

IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access

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This letter opens the Confirmation Ballot #3b on IEEE Draft P802.16. The purpose and process of this ballot are rather complicated, especially for those new to the 802 balloting system. I would like to review them here.

This ballot is being conducted under the procedure for conditional approval of the IEEE 802 Operating Rules <<http://ieee802.org/rules.pdf>>. The 802 Executive Committee granted this conditional approval in its meeting of 13 July 2001, following a request that was approved (by vote of 40 Approve, 0 Disapprove, 1 Abstain) at the 802 Session #14 Closing Plenary earlier that day. The document upon which both bodies based their approval is available as [IEEE 802.16-01/33r1](#).

The purpose of this Confirmation Ballot is to seek confirmation that P802.16 (as embodied in the current Task Group 1 Draft [IEEE P802.16/D4-2001](#)) has successfully completed Letter Ballot #3 in Working Group 802.16 and is ready for forwarding for IEEE 802 Sponsor Ballot. In Sponsor Ballot, the document will be subject to further comment and revision.

Please keep in mind the following key points:

- The Ballot Group is identical to the one originally formed for Letter Ballot #3 on 06 February 2001. Those who have become 802.16 Members since then are not eligible to cast a ballot; likewise, those who have lost membership remain eligible to cast a ballot. The Ballot Group is listed in [IEEE 802.16-01/29](#) or <http://iee802.org/16/tg1/ballots/ballot03/vote_report_3a.html>.
- You are not obligated to cast a ballot. Neither your vote, nor your failure to vote, in this ballot will affect your membership status in IEEE 802.16. If you do not vote, your current vote (as recorded in [IEEE 802.16-01/29](#) or <http://iee802.org/16/tg1/ballots/ballot03/vote_report_3a.html>) will stand.
- Since this ballot is a recirculation, the only issues under consideration are the comment resolutions adopted as a result of the previous ballot round (Recirculation #2a). These comment resolutions, as recorded in [IEEE 802.16-01/30r2](#), were developed at Session #14 and accepted unanimously at the 802.16 Session #14 Closing Plenary ([IEEE 802.16-01/30r3](#) is the final version of the comment resolution database, including the editor's remarks). In considering the exact changes made as a result of this recirculation, it is important that you consider [IEEE P802.16/D4-2001](#), the current draft under review for confirmation. While [IEEE 802.16-01/30r3](#) documents all of the technical changes made, there may in some cases be editorial interpretations by the editor that are reflected in the draft but not fully documented in the resolution database.

As you consider the comment resolutions, you should understand that you are also free to cast a ballot based on unresolved "Technical-Binding" comments therein. Four "Technical-Binding" comments, from two voters, were received in Recirculation #2a. One voter, who submitted three of these comments, has indicated satisfaction with the comment resolution and agreed to vote "Approve" in the current ballot. This leaves a single "Technical-Binding" comment (Comment 288) from Recirculation #2a for which we have received no reaction to our comment resolution. For your information and assistance, [IEEE 802.16-01/33r1](#) includes a record of Comment 288 and Task Group 1's rebuttal. The package also includes a record of the "Technical-Binding" comments received in the initial Letter Ballot #3 from the seven individuals who voted Disapprove and have not

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responded since that time. Although most of these submitted multiple “Technical-Binding” comments, the number of unique open “Technical-Binding” comments from Letter Ballot #3 is only 18, since many of the Disapprove voters submitted identical comments. Note that, while you are welcome to review the all of these “Technical-Binding” comments and their rebuttals, they are not subject to review in the current ballot because the appropriate time for their review was Recirculation Ballot #2a.

This confirmation ballot will run for ten days, beginning on 23 July 2001 and continuing until 2 August 2001 has been completed in all corners of the earth.

To participate in the ballot, you must use the balloting tool *Commentary* (Version 1.1 or higher) to prepare your vote and comments. Submission instructions are included within the program (currently at Version 1.2), which is available at <<http://iee802.org/16/docs/Commentary.html>>. When you cast your ballot, enter the following:

- Letter Ballot Number: “#3b”
- Document Under Review: “P802.16/D4-2001”

Here are some additional notes:

- If this Confirmation Ballot is completed successfully, we intend to forward a Sponsor Ballot package to the IEEE Balloting Center by 6 August and launch a 30 day Sponsor Ballot on 8 August 2001. This ballot would close on 7 September, just in time to allow comment resolution during 802.16’s Session #15 (10-14 September).
- Should you have comments that are outside the scope of this ballot or that you prefer not to submit in this ballot, you are welcome to submit them during Sponsor Ballot. If you are not a member of the Sponsor Ballot Group, you are welcome to forward such comments to me for inclusion along with my own comments.
- Please take note of the [IEEE 802.16 Patent Policy](#). Note that “anyone, whether participating in IEEE 802.16 or not, should notify the Chair of any patents (granted or under application, and regardless of the assignee or the patent nationality) that may cover technology that is under consideration by or has been approved by IEEE 802.16.”
- Ballot results will be posted to the [802.16 Web Site](#).
- To read the comment resolution database ([IEEE 802.16-01/30r3](#)), import it into *Commentary* (Version 1.1 or higher) using the script “Import Full Records.”

Regards,



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