**3GPP TSG RAN WG2#119bis electronic R2-2210857**

**Online, 10th-19th October, 2022**

Title: DRAFT LS on validity of assistance information

Response to: -

Release: Release 17

**Work Item: NR\_NTN\_solutions**

Source: OPPO (to be RAN2)

To: RAN1

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Attachments: None

**1. Overall Description:**

Regarding RAN1’s agreement on serving cell’s explicit Epoch time referring to the current SFN or the next upcoming SFN after the frame where the message indicating the Epoch time is received, RAN2 has discussed and thinks that there could be an issue with latency (e.g. for initial access) when Epoch time points to a future time and validity timer has not started.

To solve this issue, RAN2 kindly request RAN1 to provide feedback on whether:

1. backwards propagation of satellite assistance information is needed, or
2. epoch time can refer to an SFN in the past instead of current or next upcoming SFN.

If neither backwards propagation nor setting epoch times in the past will be supported, RAN2 would like to know whether RAN1 can suggest other solutions to handle the latency issue.

**2. Actions:**

**To** **RAN1**

**ACTION:** RAN2 respectively requests RAN1 to provide feedback to the above questions.

**3. Date of Next RAN2 Meetings:**

TSG-RAN WG2#120 2022-11-14 to 2022-11-18 Toulouse, FR

TSG-RAN WG2#121 2023-02-27 to 2023-03-03 Athens, GR