**3GPP TSG-RAN WG3 Meeting #128 R3-253819**

**Malta, MT, 19 – 23 May, 2025**

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| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **36.300** | **CR** | **Draft** | **rev** | - | **Current version:** | **18.4.0** |  |
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| *For* [***HE******LP***](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 |  | Radio Access Network | **x** | Core Network | **X** |

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| ***Title:*** | Remove the PWS support for IoT NTN | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Qualcomm Incorporated, Huawei, Ericsson, Jio Platforms, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Thales | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R3 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2025-05-21 |
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| ***Category:*** | **A** |  | | | | | ***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-17 (Release 17) Rel-18 (Release 18) Rel-19 (Release 19) Rel-20 (Release 20)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | As per the CT1 LS in R3-251505 and the SA1 LS in R3-253785, the support for PWS over satellite would only start from Rel-19 due to the UE impacts that would create backward compatibility issues.  However, in section 23.21.6, it is specified that the Cell Identity used for PWS corresponds to a mapped cell ID, which hints that the PWS could be supported from earlier release than Rel-19. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | Add texts to specify that the PWS is not supported for IoT-NTN.  Impact Analysis:  Impact assessment towards the previous version of the specification (same release):  This CR has isolated impact with the previous version of the specification (same release) because it impacts the PWS support for IoT-NTN. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | Mis-interpretation of the PWS support for IoT NTN.  Specification not aligned with other WGs. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 23.21.6 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | | **X** |  | Other core specifications | | | | TS 38.300 | | |
| ***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:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

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### 23.21.6 Signalling

The Cell Identity, as defined in TS 36.413 [25] and TS 36.423 [42], corresponds to a Mapped Cell ID, irrespective of the orbit of the NTN payload or the types of service links supported in the following cases:

- The Cell Identity indicated by the eNB to the Core Network as part of the User Location Information, or as E-UTRAN CGI in the related S1AP messages;

- The Cell Identity used for Paging Optimization in S1 interface.

For a BL UE or a UE in enhanced coverage, the Cell Identity included within the target identification of the handover messages allows identifying the correct target cell. The cell identity used in the S1 and X2 handover messages, X2 Setup and X2 eNB Configuration Update procedures is expected to be Uu Cell ID.

The mapping between Mapped Cell ID(s) and geographical area(s) is configured in the RAN and Core Network.

NOTE 1: A specific geographical location may be mapped to multiple Mapped Cell ID(s), and such Mapped Cell IDs may be configured to indicate different geographical areas (e.g. overlapping and/or with different dimensions).

The eNB is responsible for constructing the Mapped Cell ID based on the UE location information, if available. The mapping may be pre-configured (e.g., depending on operator's policy) or up to implementation.

NOTE 2: As described in TS 23.401 [17], the User Location Information may enable the MME to determine whether the UE is allowed to operate at its present location. Special Mapped Cell IDs or TACs may be used to indicate areas outside the serving PLMN's country.

The eNB reports the broadcasted TAC(s) of the selected PLMN to the MME. In case the eNB knows the UE's location information, the eNB may determine the TAI the UE is currently located in and provide that TAI to the MME.

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