**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #123bis R2-2xxxxxx**

**Xiamen, China, October 9th – 13th, 2023**

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| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.323** | **CR** | **-** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **17.5.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | PDCP Running CR for eMBS | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Xiaomi | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_MBS\_enh-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2023-10-18 |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-18 |
|  | *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:*** | | This CR introduces the PDCP enhancements specified for the MBS in Rel-18. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | Introduction of PDCP state variables handling for the multicast MRB configured for the multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE if UE moves to a cell where the PDCP COUNT of the corresponding multicast MRB is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | Rel-18 MBS enhancements are not supported. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 7.1 | | | | | | | | |
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|  | | **Y** | **N** |  | | | |  | | |
| ***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:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | | The change is based on R2-2309035. | | | | | | | | |

*Start of Change*

7.1 State variables

This clause describes the state variables used in PDCP entities in order to specify the PDCP protocol. The state variables defined in this clause are normative.

All state variables are non-negative integers, and take values from 0 to [232 – 1].

PDCP Data PDUs are numbered integer sequence numbers (SN) cycling through the field: 0 to [2[*pdcp-SN-SizeUL*] – 1] or 0 to [2[*pdcp-SN-SizeDL*] – 1] or 0 to [2[*sl-PDCP-SN-Size*] – 1].

The transmitting PDCP entity shall maintain the following state variables:

a) TX\_NEXT

This state variable indicates the COUNT value of the next PDCP SDU to be transmitted. The initial value is 0, except for SRBs configured with state variables continuation. For target SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding source SRB. For source SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding target SRB.

The receiving PDCP entity shall maintain the following state variables:

a) RX\_NEXT

This state variable indicates the COUNT value of the next PDCP SDU expected to be received. The initial value is 0, except for sidelink broadcast and groupcast, for SRBs configured with state variables continuation, for multicast MRBs whose PDCP COUNT is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer, and for broadcast MRBs. For NR sidelink communication for broadcast and groupcast or sidelink SRB4 for NR sidelink discovery, the initial value of the SN part of RX\_NEXT is (x +1) modulo (2[*sl-PDCP-SN-Size*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. For multicast MRBs whose PDCP COUNT is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer, and for broadcast MRBs, the initial value of the SN part of RX\_NEXT is (x +1) modulo (2[*PDCP-SN-SizeDL*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. For target SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding source SRB. For source SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding target SRB.

NOTE 1: For NR sidelink communication for broadcast and groupcast or sidelink SRB4 for NR sidelink discovery, it is up to UE implementation to select the HFN part for RX\_NEXT such that initial value of RX\_DELIV should be a positive value.

NOTE 2: For multicast MRBs whose PDCP COUNT is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer, and for broadcast MRBs, the initial value of the HFN part of RX\_NEXT is set by UE implementation.

b) RX\_DELIV

This state variable indicates the COUNT value of the first PDCP SDU not delivered to the upper layers, but still waited for. The initial value is 0, except for sidelink broadcast and groupcast, for SRBs configured with state variables continuation, and for MRBs. For NR sidelink communication for broadcast and groupcast or sidelink SRB4 for NR sidelink discovery, the initial value of the SN part of RX\_DELIV is (x – 0.5 × 2[*sl-PDCP-SN-Size*–1]) modulo (2[*sl-PDCP-SN-Size*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. For multicast MRBs whose PDCP COUNT is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer,and for broadcast MRBs, the initial value of the SN part of RX\_DELIV is set to (x – 0.5 × 2[*PDCP-SN-SizeDL*–1]) modulo (2[*PDCP-SN-SizeDL*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. For multicast MRBs, the initial value of RX\_DELIV is set, if provided, by *initialRX-DELIV* in TS 38.331 [3]. For target SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding source SRB. For source SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding target SRB.

NOTE 3: For multicast MRBs whose PDCP COUNT is not synchronized as indicated by upper layer, and for broadcast MRBs, the initial value of the HFN part of RX\_DELIV is set by UE implementation.

c) RX\_REORD

This state variable indicates the COUNT value following the COUNT value associated with the PDCP Data PDU which triggered *t-Reordering*. For target SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding source SRB. For source SRB configured with state variables continuation, the initial value is the value stored in PDCP entity for the corresponding target SRB.

Annex - RAN2 agreements

Green highlight – agreement captured in the specification

Blue highlight – agreement captured as editor’s notes

No highlight – agreement with no direct impact on specifications

**RAN2#123 agreements**

* For “non-synchronised“ cell (in terms of PDCP COUNT), upon cell reselection, UE sets the initial PDCP count of the MRB for the multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE state based on the same mechanism as R17 MBS broadcast.
* One cell can indicate "synchronized", if by implementation, it follows a common QoS flow to MRB mapping rule and at the same time PDCP COUNT is set according to the MBS QoS Flow SN.
* FFS how the UE is indicated about cells being synchronized (i.e. what information the NW needs to provide to the UE)
* Solutions which require COUNT broadcasting via MCCH are not considered

**RAN2#123bis agreements**

* A 1-bit indication on cell PDCP COUNT synchronization for an MBS service is present with the INACTIVE MRB PTM configuration provided in RRCRelease, and cells in the RNA area are synchronized for PDCP COUNT.