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Title: DRAFT LS to RAN1 on unchanged PCI

Response to: -

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**Work Item: NR\_NTN\_enh-Core**

Source: CATT (to be RAN2)

To: RAN1

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Attachments: None

**1. Overall Description:**

For mobility enhancement in Rel-18 NR NTN, in quasi-earth fixed cell case, RAN2 has discussed unchanged PCI scenario, including hard satellite switching (non-overlapping satellite coverage at switching time) and soft satellite switching (overlapping satellite coverage at switching time).

RAN2 has agreed that, in quasi-earth fixed cell case, for hard satellite switch in the same SSB frequency and same gNB (no key change), satellite switching without PCI changing (not requiring L3 mobility) is supported, unless major technical issues are identified by RAN1. RAN2 understands that the standard impact includes that the UE may be notified to re-acquire DL/UL synchronization with the serving cell after the satellite switching.

RAN2 understands that the feasibility of soft satellite switching without PCI change (not requiring L3 mobility) is more relevant to RAN1 aspects, and would like to check its feasibility with RAN1.

**2. Actions:**

**To** **RAN1**

**ACTION:** RAN2 kindly requests RAN1 to take into account the above agreement on hard satellite switching without PCI change and provide feedback if there are any major technical issues, and also provide feedback on the feasibility to support soft satellite switching without PCI change.

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

TSG-RAN WG2#122 2023-05-22 to 2023-05-26 Incheon, KR

TSG-RAN WG2#123 2023-08-21 to 2023-08-25 Toulouse, FR