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**e-Meeting, May 9 - 20, 2022**

**Agenda Item: 8.9**

**Source: Moderator (Huawei)**

**Title: Preparation phase discussion on 109-e-Prep-AI8.9 NB-IoT-eMTC**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

This documents summarizes the preparation phase discussion of contributions submitted to AI 8.9 for Rel-17 WI NB-IoT and eMTC enhancements [2-5].

# Issues

The issues are summarized in the following table.

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| Issues | Summary of issues | Related contributions | Proposals |
| #1 | On whether and how to use the DwPTS in special subframes for NPDSCH with 16QAM. | [2] | Text proposal to TS 36.211:  - On an NB-IoT carrier for which higher-layer parameter *operationModeInfo* indicates *inband-SamePCI* or *inband-DifferentPCI*, or higher-layer parameter *inbandCarrierInfo* is present, or on an NB-IoT carrier for *SystemInformationBlockType1-NB* for which *sib1-carrierInfo* indicates *non-anchor* and the value of the higher layer parameter *sib-GuardbandInfo* is set to *sib-GuardbandInbandSamePCI* or *sib-GuardbandinbandDiffPCI*, DwPTS in special subframe configuration 0 and 5 for normal cyclic prefix is not used for NPDCCH and NPDSCH transmission. DwPTS in special subframe configuration 9 for normal cyclic prefix is not used for NPDSCH transmission with 16QAM, when *NPDSCH-16QAM-Config-NB* is configured. |
| [4] | Text proposal to TS 36.211:  On an NB-IoT carrier for which higher-layer parameter *operationModeInfo* indicates *inband-SamePCI* or *inband-DifferentPCI*, or higher-layer parameter *inbandCarrierInfo* is present, or on an NB-IoT carrier for *SystemInformationBlockType1-NB* for which *sib1-carrierInfo* indicates *non-anchor* and the value of the higher layer parameter *sib-GuardbandInfo* is set to *sib-GuardbandInbandSamePCI* or *sib-GuardbandinbandDiffPCI*, DwPTS in special subframe configuration 0 and 5 for normal cyclic prefix is not used for NPDCCH and NPDSCH transmission, and when *npdsch-16QAM-Config-r17* is configured then DwPTS in special subframe configuration 9 for normal cyclic prefix is also not used for NPDSCH transmission. |
| [5] | **Proposal 1: It is up to the eNB to ensure that NPDSCH transmission on DwPTS using 16-QAM is self-decodable (e.g. coding rate lower than 0.932) by the UE after rate matching. There is no need for specification change.** |
| #2 | The power allocation for NPDSCH with 16QAM is missed for PDSCH in PUR procedure. | [3] | Text proposal to TS 36.213:  If a UE is configured with higher layer parameters *npdsch-16QAM-Config* or *pur-DL-16QAM-Config* and *nrs-PowerRatio*,  - the ratio of NPDSCH EPRE to NRS EPRE among NPDSCH REs in symbols with NRS is given by for a cell with one NRS antenna port and for a cell with two NRS antenna ports, where is given by the parameter *nrs-PowerRatio*. |

# Discussion

It is proposed to have an email thread to address the two issues:

* One email thread to address the following issues for NB-IoT 16QAM
  + Issue #1: On whether and how to use the DwPTS in special subframes for NPDSCH with 16QAM.
    - Discussed in R1-2203223, R1-2204082 and R1-2204878
  + Issue #2: On the power allocation for NPDSCH with 16QAM in PUR procedure
    - Discussed in R1-2203631

Please input your comments for the proposed email discussion:

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# Summary

# References

1. RP-211340, “WID revision: Additional enhancements for NB-IoT and LTE-MTC”, Huawei, HiSilicon, RAN#92e, E-meeting, June 2021.
2. R1-2203223 On use of DwPTS for 16QAM NPDSCH in NB-IoT Huawei, HiSilicon
3. R1-2203631 Clarifications for DL power allocation for 16-QAM ZTE, Sanechips
4. R1-2204082 Support of 16-QAM for unicast in UL and DL in NB-IoT Ericsson
5. R1-2204878 Support of 16-QAM in NB-IoT TDD Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell