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To: Roger Marks, Chair, 802.16 WG

Re: Operator ID for IEEE 802.16-2004TM

It is our understanding that the IEEE 802.16 Working Group needs to assign an allocation authority for the 24-bit Operator ID mentioned in the 802.16-2004 standard, and that this needs to be approved by the IEEE Registration Authority. The WiMAX ForumTM represents operators, vendors, and other stakeholders who are collectively committed to successful 802.16 deployments. After studying the technical, business, roaming, and regulatory issues, the WiMAX Forum Board of Directors has concluded that it would best serve the 802.16 industry if the WiMAX Forum steps up to the task of being the allocation authority for the operator ID as well any other appropriate IDs for network operators or providers.

We would like to affirm that the WiMAX Forum will serve in a manner that is reasonable and non-discriminatory to all applicants for IDs, and that the allocation process will be open to non-members.

Best regards,

Ron Resnick