**3GPP TSG-RAN Meeting #90e *RP-20xxxx***

**Electronic Meeting, December 7 – 11, 2020**

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| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **xxxx** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **15.11.0** |  |
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| *For* [***HE******LP***](http://www.3gpp.org/3G_Specs/CRs.htm#_blank)*on using this form: comprehensive instructions can be found at* [*http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests*](http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests)*.* | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network |  | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | CR to 38.331 on handling of fallbacks for FR2 CA | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | - | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | Apple Inc. | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2020-12-07 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-15 |
|  | *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 can be 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-12 (Release 12)* *Rel-13 (Release 13) Rel-14 (Release 14) Rel-15 (Release 15) Rel-16 (Release 16)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | RAN2 specificaitons (TS38.331 and TS38.306) are not aligned with RAN4 specifications (TS38.101-2, TS38.101-3) with regards to which fallback band combinations are supported for the class of band combinations which consist of mixed contiguous and non-contiguous intra-band CA within FR2. In an effort to reconcile this issue, it has been recognized that mandating additional in-gap requirements for all possible mixed contiguous and non-contiguous fallback band combinations results in a high number of requirements and is a burden on UE development. Together with per-UE capability signaling, this CR aligns the RAN4 specification with RAN2 specifications. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | For FR2 intra-band CA combinations with multiple sub-blocks, where at least one of the sub-blocks consists of a contiguous CA combination, the following two changes are implemented:  1. Remove the requirement of direct fallback to single FR2 carrier  2. Based on UE signaling a capability bit, introduce an applicability rule for Rx requirements (impacting clauses 7.5A, 7.5D, 7.6A, 7.6D in TS38.101-2 and clauses 7.5A, 7.5B, 7.6A, 7.6B in TS38.101-3) for fallbacks with multiple sub-blocks, where at least one of the sub-blocks consists of a contiguous CA combination  Changes to RAN2 specifications on UE capabilities (38.306) and RRC (38.331) are needed to introduce per-UE capability.  **Impact analysis**  Impacted functionality:  Requirements for band combinations.  Inter-operability:  No inter-operability issues are foreseen. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | NW will not know whether the UE meets all the RF Rx requirements. But no functionality impact is foreseen. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 6.3.3 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | | **X** |  | Other core specifications | | | | TS38.306, TS38.101 | | |
| ***affected:*** | | **X** |  | Test specifications | | | | TS38.521-2 | | |
| ***(show related CRs)*** | |  | **X** | O&M Specifications | | | |  | | |
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| ***Other comments:*** | | This CR implements the principles for handling the FR2 fallback issue as described in RP-202556 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

#### – *UE-NR-Capability*

The IE *UE-NR-Capability* is used to convey the NR UE Radio Access Capability Parameters, see TS 38.306 [26].

*UE-NR-Capability* information element

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-- TAG-UE-NR-CAPABILITY-START

UE-NR-Capability ::= SEQUENCE {

accessStratumRelease AccessStratumRelease,

pdcp-Parameters PDCP-Parameters,

rlc-Parameters RLC-Parameters OPTIONAL,

mac-Parameters MAC-Parameters OPTIONAL,

phy-Parameters Phy-Parameters,

rf-Parameters RF-Parameters,

measAndMobParameters MeasAndMobParameters OPTIONAL,

fdd-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode OPTIONAL,

tdd-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode OPTIONAL,

fr1-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode OPTIONAL,

fr2-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode OPTIONAL,

featureSets FeatureSets OPTIONAL,

featureSetCombinations SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxFeatureSetCombinations)) OF FeatureSetCombination OPTIONAL,

lateNonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v15xy OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v1530 OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-Capability-v15xy ::= SEQUENCE {

partialVerifiedFR2-FallbackRX-Req ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL,

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-Capability-v1530 ::= SEQUENCE {

fdd-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities-v1530 UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode-v1530 OPTIONAL,

tdd-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities-v1530 UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode-v1530 OPTIONAL,

dummy ENUMERATED {supported} OPTIONAL,

interRAT-Parameters InterRAT-Parameters OPTIONAL,

inactiveState ENUMERATED {supported} OPTIONAL,

delayBudgetReporting ENUMERATED {supported} OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v1540 OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-Capability-v1540 ::= SEQUENCE {

sdap-Parameters SDAP-Parameters OPTIONAL,

overheatingInd ENUMERATED {supported} OPTIONAL,

ims-Parameters IMS-Parameters OPTIONAL,

fr1-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities-v1540 UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode-v1540 OPTIONAL,

fr2-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities-v1540 UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode-v1540 OPTIONAL,

fr1-fr2-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v1550 OPTIONAL

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UE-NR-Capability-v1550 ::= SEQUENCE {

reducedCP-Latency ENUMERATED {supported} OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v1560 OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-Capability-v1560 ::= SEQUENCE {

nrdc-Parameters NRDC-Parameters OPTIONAL,

receivedFilters OCTET STRING (CONTAINING UECapabilityEnquiry-v1560-IEs) OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension UE-NR-Capability-v1570 OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-Capability-v1570 ::= SEQUENCE {

nrdc-Parameters-v1570 NRDC-Parameters-v1570 OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode ::= SEQUENCE {

phy-ParametersXDD-Diff Phy-ParametersXDD-Diff OPTIONAL,

mac-ParametersXDD-Diff MAC-ParametersXDD-Diff OPTIONAL,

measAndMobParametersXDD-Diff MeasAndMobParametersXDD-Diff OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-CapabilityAddXDD-Mode-v1530 ::= SEQUENCE {

eutra-ParametersXDD-Diff EUTRA-ParametersXDD-Diff

}

UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode ::= SEQUENCE {

phy-ParametersFRX-Diff Phy-ParametersFRX-Diff OPTIONAL,

measAndMobParametersFRX-Diff MeasAndMobParametersFRX-Diff OPTIONAL

}

UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode-v1540 ::= SEQUENCE {

ims-ParametersFRX-Diff IMS-ParametersFRX-Diff OPTIONAL

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| *UE-NR-Capability* field descriptions |
| ***featureSetCombinations***  A list of *FeatureSetCombination:s* for *supportedBandCombinationList* in *UE-NR-Capability*. The *FeatureSetDownlink:s* and *FeatureSetUplink:s* referred to from these *FeatureSetCombination:s* are defined in the *featureSets* list in *UE-NR-Capability*. |

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| *UE-NR-Capability-v1540 field descriptions* |
| ***fr1-fr2-Add-UE-NR-Capabilities***  This instance of *UE-NR-CapabilityAddFRX-Mode* does not include any other fields than *csi-RS-IM-ReceptionForFeedback*/ *csi-RS-ProcFrameworkForSRS*/ *csi-ReportFramework*. |