3GPP TSG RAN WG1 #101-e R1-200xxxx

e-Meeting, May 25th – June 5th, 2020

**Title:** [DRAFT] Reply LS on NR-U SSB monitoring capabilities

**Release:** Rel-16

**Work Item:** NR\_unlic-core

**Source:** RAN1

**To:** RAN4

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**1. Overall Description:**

RAN1 would like to thank RAN4 for their LS [1] related to NR-U SSB monitoring capabilities.

Related to the four questions asked by RAN4, RAN1 feedback is as follows.

**[Question 1]** Provide feedback whether monitoring within a given discovery burst transmission window all candidate SS/PBCH block indexes corresponding to the same SS/PBCH block index is mandatory for UEs.

**[RAN1 answer]** As per previous RAN1 agreements, it is mandatory for the UEs to monitor all SS/PBCH blocks with candidate indexes corresponding to the same SS/PBCH block index within a given discovery burst transmission window.

It is RAN1's understanding that for a network operating in LBE mode, any deviation to this requirement will lead to degraded performances for both RRM and RLM/BFD/CBD measurements.

As a consequence, RAN1 has agreed that RAN4 should not define N1 and N2 UE capabilities.

In addition and related to the impact of the above upon UE power consumption, RAN1 would also like to provide RAN4 with the following additional remarks:

* Typically the discovery burst transmission window duration will be configured depending, in particular, on the spectrum load condition, e.g. for a NR-U network operating in low spectrum load condition, the discovery burst transmission window duration would be shorter than 5ms, which should help to reduce the UE power consumption.
* For FBE mode and for a given Fixed Frame Period, typically the network would not transmit SS/PBCH blocks beyond the first Q candidate SS/PBCH block indexes, which should also help to reduce the UE power consumption.

**[Question 2]** Provide feedback on the values of N1 and N2, considering the impact on the network performance if UEs are not monitoring all candidate positions.

**[RAN1 answer]**

RAN1 has agreed that RAN4 should not define N1 and N2 UE capabilities (see answer to question 1). As a consequence, N1 and N2 values are not applicable for both LBE and FBE modes.

**[Question 3]** Provide feedback on whether differentiation is needed for UEs operating in FBE and LBE modes.

**[RAN1 answer]** See answer to question 2.

**[Question 4]** Provide feedback for the case when Q is not provided to the UE

**[RAN1 answer]** For both RRM and RLM/BFD/CBD measurements, Q is always provided to the UE. More details of the indication of Q can be found in R1-2003044 [2].

**2. Actions:**

**To RAN4.**

**ACTION:** RAN1 respectfully ask RAN4 to take the above answers into account.

**3. References**

[1] R1-2003274/R4-2005418, “LS on NR-U SSB monitoring capabilities”, Nokia, RAN4

[2] R1-2003044, “LS on Signalling of Q Parameter for NR-U”, Charter Communications, RAN1

**4. Date of Next TSG-RAN WG1 Meetings:**

TSG-WG1 Meeting #102 24th – 28th August 2020 e-Meeting

TSG-WG1 Meeting #102bis 12th – 16th October 2020 e-Meeting