**3GPP TSG RAN WG2 Meeting #121bis-e R2-22xxxx**

**e-meeting, 17-26 April 2023**

**Title: [DRAFT]** Reply LS on intraBandENDC-Support

**Response to:** R2-2300060 (R4-2220837)

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**Source:** Qualcomm Incorporated [To be RAN WG2]

**To:** RAN WG4

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**Attachments:** None

1 Overall description

RAN2 would like to thank RAN4 for their LS on intraBandENDC-Support.

RAN2 discussed RAN4’s suggestion regarding the interpretation of the UE capability parameter *intraBandENDC-Support* set to “both”. RAN2’s understanding for “both” is that the UE supports both contiguous and non-contiguous intra-band EN-DC for the same band entries. Since there is no differentiation between DL and UL in the existing UE capability parameter *intraBandENDC-Support*, RAN4’s solution was considered non-backward compatible. RAN2 therefore agreed on a new signalling solution as outlined below, with pending confirmation by RAN4.

**Principles**

1. A new UE capability parameter *intraBandENDC-Support****-UL***, with the values {contiguous, non-contiguous, both}, is introduced.
2. The UE capability parameter *intraBandENDC-Support-UL* is only signalled when UL capability is different from the one indicated by the existing parameter *intraBandENDC-Support*.
3. If the new parameter *intraBandENDC-Support-UL* is not signalled. the existing UE capability parameter *intraBandENDC-Support* indicates:
	* either the UE capability only for DL (when the UE supports intra-band EN-DC only in DL)
	* or the common capability for DL and UL (when the UE supports intra-band EN-DC in DL and UL)
4. Support for non-contiguous intra-band EN-DC in DL and contiguous in UL is not a valid case.

**Solution description**

With this solution, different intra-band EN-DC cases can be signalled as follows.

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| **Cases** | ***intraBandENDC-Support*** | ***intraBandENDC-Support-UL*** | **UE supports in DL / UL (if applicable)** |
| 1 | Absent (Contiguous) | Absent | * Contiguous/Contiguous
 |
| 2 | Absent (Contiguous) | Non-contiguous | * Contiguous/Non-contiguous

“Case 3” in R2-2300060 (R4-2220837) |
| 3 | Non-contiguous | Absent | * Non-contiguous/Non-contiguous
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| 4 | Both | Absent | * Contiguous/contiguous
* Non-contiguous/Non-contiguous
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|  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Both | Non-contiguous | * Contiguous/Non-contiguous
* Non-contiguous/Non-contiguous
 |
| 6 | Absent (Contiguous) | Both | * Contiguous/Contiguous
* Contiguous/Non-contiguous

“Case 4” in R2-2300060 (R4-2220837) |
|  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Both | Both | * Contiguous/Contiguous
* Non-contiguous/Non-contiguous
* Contiguous/Non-contiguous
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RAN2 would like to ask RAN4 to review the solution above and inform RAN2 whether it is agreeable from RAN4’s perspective.

2 Actions

**To RAN4**

**ACTION:** RAN2 would like to ask RAN4 to review the UE capability signalling solution outlined in this LS and inform RAN2 whether it is agreeable from RAN4’s perspective.

3 Dates of next TSG RAN WG2 meetings

TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #122 22 – 26 May 2023 Seoul, Korea

TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #123 21 – 26 August 2023 Toulouse, France