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Dear Ron,

Thank you for your liaison statement ([IEEE L802.16-07/014](#)) of 13 March 2007 entitled "WiMAX Forum position on backward compatibility and suggestion for consideration." We are pleased that the WiMAX Forum is interested in the IEEE 802.16m project and are encouraged to hear its views regarding the development of the standard.

We recognize that the WiMAX Forum has requested that backwards compatibility be maintained with its Mobile System Profiles Release 1.0 during the development of the IEEE 802.16m standard. As this document is not from a standards development organization and is marked as Proprietary, and as IEEE has no rights to it, the IEEE 802.16 Working Group would find itself in a difficult position to base the IEEE 802.16m draft on this document without it being explicitly available to IEEE.

We would kindly request the WiMAX Forum submit the Mobile System Profiles Release 1.0 as an input contribution to IEEE 802.16 for incorporation within the IEEE 802.16 standard. This will enable the 802.16 Working Group to consider the request made in your liaison statement and address the specific suggestions that are made. As the IEEE 802.16m project development is moving in an expeditious manner, we would like this request to be addressed at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,
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cc: Brian Kiernan, Chair, 802.16 Task Group m (TGm)
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