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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME |  | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | Draft CR to TS 38.108: Introduction of regenerative payload |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Huawei, HiSilicon, Nokia |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R4 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_NTN\_Ph3-Core |  | ***Date:*** |  |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-19 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:****F*** *(correction)****A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)****B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)****D*** *(editorial modification)*Detailed explanations of the above categories canbe found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | *Use one of the following releases:Rel-8 (Release 8)Rel-9 (Release 9)Rel-10 (Release 10)Rel-11 (Release 11)…Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)Rel-19 (Release 19) Rel-20 (Release 20)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | Draft CR reflecting proposed updates for Rel-19 regenerative payload in SAN RF specification.  |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | * Updated scope to clarify on regenerative and non-regenerative payload.
* Updated definitions, to align with (non-)regenerative payload (instead of bend pipe, or NTN payload RF).
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Rel-19 regenerative payload would not be properly reflected in the specification. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 1, 3.1 |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***Other specs*** | **X** |  |  Other core specifications  | TS 38.101-1 |
| ***affected:*** | **X** |  |  Test specifications | TS 38.181 |
| ***(show related CRs)*** |  | **X** |  O&M Specifications |  |
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| ***Other comments:*** |  |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** |  |

*------------------------------ Modified section ----------------------------------*

# 1 Scope

The present document establishes the minimum RF characteristics and minimum performance requirements of NR Satellite Access Node (SAN).

NOTE: This version of specification supports SAN with transparent payload, as well as SAN with regenerative payload.

*------------------------------ Next modified section ----------------------------------*

# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

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**SAN transponder:** part of the SAN permitting to receive, channelize and transmit signals within an allocated bandwidth.

**satellite:** A space-borne vehicle embarking a transparent payload, or a regenerative payload telecommunication transmitter, placed into Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) or Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO).

**Satellite Access Node**: node providing NR user plane and control plane protocol terminations towards NTN Satellite capable UE, and connected via the NG interface to the 5GC. It encompasses a transparent payload on board a NTN platform, with satellite gateway and gNB functions, or a regenerative payload on board a NTN platform and a satellite gateway.

**satellite-gateway:** An earth station or gateway is located at the surface of Earth, and providing sufficient RF power and RF sensitivity for accessing to the satellite.

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