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**Title: Access token request for NF Set – RFC clarification**

**Document for: Approval, Information, Discussion**

**Agenda Item: 5.20**

# 1 Decision/action requested

EN resolution by added evaluation.

# 2 References

[1] 3GPP 33.875

# 3 Rationale

*Reason for change: It was asked to clarify if the usage of the same access token for different OAuth 2.0 clients follows the OAuth 2.0 RFC and best practices.*

*Summary of changes: The following text has been added to the evaluation: The concept of NF Set and NF Service Set has been introduced by 3GPP. This concept is not part of the OAuth RFC, but in general it is common practice to also allow for project or group access tokens (see https://docs.gitlab.com/). RFC 6749 only mentions types of clients (public and confidential) and that a client can be implemented as a distributed set of components, each with a different client type and security context.*

# 4 Detailed proposal

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## 6.7 Solution #7: Access token request for NF Set

Editor's Note: How does the NRF/NFp verify the correctness of NFc set ID is ffs.

*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* NEXT CHANGE*

### 6.7.3 Evaluation

The solution proposed allows to issue an access token that can be used by all consumers of an NF Set.The concept of NF Set and NF Service Set has been introduced by 3GPP. Mutual redundancy among the NF instances in the set allows for optimization, which would be less optimized if each instance needs to request its own token.

The advantage of allowing access tokens issued for a NF set or NF service set would be that any NF from a NF Set can reuse the access token within its validity time, if it can authenticate as being part of the NF Set. Thus, the purpose of optimized service usage by NF Set introduction could be also supported from a security point of view.

Using the same access token for a NF Service Consumers belonging to one NF set is not explicitly described by RFC 6749. Other literature mentions group access tokens, but further investigation on the impact managing an access token used by NF service consumers of the same set is needed.

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