**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #121 R2-2301982**

**Athens, Greece, 27th February – 3rd March, 2023**

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| *CR-Form-v12.2* | | | | | | | | |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **xxxx** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **17.3.0** |  |
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| *For* [***HELP***](http://www.3gpp.org/3G_Specs/CRs.htm#_blank)*on using this form: comprehensive instructions can be found at* [*http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests*](http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests)*.* | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **x** | Radio Access Network | **x** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | Corrections on satellite ephemeris indication | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Ericsson | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_NTN\_solutions | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2023-03-03 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-17 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:* ***F*** *(correction)* ***A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)* ***B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)* ***D*** *(editorial modification)*  Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | | | | | | | | *Use one of the following releases: Rel-8 (Release 8) Rel-9 (Release 9) Rel-10 (Release 10) Rel-11 (Release 11) … Rel-16 (Release 16) Rel-17 (Release 17) Rel-18 (Release 18) Rel-19 (Release 19)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | RAN4 informed RAN2 that UE may ignore measurements if network does not provide ephemeris information for the cell. Current SIB19 can provide neighbor satellite ephemeris via two lists, both of size 4. This assumes that the PCIs in the list are from neighbouring satellites. If this list is used to inform about neighbor cells provided by same satellite, the ntn-Config-r17 is repeated 4 times in addition to the ntn-Config-r17 in the SIB19 for the serving satellite. This increases the SIB size which may be issue in some scenarios. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | Add in the field description of SIB19 “If *ntn-Config* is absent for an entry in *ntn-NeighCellConfigList*, the *ntn-Config* provided in the previous entry in *ntn-NeighCellConfigList* applies. Network provides *ntn-Config* for the first entry of *ntn-NeighCellConfigList*.”  **Impact Analysis**  Impacted 5G architecture options: NR SA  Impacted functionality: NTN neighbor cell measurements  Inter-operability:  1. If the network is implemented according to the CR and the UE is not, UE may not measure a PCI in case it does not know the ntn-Config-r17 provided linking to that PCI.  2. If the UE is implemented according to the CR and the network is not, there is no inter-operability issue. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | Network has to provide the NTN-config per PCI for intra-SAT case is SI. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 6.3.1, 6.3.2 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***affected:*** | |  | **X** | Test specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***(show related CRs)*** | |  | **X** | O&M Specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
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| ***Other comments:*** | | First change is functionally NBC, second change is NBC. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

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### 6.3.1 System information blocks

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– *SIB19*

*SIB19* contains satellite assistance information for NTN access.

***SIB19* information element**

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-SIB19-START

SIB19-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

ntn-Config-r17 NTN-Config-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

t-Service-r17 INTEGER (0..549755813887) OPTIONAL, -- Need R

referenceLocation-r17 ReferenceLocation-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

distanceThresh-r17 INTEGER(0..65525) OPTIONAL, -- Need R

ntn-NeighCellConfigList-r17 NTN-NeighCellConfigList-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,

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ntn-NeighCellConfigListExt-v1720 NTN-NeighCellConfigList-r17 OPTIONAL -- Need R

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NTN-NeighCellConfigList-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxCellNTN-r17)) OF NTN-NeighCellConfig-r17

NTN-NeighCellConfig-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

ntn-Config-r17 NTN-Config-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

carrierFreq-r17 ARFCN-ValueNR OPTIONAL, -- Need R

physCellId-r17 PhysCellId OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

-- TAG-SIB19-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| ***SIB19* field descriptions** |
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| ***distanceThresh***  Distance from the serving cell reference location and is used in location-based measurement initiation in RRC\_IDLE and RRC\_INACTIVE, as defined in TS 38.304 [20]. Each step represents 50m. |
| ***ntn-Config***  Provides parameters needed for the UE to access NR via NTN access such as Ephemeris data, common TA parameters, k\_offset, validity duration for UL sync information and epoch. |
| ***ntn-NeighCellConfigList, ntn-NeighCellConfigListExt***  Provides a list of NTN neighbour cells including their *ntn-Config*, carrier frequency and *PhysCellId*. This set includes all elements of *ntn-NeighCellConfigList* and all elements of *ntn-NeighCellConfigListExt*. If *ntn-Config* is absent for an entry in *ntn-NeighCellConfigListExt*, the *ntn-Config* provided in the entry at the same position in *ntn-NeighCellConfigList* applies. Network provides *ntn-Config* for the first entry of *ntn-NeighCellConfigList.* If the *ntn-Config* is absent for an other entry in *ntn-NeighCellConfigList*, the *ntn-Config* provided in the previous entry in *ntn-NeighCellConfigList* applies. |
| ***referenceLocation***  Reference location of the serving cell provided via NTN quasi-Earth fixed system and is used in location-based measurement initiation in RRC\_IDLE and RRC\_INACTIVE, as defined in TS 38.304 [20]. |
| ***t-Service***  Indicates the time information on when a cell provided via NTN quasi-Earth fixed system is going to stop serving the area it is currently covering. The field indicates a time in multiples of 10 ms after 00:00:00 on Gregorian calendar date 1 January, 1900 (midnight between Sunday, December 31, 1899 and Monday, January 1, 1900). The exact stop time is between the time indicated by the value of this field minus 1 and the time indicated by the value of this field. |

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