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Foreword

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1 Scope

The present document specifies the standards allowed to implement Layer 1 on the F1 interface. The F1 interface provides means for interconnecting a gNB-CU and a gNB-DU of a gNB within an NG-RAN, or for interconnecting a gNB-CU and a gNB-DU of an en-gNB within an E-UTRAN.

The specification of transmission delay requirements and O&M requirements are not in the scope of the present document.

In the following 'Layer 1' and 'Physical Layer' are assumed to be synonymous.

2 References

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- [1] 3GPP TS 38.411: "NG-RAN; NG layer 1".
- [2] 3GPP TS 38.401: "NG-RAN; Architecture Description".
- [3] 3GPP TS 38.300: "NR; Overall description; Stage-2".
- [4] 3GPP TS 37.340: "NR; Multi-connectivity; Overall description; Stage-2".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

gNB-CU: as defined in TS 38.401 [2]

gNB-DU: as defined in TS 38.401 [2]

gNB: as defined in TS 38.300 [3]

en-gNB: as defined in TS 37.340 [4]

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TS 38.411 [1] apply.

4 Introduction

The F1 Layer 1 shall comply with the requirements of clauses 4 through 6 in TS 38.411 [1].

Annex A (informative): Change history

Change history							
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2017-12	RAN#78					TR approved by RAN plenary	15.0.0
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