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I add my support for outstandin inclusion of options that can ca	mment Status X ing comment 332 from Mr. Bagby. I agree with him that the use two standards-conformant devices to be unable to equirements of the PAR, and is inappropriate for an industry	Review Comment 1: Technica This reviewer does not accep PHY draft (during internal 802 specious, sometimes factually	t the responses to previous comments I sub 2.11 ballots) prior to the sponsor ballot. The y incorrect. Therefore most prior positions w	responses were
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To keep the review process productive, this reviewer asks that the 802.11 group refrain from analogy arguments about options in other portion of the 802.11 standard as an argument for the permissibility of options in this PHY. (The analogy arguments given bring to mind the typical stories of a mother asking a child whether they would jump off a cliff just because all their friends were doing it.) The context within which any given decision was made for previous portions of the 802.11 standard do not constitute out of context precedence for any later extensions of the standard.

When 802.11 authorized the 802.11b working group it was by a specific motion that required that the group develop a single high-speed PHY for the 2.4GHz band. In this reviewer's view the intent of the wording of that motion (which I made, so I believe I am gualified to speak to the intent) was to prevent the group from creating multiple (FH and/or DS) high-speed PHYs. The motivation was market driven - the market requirement for wider adoption of 802.11 is for a single high-speed PHY that meets the industry/market psychological need for at least 10Mbps. From a market perspective, the phrase "single PHY" means that no matter what combinations of options are implemented by different venders, it shall be impossible for a customer to buy two compliant pieces of equipment which, under any circumstances, may fail to interoperate. This is the primary technical requirement that the 802.11b PHY specification must meet in order to acquire my yes vote.

In the opinion of this reviewer, the inclusion of several options within 802.11b D5.0 prevents the specification from meeting either the intended goal or the specific restrictions imposed by the motion chartering the group. The response of the group gives (in this reviewer's opinion) poorly developed arguments based on analogy and procedural arguments. The problems are not at the core procedural, they are technical - the included options, as specified, create interoperability problems.

Further comments will address specific problems in more detail.

### SuggestedRemedy

Required change:

Remove options which create the possibility that if different combinations of options are implemented by different venders, it becomes possible for a customer to buy two compliant pieces of equipment which may fail to interoperate.

Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected, all association requests must be responded with the same type of header and rate. Therefore, while the association may be denied, the station will be able to know that it has been rejected. All options are required to carry the basic

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pieces of equipment which may fail to interoperate.

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

I wish to add my support to outstanding comment 297 from Mr. Bagby. I agree that the changes to the MAC in 802.11b both go beyond the scope of the PAR, and will likely create interoperability problems with existing MAC implementations. Changes to the semantics of MAC-related fields either: (a) require a change to the version number of the MAC/frame format, or (b) must have been specifically anticipated in the earlier version. For example, it is possible to future-proof a protocol somewhat by specifying certain fields or values as "reserved", to be transmitted as zero and ignored on receipt. In this way, future versions can both detect field usage by an earlier version, and the earlier version will ignore the future usage. However, this behavior must have been explicitly stated in the ORIGINAL specification; it cannot be added later on and still ensure interoperability

Remove options which create the possibility that if different combinations of options are

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implemented by different venders, it becomes possible for a customer to buy two compliant

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## SuggestedRemedy

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Adopt the changes proposed by Mr. Bagby to eliminate the need for any of the changes proposed to the 802.11 MAC specification; and then delete the corresponding MAC changes.

Proposed Response

Response Status 0

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Position of author on Ballot comment # 302 response as of 6-16-99: Disapprove

I really wanted to make this one an "approve" but the response of the committee only addressed a part of the submitted comment. Coupling use of the short preamble between RX and TX will improve the situation. However, that only takes care of case 3 in the comment. How about cases 1 and 2? I think they still fail. The suggested remedy offered two choices (numbered a and b in the comment) and neither were adopted – therefore I can not agree, in spite of how the response is labeled, that the comment was accepted. The problems still remain. Please either accept one of the suggested solutions or take the time to explain in detail why the other cases cited are not a problem.

## SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI XX	SC # 332	P <b># 332</b>	L <b># 332</b>		#	344	ŀ
David Bagby		3Com Corporation		Vote		VD	-

## Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Position of author on Ballot comment # 332 response as of 6-16-99: Dissaprove This response is not acceptable as is. The ballot comment raised the question of charter and the technical problems that result from the proposed options in the specification. The response simply says that since the group did not opt to take the suggested remedy that they reject the comment. That is not a sufficient response as it totally ignores, and does not address the charter issues or the technical problems created by the existence of the options. Additionally, the response sent to me appears to be incomplete as it ends with a partial sentence: "All options are required to carry the basic". This ballot comment therefore must remain "disapprove" until the committee actually responds to the issues cited.

## SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response

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Mike Trompower	Telxo	on Corporation	Vote	VD
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Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Last paragraph of this section.

We are under NO restrictions to make a high rate phy which interoperable with current FH PHY.

This statement implies many characteristics which are not defined in the current text.

### SuggestedRemedy

Change the paragraph to the following:

Capability for identifying a channel agile mode is also provided. However, management of this function is outside the scope of this standard.

Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. This is an editorial comment. The referenced paragraph does not state that there is a restriction that there is an interoperable FH PHY. It is a statement of the existence of frequency agility, and a pointer to an annex that describes how to do it.

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If exclusivity is the intent of the PBCC and agility as well, then variables must be added for these as well.

In other words, will the PHY chips be created so that they can recognize on the fly which preamble is being used, or will they operate in one mode (long or short) only in order to demodulate the packet?

Will the PHY chips be created so that they can recognize on the fly whether or not PBCC is used and correctly demodulate the packet?

Likewise with the other combinations !!

### SuggestedRemedy

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. This is an editorial comment and rejected. The short preamble is properly supported through the changes in clauses 7 and 9.

CI XX	SC 18.4.6.14	Р	L	i	# 250	
Mike Trompo	wer	Telxon Corporation		Vote	VD	

### Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The PICS (Annex A4.3) references two temperature types, the text references three.

### SuggestedRemedy

Change 18.4.6.14 to reflect two temperature ranges.

Proposed Response Response Status U

ACCEPT. Current TGrev has two types. Editor will change to these two types.

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Jeff Fischer		MICRILOR, Inc.		Vote	VD
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not related to the cause it is the ulation is ot used then the on. Therefore the entation, not on andard waveform itself will have inherent utility. The argument that there are commercial reasons to make a poor link is not a good one. Commercially speaking, the equalizer is a more complex, more costly, more power consumptive circuit to implement than the PBCC circuits.

### SuggestedRemedy

Make this mode requried for a standard implementation.

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected, CCK has been adopted as a mandatory modulation with well documented performance. PBCC has been added as an option for certain environments.

CI XX	SC 18.4.6.7		Р	L		# 255
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We are under NO restrictions to make a high rate phy which is interoperable with current FH PHY.

The agility option enables a form of tolerance and coexistence, but not interoperability with current FH phys.

The statement referencing "shall meet requirements of ..." opens a can of inconsistency worms as described above.

### SuggestedRemedy

Change text to following:

The channel agility option gives a high rate phy implementation the flexibility to move about the band. The management (determination of when and where to hop) of this option is outside the scope of this standard. When the channel agility option is enabled, the implementer may make use of both FH and DS parameter sets in BEACON and PROBE frames.

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected, the requirements for hopping parameters are to be included in clause 18.4.6.7 by moving them from F1 through F3. The sequence of hopping must be specified in order for all stations to operate on the same channel.

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Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The three new reason codes are not supported by stations which are compliant to the curre (1997) standard.

The existing products, "should" ignore the three new capabilities bit definitions established 7.3.1.4, however, the 1997 spec says they are defined to be always zero - it does not say w is proper course to take when a '1' bit is received.

Since the current systems cannot interpret these bits and are not aware of these new reaso codes, there is no way for them to determine the reason for denied association.

Section 18 states that the long preamble is MANDATORY. Section 18.2.3.9 implies that lo and short are used together. Section 18.2.5 states that the decision for using long or short management decision and implies packet by packet basis. To me this means "mix and ma is the intended operation.

Section 18 states that these new capabilities are optional. Section 7.3.1.4, when defining th new capabilities, implies that these features may be used (or not) on an individual packet by packet basis.

If the intent is to define the use of these new options as exclusive use and mandatory to join BSS when enabled, then the station must know in advance (PHY bits) how to decode the fi and whether to recognize the short preamble.

### SuggestedRemedy

I believe the intent was to allow mix and match operation. Therefore, no station can be denied access to the BSS based on non-support and these reason codes will never be used and should be deleted.

IF the intent is to give a vendor the ability to selectively discriminate against stations not supporting a particular optional mode, additional MIB parameters should be defined which allow configuration of the use as mandatory or optional within a BSS. - then the reason codes can be kept, although only recognized by stations compliant to this newer version of the draft.

### Proposed Response

Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected, reason codes received that are other than 'successful' will still indicate a failure of association. See clauses 10.3.6.2 and 11.3.1.

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This information (and many pointers to it in the text) alludes to the creation of a NEW PHY. This phy must be capable of receiving both FH and DS preambles. AS A SPECIFIC REFERENCE, the first sentence of annex f states that this option creates an "INTEROPERABLE" FH and DS PHY. This new PHY is not a part of the PAR.

If you attempt to use two radio devices, the mechanism for transferring the information between the two radios is not defined (and is outside the scope of 802) and will likely NOT Result in an "interoperable" solution as stated.

Further, the CCA mechanism which is referenced, is new functionality, not part of the main spec. no provisions have been provided in other parts of the spec (MIB and PICS)

### SuggestedRemedy

scope of 802.

Delete this entire annex - do not any of this information into section 18.

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected by a vote. The content of F.1, F.2, and F.3 will be moved to clause 18. The technical content of F.4 remains in dispute and will remain in the annex. This is not a new PHY, but extended capabilities of one PHY, providing some FH interoperabili

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I believe the frequency-agility option violates our dual-PHY situation into the future. It will work ag standard. Uncoordinated users (i.e., SOHO envi when this option is employed, and they will not u	gainst acce rironment)	ptance of may cause	this alrea	ady comple	х
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Remove Annex F, and all related cross-referenci	ing from th	e main bo	dy of the	standard.	
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Position of author on Ballot comment # 332 resp This response is not acceptable as is. The ballot the technical problems that result from the propo- simply says that since the group did not opt to tal comment. That is not a sufficient response as it to charter issues or the technical problems created the response sent to me appears to be incomple options are required to carry the basic". This ball "disapprove" until the committee actually response	t comment based option ke the sug totally igno by the exist te as it end lot comme	raised the ns in the sp gested rer pres, and d stence of t ds with a p nt therefor	e question becification nedy that loes not the option bartial server e must re	n of charter on. The res it they rejec address the ns. Additior ntence: "All	ponse t the anally,
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**Review Comment 7: Technical Required** 

Essentially all the proposed changes to the MAC portions of the 802.11 standard are present to support the options addressed in previous review comments (1 thru 6). I think there are additional problems that are created by the proposed MAC changes.

New bits have been defined in the capability information field. However, the MAC header version has not been updated. How is a station supposed to know how to parse the information? If you change the version level then only new implementation (presumably those that come with an 802.11b implementation) will understand the new capability bits. That would of course also prevent the long PHY header interoperability capability since the old version MACs will not understand the new version mac info.

If you don't change the version information, then what problems may occur? What will a new MAC implementation do when it gets an old MAC capability frame? Will it take action based on the values of the newly defined bits? Will the action be correct? What will happen if an old MAC gets a new MAC header with information in bits that were specified as reserved.

I believe these problems arise because the 802.11b draft proposes putting PHY capabilities into the MAC capability field. The MAC Capabilities field is for MAC capabilities. Mixing PHY info into the MAC capability field makes the MAC version dependent upon the PHY being used. That violates one of the prime design goals of 802.11: A single MAC for multiple PHYs. How should the bits be set in a new MAC header when it's running some other PHY (802.11a or a later developed PHY...)?

I also note that the charter of 802.11b was to create a PHY specification. It was not to change the MAC. Personally, I would accept minor changes to the MAC that do not cause any issues with existing 802.11 MAC implementations - but the changes proposed in 802.11b probably fail that test. Until an analysis of all possible combinations of interactions between "old" and "new" MAC implementations containing the proposed changes is done, presented and circulated for review, and deemed not to contain any problems, I will have to vote no on the 802.11b draft.

Please note that there is an easy way out of the problem: Adopt all the other 802.11b PHY changes requested in my review comments. That would eliminate the PHY options that are the source of the problems; there would be no need for any of the changes proposed to the 802.11 MAC specification, and without the proposed changes, this particular set of issues disappears.

SuggestedRemedy

### Required change:

Adopt all the other 802.11b PHY changes requested in my review comments; eliminating the need for any of the changes proposed to the 802.11 MAC specification; and then delete the corresponding MAC changes.

Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. Rejected, we did not acopt all of the other changes needed to adopt this resolution.

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My concern here is the existence of too many options: 1) for the high-rate PHY there are 11and 5.5-Mbps rates using either CCK or PBCC; 2) the long and short PLCP Headers; and 3) the frequency-agility option. This standard is all on paper, and is a design by committee. Unlike the adoption of 802.3 and the original 802.11, where there was considerable experience before the standards, there is no practical experience with this complex collection of stuff.

### SuggestedRemedy

1) Keep CCK or PBCC, not both (prefer keep PBCC);

2) Keep long or short header (prefer short);

3) Eliminate frequency agility.

Make the standard simpler to implement and EASIER TO USE.

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. 3. Rejected by a vote. Each of the three options mentioned in this comment provide distinct advantages, either in implementation or performance, without threatening interoperability.

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Review Comment 6: Technical Required

Prior to Sponsor ballot I had requested the deletion of the PBCC option. I again make the request as part of my sponsor ballot. The utility provided by the option is insufficient (in this reviewer's opinion) to merit the complexity involved. In my (informal) sampling of people planning to implement the 802.11b PHY, I did not find anyone that planned to implement the option. The option exists due to political deals made in earlier meetings. It's time to be pragmatic and clean up the side effects of past politics – delete the option that (I believe) will not be used. If this is done it makes the resolution to the next comment (#7) easier as a positive benefit.

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### SuggestedRemedy

Required change: Delete PBCC option.

Proposed Response REJECT. REJECT.

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Review Comment 5: Technical Required

Prior to the sponsor ballot I had requested during internal 802.11 ballots that the FH interoperability option be made mandatory. The group responded to that request by saying "Partially accepted, the FH PLCP frame format option has been deleted". Doing exactly the opposite of what was requested is really stretching the meaning of the phrase "partially accepted"...

However, my primary concern was that the option created interoperability issues. The deletion of the option does remedy my concern. I accept the change in draft 5.0. Please complete the deletion by making the following edit:

Delete PICs item HRDS3 page 56 "Channel Agility Option". Section 18.2 no longer has the option so the PICs can't reference it.

## SuggestedRemedy

Required change:

Delete PICs item HRDS3 page 56 "Channel Agility Option".

### Proposed Response Response Status U

REJECT. REJECT.Rejected, the channel agility option is in 18.3.2 and is not deleted, so a PICs item is necessary. The reference in the PICs will be corrected from 18.2 to 18.3.2

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SC PICs HRDS3

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C/ XX SC PICs HRDS38				one moves data from a current FH PHY station and a DS PHY station). This gives the 802.11b system both data interoperability (the real user requirement) and performance.
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Please refer to the PICs in d Item HRDS3 (page 56) is sh Item HRDS6 (page 56 - sho section 18.2.6. Neither the PICs nor the refe	own as optional and refer t preamble process on R	X) is shown as op		
From what I've read that the Vender A: Implements Short Vender B: does not impleme Vender C: Implements short	header on TX and RX (b nt any short header option	oth options). ns (neither Option)	)	
Once the use of short heade possible given the current dr Case 1: A's equipment alwa interoperability. Case 2: B can't talk to C. Re Case 3: C can't talk to C! Re	aft: /s sends short headers, E sult: non-interoperability	0		
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Required change: Here is what is required: 1) RX short header processi implemented. That will preve 2) The purpose of the short I thruput). The purpose of the Mbps 802.11 DS PHYs (the in D5.0) and an 802.11b PH The use of an option is an at interoperability issues, effect Either a) Delete the short header (effective)	nt case 3 above. neader is to provide perfor long header is antenna to FH is now irrelevant due Y. tempt to have both. The c ively providing neither ber	rmance (as the lor antenna interope to the removal if th option approach fa nefit.	ng header limits rability between 1 and 2 he FH compatibility stuff ails because it causes	
than performance) or b) Make the use of the short PHY compatibility).	, ,	·	, ,	
I can accept either choice a) My preference is that the sta interoperability between 1-2 accomplished by multiple AF have antenna to antenna inter	ndard take choice b) as th Mbps DS PHYs and the p s and let the interoperabi	proposed 802.11b lity occur in the D	PHY. It can be S; it is not necessary to	

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