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**Abstract**

This document defines the methodology to be used by vendors and third-party test laboratories in the determination of base station input power and energy efficiency.

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## 1 Scope, Purpose, & Application

### 1.1 Scope

This document defines the methodology to be used by vendors and third-party test laboratories in the determination of base station input power and energy efficiency metrics.

The Base Station Input Power Metric is reported in Watts and is based on radio resource usage. The metric is obtained with the base station placed in a static operating state and does not take into account changing environmental conditions such as mobility, fading, and traffic demands.

The Base Station Energy Performance metric is based on the base station performance. The metric is obtained with the base station placed in a dynamic state in which the energy consumption of the base station changes due to mobility, channel behavior and the traffic demands. In this state the base station responds to the requests from UEs in the test setup in form of data packet transferring.

The current revision of this standard covers both the method to determine the Base Station Input Power Metric and the method to determine the Base Station Energy Performance Metric.

This standard is restricted to the base station, and it does not apply to the base station site. The methodologies described in this document are suitable for the following radio access technologies:

- LTE (FDD and TDD).
- UMTS (including WCDMA and HSPA) (only static measurement method).
- GSM (including EDGE and GPRS) (only static measurement method).

Energy consumption of terminal (end-user) equipment is outside the scope of the present document; however, how a user equipment (UE) affects a base station energy efficiency will be considered for further study.

The scope of the present document is not to define target values for the power consumption nor the energy performance of equipment.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to define a consistent method of measuring and reporting base station input power and energy performance metrics.

### 1.3 Application

This standard is intended to compare the input power and the energy performance of functionally similar base stations.

Comparisons should occur between base stations of the same rated output power class as per 3GPP TS 36.104 [Ref 3] (e.g., Macro-to-Macro, Micro-to-Micro). Compared base stations should also serve the same number of sectors and have identical rated RF output powers and antenna configurations. For example, a three-sector base station configured for 2x2 MIMO and 40 Watt RF output power should be compared to another three-sector 2x2 MIMO 40 Watt base station.

This standard is not intended to compare the input power and/or the energy performance of base stations serving different radio access technologies (e.g., a UMTS base station should not be compared with an LTE base station).