

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0063] with the following amended paragraph:

[0063] If the BS requests the SS to transmit its air link status 310, the BS will look to receive that status 312. If the BS does not receive the air link status, it looks to whether a maximum number of retries have been exhausted 314. If the maximum number of retries has not been exhausted, the procedure returns to the request step 310. If the number of retries has been exhausted, a link status “down” indication is sent 316 and a link down procedure is initiated 318.

Please replace paragraph [0065] with the following amended paragraph:

[0065] Upon receipt of a UL Burst from the SS 320 the BS may identify whether a transmission parameter adjustment is required 322. If no adjustment is needed, the BS may reset the counter C_{L_UP} 324 and resumes normal operation. If adjustment is required, the BS may send the UL Tx parameter adjustment to the SS 326 and either requests the SS to transmit or not 328. If not, the BS may reset the counter C_{L_UP} and T_{AL_M} 330 and resumes normal operation. If the SS requests the SS to transmit, the BS may receive data from the SS 332 and determines if further UL Transmission parameter adjustment is needed 334. If further adjustment is needed the process returns to step 326. If no further adjustment is needed, the BS may reset the counter C_{L_UP} and T_{AL_M} 330 and then resume normal operation.