

**3GPP TSG-SA WG2 meeting #34  
Brussels, 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2003**

**Tdoc S2-033236**

**Title:** Reply LS on possible re-organisation of 3GPP charging specification work

**Reply-to:** S2-032825 (Same as S5-034444)

**Source:** SA2

**To:** SA5

**Cc:** TSG-SA, CN1, CN2, CN3, CN4, CN5, SA1

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**Attachments:** None.

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**1. Overall Description:**

SA2 would like to thank SA5 for pointing out some important aspects of possibly re-organizing the charging work in 3GPP.

The following options were brought up:

- (A) *would require the groups, to which this liaison statement is addressed, to take on additional work to develop charging specifications which are currently the responsibility of SA5 SWG-B.*

SA2 comment: SA2 understands, that if deemed necessary, this would mean taking responsibility for the relevant high level normative specifications, e.g. the one to be created for IP-flow based bearer charging. Any further additional workload within the Rel6 timeframe is not desirable from an SA2 perspective. The exact stage-2 workload for Rel7 is difficult to predict at this stage.

- (B) *is to attract more resources for charging work by concentrating the responsibility for all 3GPP charging work into SA5 SWG-B. This would include, for example, the Charging Service Capability Feature (SCF), which is currently handled by CN5 as part of their work on OSA in TS 29.198-12.*

SA2 comment: SA2 was not completely sure how to interpret (B). One interpretation of (B) is that it would not change SA2's mandate of overall architectural responsibility, and the current workshare. An alternative interpretation of (B) is that SA 2 would not perform any work on topics such as TR23.825 ("Overall architecture aspects of IP flow based bearer level charging"), and that it would require movement of CAMEL prepay charging expertise to SA 5.

**2. Actions:**

None.

**3. Date of Next SA5 Meetings:**

Meeting	Date	Location	Host
SA2#35	27-31 October 2003	Bangkok, Thailand	JF3
SA2#36	24-28 November 2003	TBD	TBD

