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Dr. Carolyn Taylor Ms. Susanna Kooistra ETSI, MCC 650, route des Lucioles Sophia-Antipolis France

Subject: Nomination of candidate for 3GPP TSG RAN WG4 Vice Chair

Dear Dr. Taylor and Ms. Kooistra:

I am pleased to inform you that Qualcomm, through its ATIS 3GPP affiliation, is nominating Gene Fong as candidate for the position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG4 Vice Chair at the upcoming election in RAN4#108.

Gene Fong is informed about and aware of the antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions. If elected, he will comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as TSG RAN WG4 Vice Chair.

In proposing Gene Fong for the position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG4 Vice Chair, Qualcomm shows its commitment to the success of 3GPP and its diverse ecosystem; Qualcomm will fully support Gene in this role.

A brief curriculum vitae of Gene is provided as a separate document.

Best Regards,

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Senior Vice-President, Engineering

Qualcomm and IEEE Fellow

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Curriculum Vitae of Gene Fong

3GPP Experience

Gene Fong has been actively participating and contributing to 3GPP RAN4 continuously since June 2009 spanning LTE in Rel-8 and Rel-9, LTE-A in Rel-10 to Rel-14, and 5G NR from Rel-15 to the present. He has extensive leadership experiences as rapporteur, moderator, and contributor covering many controversial topics such as carrier aggregation, high power UE, spectrum bands, NR-U unlicensed technology, broadcast, and NTN. Gene demonstrates a balanced, impartial, and technically oriented approach with real-world practicality and efficient progress. He is highly respected among his RAN4 peers and across the industry.



Work Experience

Gene Fong is currently a Director, Technical Standards at Qualcomm Incorporated where he has been employed for more than 17 years. In addition to 3GPP standardization, Gene worked as a systems engineer on Qualcomm's first LTE modem. Being a part of and tightly connected to the engineering development team, he has been able to apply direct knowledge of real-world implementation practicalities in developing the specifications for RAN4.

Prior to employment at Qualcomm, Gene also worked for Viasat where he was a DSP engineer working on a small team to develop the modem for a ground station terminal for a satellite communications system. After Viasat, Gene worked at a start-up company to be eventually acquired by RF Micro Devices where he was responsible for the digital modem in an integrated single chip radio/modem solution for Bluetooth. Hence, Gene brings a wealth of experience in system design and engineering for many of the fields currently relevant to 3GPP including not only traditional cellular communications, but also satellite communications and low power personal area communications.

Education

Gene graduated with a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Personal

Gene enjoys photography, regularly brings his camera to the meetings, and has taken many of the RAN4 group photos in the past 10 years.