1. **Sponsor Date of Request**  
   2000 Oct 12

2. **Assigned Project Number**  
   802.16.1b

3. **PAR Approval Date**  
   7 December 2000

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[X] PAR Signature Page on File {IEEE Staff to check box}

4. **Project Title, Recorder and Working Group/Sponsor for this Project**

**Document type and title:** {Place an X in only one option below}

- [x] **Standard for** {document stressing the verb "shall"}
- [ ] **Recommended Practice for** {document stressing the verb "should"}
- [ ] **Guide for** {document in which good practices are suggested}

**Title:** Telecommunications and Information Exchange Between Systems - LAN/MAN Specific Requirements - Air Interface for Fixed Broadband Wireless Access Systems including License-Exempt Frequencies

Name of Working Group (WG): IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access

Name of Official Reporter (usually the WG Chair) who must be an SA member as well as an IEEE/Affiliate Member: Roger B. Marks

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Name of Sponsoring Society and Committee: Computer Society, LAN/MAN Standards Committee; Microwave Theory and Techniques Society

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5. Type of Project

a. Is this an update to an existing PAR? No

If YES, indicate PAR Number/Approval Date
If YES, is this project in ballot now?

b. Choose one from the following:

[ ] New Standard
[ ] Revision of existing Standard {number and year} [ ]
[ ] Amendment (Supplement) to an existing standard {number and year} [802.16.1]
[ ] Corrigenda to an existing standard {number and year} [ ]

6. Life Cycle

[ ] Full Use (5-year life cycle)
[ ] Trial Use (2-year life cycle)

7. Balloting Information

Choose one from the following:

[ ] Individual Sponsor Balloting
[ ] Entity Sponsor Balloting
[ ] Mixed Balloting (combination of Individual and Entity Sponsor Balloting)

Expected Date of Submission for Initial Sponsor Ballot: [2001 Nov 19]

8. Fill in Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom [2002 Mar 31]
9. **Scope of Proposed Project:**

This standard specifies the medium access control layer and physical layers of the air interface of interoperable fixed point-to-multipoint broadband wireless access systems. The specification enables transport of data, video, and voice services. Physical layers are specified for both licensed and license-exempt bands.

This Amendment expands the scope of the original project by extending it to license-exempt bands (thereby defining the Wireless High-Speed Unlicensed Metropolitan Area Network [WirelessHUMAN™] Standard). It specifies the physical layer and medium access control layer of the air interface of interoperable fixed broadband wireless metropolitan area network systems, including point-to-multipoint. The standard enables access to data, video, and voice services with quality of service in unlicensed (i.e., license-exempt) bands designated for public network access. It will focus on the 5-6 GHz range and may be applied to unlicensed bands between 2 and 11 GHz. It will address strategies for coexistence with other unlicensed applications. The project will utilize or modify applicable elements from the following:

- MAC: IEEE 802.16
- PHY: IEEE 802.11a; ETSI BRAN HIPERLAN/2

10. **Purpose of Proposed Project:**

To enable rapid worldwide deployment of innovative, cost-effective, and interoperable multivendor broadband wireless access products. To facilitate competition in broadband access by providing alternatives to wireline broadband access. To facilitate coexistence studies, encourage consistent worldwide allocation, and accelerate the commercialization of broadband wireless access spectrum.

This Amendment enhances the original project by extending it to license-exempt bands. It will identify techniques to tolerate interference in the unlicensed bands and facilitate strategies for coexistence with other unlicensed band systems such as 802.11 and 802.15. It will identify techniques to tolerate interference in the unlicensed bands, facilitate strategies for coexistence with other unlicensed band systems such as 802.11a, and maximize the carrying capacity in the unlicensed bands. It will encourage consistent worldwide spectrum allocation and accelerate the commercialization of unlicensed broadband wireless access spectrum. Utilization of unlicensed frequencies will address a market that includes residences, small office-home office (SOHO), telecommuters, and small and medium enterprises (SME).

11. **Intellectual Property**

{Answer each of the questions below}

**Are you aware of any patents relevant to this project?**

[No] {Yes, with detailed explanation below / No}

[ ] {Explanation}

**Are you aware of any copyrights relevant to this project?**

[No] {Yes, with detailed explanation below / No}

[ ] {Explanation}

**Are you aware of any trademarks relevant to this project?**

[No] {Yes, with detailed explanation below / No}

[ ] {Explanation}
Are you aware of any registration of objects or numbers relevant to this project?

[No] {Yes, with detailed explanation below / No}

[ ] {Explanation}

12. Are you aware of any other standards or projects with a similar scope?

Yes

{Explanation}

IEEE 802.11, ETSI HIPERLAN/2, and IEEE 802.15 standards and projects address primarily short range WLAN and WPAN applications, respectively. PACS-UA and PACS-UB address unlicensed operation in the unlicensed personal communication services (UPCS) bands at 1910-1930MHz and 2390-2400MHz. This Amendment is specifically directed towards longer range wireless point-to-multipoint MAN/WAN systems that provide access to core public networks using the unlicensed band spectrum. These systems typically serve large numbers of dispersed subscribers.

13. **International** Harmonization

Is this standard planned for adoption by another international organization?

Yes

If Yes: Which International Organization ITU-R
If Yes: Include coordination in question 15 below
If No: Explanation [ ]

14. Is this project intended to focus on health, safety or environmental issues?

No

If Yes: Explanation [ ]

15. Proposed Coordination/Recommended Method of Coordination

**Mandatory Coordination**

SCC 10 (IEEE Dictionary) by DR {Circulation of DRafts}

IEEE Staff Editorial Review by DR

SCC 14 (Quantities, Units and Letter symbols) by DR

**Coordination requested by Sponsor:**

ITU-R, including Joint Working Group 8A/9B by LI {circulation of DRafts/LIaison memb/COmmon memb}
16. Additional Explanation Notes: {Item Number and Explanation}

The intended timetable is:

Nov 2000
   Issue Call for Proposals for PHY and MAC
     • PHY: Modifications of 802.11a and/or HIPERLAN/2
     • MAC: Modifications of 802.16

Jan 2001
   Review proposals

Feb 2001
   Select Candidate Proposals at Interim Meeting

Mar 2001
   Decision on specific modifications

May 2001
   First Tentative Draft Standard submitted for review

July 2001
   Comment Resolutions

Sep 2001
   Second Tentative Draft Standard submitted for Letter Ballot

Nov 2001
   Initiate Sponsor Ballot

Feb 2002
   Submit to RevCom

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