

On TrFO Workshop Results¹

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Agenda Item: Report and questions for discussion from TSG-CN
Related to document SP-000423 (N4-000720)
Purpose: Decision

1. Introduction

Document [1] asks a question on advice to the SA plenary, namely to give advice between two *Alternatives for obtaining RFCI information at TrFO Break*:

- Monitoring when needed
- RFCI Interrogation

2. Discussion

Siemens believes that TrFO is an important feature for the next release. We welcome that the TrFO workshop highlights to SA Plenary that technical decisions are outstanding to finalize the work item.

Looking at the two alternatives in [1] with their advantages and disadvantages, there are no clear elements to decide on at SA Plenary level.

Document [1] indicated different standardization effort to be taken especially in the RAN working group. We believe that part of the insecurity of the TrFO work shop to progress that question was the lack of RAN expertise (although officially invited) to assess the impact on RNC of the proposed solutions.

Fortunately, the next TrFO work shop is soon after the SA Plenary (17.-19.10.2000, UK, official confirmation pending) and is collocated with the RAN3 meeting, so that more participation of RAN experts is likely.

Concepts of both technical options are sufficiently far developed and we are confident that with a decision on that particular matter TrFO Break procedures can be finalized rapidly and the TrFO feature can be included in Release 4.

3. Conclusion

- SA plenary does not consider it appropriate to give a guidance (decision) on the specific technical matter as the two *alternatives for obtaining RFCI information at TrFO Break*.
- SA plenary suggests that a decision on the two alternatives is taken at the next TrFO joint work shop (17.-19.10.2000, UK)
- SA plenary encourages the participation of experts from all relevant working groups (N1, N4, R2, R3, S2, S4)
- SA plenary highlights that R2 is currently not involved in TrFO joint meeting. Considering that some technical question and the "critical path" to finalize the TrFO feature lies within R2 [2], SA plenary would welcome that R2 become actively involved. (It must be noted that the project plan on TrFO tasks within R2 is neither reviewed by R2 nor by TSG RAN so that time information is very unstable).
- According to work plan CN WG4 is the lead WG on the question of Out-of-band transcoder control issues. CN WG4 should continue its role to drive the progress of this issue

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4. References

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