17 July 2012 802 Plenary Session

PAR comments from Paul Nikolich, 802 Chair

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1. Proposed PAR P802.16.3
   1. Joint Sponsor observation: I notice MTT/SCC is not included in this PAR as a Joint Sponsor, which caused me to pose the question in 1b above
   2. 5.2 Scope: This standard specifies procedures for characterizing the performance of **deployed mobile broadband network**s from a user perspective. It specifies metrics and test procedures as well as communication protocols and data formats allowing a network-based server to coordinate and manage test operation and data collection.  
        
      Firstly, let me say I support this proposed project; however I’m concerned the long term implications to 802 have not been sufficiently socialized across the 802 community yet. Let me explain.  
        
      The scope uses the term “deployed mobile broadband networks”. I think this is a good general term, that implies networks well beyond 802.16 networks are within the scope of this project (e.g., 802.11, 802.15, 802.22, etc.). Since this work should result in a useful standard which has applicability across multiple 802 technologies (even the wireline technologies), did the WG consider the possibility of this work outgrowing the 802.16WG and eventually result in the establishment of a separate WG continue to refine, extend and develop this work across all 802 (and non-802) network technologies? Beyond circulating the proposed PAR prior to the July plenary session, what has the WG done to socialize the proposed project?  
        
      Once again, I support this project and I think it is reasonable to start the work in the 802.16 WG, but I want to ensure the 802 community understands that it may expand to cover multiple 802 technologies (which would be a good development)—hence my questions and comments