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To: Ron Resnick, President, WiMAX Forum

Dear Ron,

Thank you for your note of 7 March (IEEE L802.16-05/017). Although many of our participants are active in the WiMAX Forum, our membership in general is unfamiliar with your activities and plans. Therefore, we do appreciate this update, which was our first communication from the WiMAX Forum since 2002 (IEEE L802.16-02/05).

We are interested to learn of your new Network Working Group (NWG). We would like to better understand its activity and its intentions regarding standardization. We are committed to maintaining an open air interface specification that can support a multitude of network structures. To the extent that your group develops a new framework, we would of course like to ensure that we can support it. If you find that our specifications are lacking in functionality you find necessary, we request that you communicate this information promptly so that we may consider appropriate action. Furthermore, if you find that some of your goals could be met by the development of formal standards specifications, you are welcome to bring to us any suggestions you may have.

Regarding our general interactions, we have implicitly presumed that, due to our open operation style and to the participation of many individuals in both of our activities, your members are well aware of our activities and plans. However, we recognize that this may not always be the case. Please let us know if you would appreciate periodic updates. A report of our Session #37, which took place this week in Sorrento, Italy, will shortly be added to our list of prior Session Reports <http://ieee802.org/16/meetings/reports.html>.

Regarding your suggestion on document sharing, we note that nearly all of our materials are readily available on our web site. However, we do maintain a password-protected area. Should you wish to share documents with us that you prefer to not make generally available, we can post them to this password-protected site. In our standards, we can make normative references to documents of other organizations, under certain conditions. It is essential that any normative references be publicly available. Document contributions to the Working Group are welcome from any individual.

Sincerely,

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