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Agenda Item: 6.2.1

Source: Moderator (Ericsson)

Title: FL summary for Multi-TB issues for Rel-16 LTE-MTC

Document for: Discussion, Decision

# 1 Introduction

This document provides a summary of the following RAN1 email discussion.

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| [104-e-LTE-eMTC5-02] Multi-TB issues – Johan (Ericsson)   * Issue #1: Clarification of DCI definition for SPS validation ([R1-2100561](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_104-e/Docs/R1-2100561.zip)) * Issue #2: Clarification of multicast scheduling gap definition ([R1-2100761](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_104-e/Docs/R1-2100761.zip), [R1-2101279](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_104-e/Docs/R1-2101279.zip)) * Discussion and decision by 1/29, TPs by 2/5 |

# Issue #1: Clarification of DCI definition for SPS validation

Contribution [1] discusses the need for clarification of the DCI definition for SPS validation for the case when the Rel-16 LTE-MTC multi-TB scheduling feature is configured and presents a TP for 36.213.

**Question: Companies are invited to comment below on the 36.213 TP in [1] for clarification of the DCI definition for SPS validation when multi-TB scheduling is configured.**

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | We think the only necessary change is to change the 4-bit HPN field to 3 bits for TDD, the other changes are not needed. For example, this change:  - if *ce-PDSCH-MultiTB-Config* is configured, the ‘New data indicator’ in ‘Scheduling TBs for Unicast’ field in DCI format 6-1A is set to ‘0’;otherwise, the new data indicator field in DCI format 6-1A is set to '0'.  - if *ce-PUSCH-MultiTB-Config* is configured, the ‘New data indicator’ in ‘Scheduling TBs for Unicast’ field in DCI format 6-0A is set to ‘0’;otherwise, the new data indicator field in DCI format 6-0A is set to '0'.  Is not needed, since indeed DCI format 6-1A has an NDI field when a single TB is scheduled:  - If one TB is scheduled  - 5 bits set to zero  - HARQ process number – 3 bits  - New data indicator – 1 bit  So, the only change would be :   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **DCI format 6-0A** | **DCI format 6-1A** | | **HARQ process number** | set to '000' | FDD: set to '000'  TDD: set to '0000’ if *ce-PDSCH-MultiTB-Config* is not configured, ‘000’ otherwise. | |
| Lenovo&MotoM | We share the similar view as Qualcomm. Since the same filed name for SPS validation is listed below the *Scheduling TBs for Unicast* field. |
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# Issue #2: Clarification of multicast scheduling gap definition

Contributions [2] and [3] discuss clarification of the definition of scheduling gaps for Rel-16 LTE-MTC multi-TB scheduling for multicast SC-PTM transmission and present three alternative TPs for 36.213. Two of the TPs assume that the scheduling gap should be in terms of BL/CE BL subframes, and the third TP assumes that the scheduling gap should be in terms of absolute subframes. The TPs also address the indentation issue discussed in the previous RAN1 meeting [4].

**Question: Should the scheduling gap for multi-TB multicast transmission be in terms of BL/CE DL subframes or absolute subframes?**

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Although we have no strong view, we think the current spec already captures the gap being in absolute subframes. About the large corrections in [2], we think the current spec (with indentation issue resolved) may be enough to describe the behavior. |
| Lenovo,MotoM | If we need to select one, counting by absolute subframe is our preference since the scheduling gap is counted by absolute subframe in NBIoT. e.g., uplink scheduling gap, and downlink gap in NBIoT. although we don’t have strong view.  I don’t think the current TS36.213 correctly captures the agreement. The TB(s) have already mapped to continuous BL/CE DL subframe(s) based on spec, and then the spec gives a debug to insert a gap among TB(s) if configured.  The behavior of UE is not clear due to the spec contradiction. |
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# References

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