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Abstract

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Dear Operator Market Segment TG members,

Thank you for your letter highlighting the challenge you are facing regarding the target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2040. We acknowledge your request that improving 802.11 energy efficiency on both access point and client sides is considered as an objective within Ultra High Reliability project.

With this response, we inform you that, thanks to the impulse of some 802.11 members, especially some affiliated with various operators, this objective has already been captured in the 802.11bn PAR document (see [1]). Specifically, this is captured:

* In the scope of the project, where for the first time in the scope of 802.11 PARs, power save on AP side is considered:
	+ *“This amendment provides a mechanism to reduce power consumptions for Access Point (AP) (including mobile AP) and improved Peer-to-Peer (P2P) operation compared to Extremely High Throughput MAC/PHY operation.”*
* In the need of the project
* In explanatory notes, where we further emphasize the following:
	+ *“Power saving mechanisms also decrease the carbon footprint of WLAN technology, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and conform to energy regulatory requirements worldwide. AP Power Save encompasses different scenarios, including periods of low utilization while minimizing the impact on the service.”*

Future meeting dates:

See: <http://www.ieee802.org/11/Meetings/Meeting_Plan.html> for Future meeting dates of the IEEE 802.11 Working Group

References

[1] “802.11bn revised PAR”, Laurent Cariou, 07/11/23, <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/23/11-23-1252-01-0uhr-802-11bn-revised-par.docx>

[2] “UHR draft proposed CSD”, Laurent Cariou, 07/11/23, <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/23/11-23-0079-06-0uhr-uhr-draft-proposed-csd.docx>

Sincerely,

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