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1.1 Introduction and Purpose

This standard is part of the DOCSIS® family of specifications. In particular, this specification is part of a series of specifications that define the third generation of high-speed data-over-cable systems. This specification was developed for the benefit of the cable industry, and includes contributions by operators and vendors from North America, Europe, China and other regions.

The present document corresponds to and is the technical equivalent of the CableLabs [DOCSIS OSSI] specification.

1.2 Background

1.2.1 Broadband Access Network

A coaxial-based broadband access network is assumed. This may take the form of either an all-coax or hybrid-fiber/coax (HFC) network. The generic term "cable network" is used here to cover all cases.

A cable network uses a tree-and-branch architecture with analog transmission. The key functional characteristics assumed in this document are the following:

- Two-way transmission.
- A maximum optical/electrical spacing between the CMTS and the most distant CM of 100 miles in each direction, although typical maximum separation may be 10-15 miles.
- A maximum differential optical/electrical spacing between the CMTS and the closest and most distant modems of 100 miles in each direction, although this would typically be limited to 15 miles.

At a propagation velocity in fiber of approximately 1.5 ns/ft., 100 miles of fiber in each direction results in a round-trip delay of approximately 1.6 ms.