension** | **Extensible** |
| ESS Report | 255 | <255> | Yes |

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**9.4.2.37 ESS Report element**

The format of the ESS Report element is shown in Figure 9-XYZ.

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| Element ID | Length | ESS Information |
| Octets: 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |

**Figure 9-XYZ—ESS Report element format**

The Element ID and Length fields are defined in 9.4.2.1.

The ESS Report contains an ESS Information field. The ESS Information field can be used by a STA to determine information about the ESS environment.

The format of the ESS Information field is as defined in Figure 9-XYZ1. The Managed ESS field indicates whether the BSS is in a managed ESS environment by setting the value to 1. The Edge of the ESS field indicates whether the BSS is at the edge of an ESS by setting the value to 1.

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| B0 | B1 | B2 B7 |  | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Managed ESS | Edge of ESS | Reserved | |
| Bits: 1 | 1 | 6 |  | |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |

**Figure 9-XYZ1—ESS Information field**

The ESS Report element can be included in Beacon frames, as described in 9.3.3.1; Association Response frames, as described in 9.3.3.6; Ressociation Response frames, as described in 9.3.3.8; Probe Response frames, as described in 9.3.3.10. The use of the ESS Report element is described in 11.24.27.1.

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**9.3.3.1 Beacon frame format**

***Insert the following new rows into Table 9-27 (*Beacon frame body*) (header row shown for convenience):***

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| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| <next number> | ESS Report | The ESS Report element is optionally present when dot11HEOptionImplemented is true; otherwise it is not present. |

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**9.3.3.6 Association Response frame format**

***Insert the following new rows into Table 9-30 (*Association Response frame body*) (header row shown for convenience):***

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| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| <next number> | ESS Report | The ESS Report element is optionally present when dot11HEOptionImplemented is true; otherwise it is not present. |

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**9.3.3.8 Ressociation Response frame format**

***Insert the following new rows into Table 9-32 (*Reassociation Response frame body*) (header row shown for convenience):***

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| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| <next number> | ESS Report | The ESS Report element is optionally present when dot11HEOptionImplemented is true; otherwise it is not present. |

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**9.3.3.10 Probe Response frame format**

***Insert the following new rows into Table 9-34 (*Probe Response frame body*) (header row shown for convenience):***

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| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| <next number> | ESS Report | The ESS Report element is optionally present when dot11HEOptionImplemented is true; otherwise it is not present. |

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**11.24.7.1 BSS transition capability**

The BSS transition capability enables improved throughput, effective data rate and/or QoS for the aggregate of STAs in a network by shifting (via transition) individual STA traffic loads to more appropriate points of association within the ESS. In addition, the BSS transition capability provides accounting session control information to a non-AP STA, which might be used to provide an alert to the non-AP STA’s user that the STA’s session is almost over and the STA will be disassociated from the ESS. The Managed ESS bit in the ESS Information field indicates to the non-AP STA that it is associated with an actively managed ESS, whereby it may adjust its BSS transition algorithms accordingly. The Edge of the ESS bit in the ESS Information field field indicates to the non-AP STA that it is associated with a BSS at the edge of an ESS (e.g. exit of a building). The non-AP STA may use this information to adjust its transition algorithms. The state of the Edge of the ESS bit may be changed by the AP STA if conditions in the ESS change.

**Discussion:**

The AP/network management entity is also going to need information from the STAs engaging in Spatial Reuse. As SR changes the interference environment, the AP/network management entity needs information from the Beacon Report to map the interference environment and make intelligent SR parameter, channel number, and channel bandwidth settings. Without such information, STAs may cause undo interference and reduce network capacity, counter to the goal of Spatial Reuse.

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**27.9 Spatial reuse operation**

**27.9.1 General**

The objective of the HE spatial reuse operation is to improve the system level performance, the utilization of medium resources and power saving in dense deployment scenarios by early identification of signals from overlapping basic service sets (OBSSs) and interference management.

When the conditions specified in 27.9 (Spatial reuse operation) are met that allow the transmission of an SR PPDU, an HE STA may transmit an SR PPDU to either an HE STA or a non-HE STA.

An HE STA participating in spatial reuse operation shall accept a Beacon Report request and respond with a Radio Measurement Report frame containing Beacon reports for all observed BSSs matching the BSSID and SSID in the Beacon Report request, at the level of detail requested in the Reporting Detail.