| **Title:** | [WFS FES SWG] Make first operand of binary spatial operators optional and change
| **Source:** | OWS-9, Aviation Thread
| **Category:** | C (Functional modification of feature)
| **Reason for change:** | The first operand of binary spatial operators is not optional for unknown reasons. This does not harmonize with BBOX, DWithin and Beyond operations and contradicts figure 6 on page 23. Standard requests could be be more compact if the element was optional.
| **Summary of change:** | Change
<xsd:element ref="fes:ValueReference"/>
<xsd:element ref="fes:expression" minOccurs="0"/>

**Consequences if not approved:**
Contradicting XML schema and figures. Unnecessary limitations forcing work-arounds which weaken the standard.

**Clauses affected:**
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7.8.1, 7.8.3.1

**Additional Documents affected:**

**Supporting Documentation:**

**Comments:**

**Status:** Assigned

**Assigned To:** WFS/FES SWG

**Disposition:** Referred and Posted