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## INTRODUCTION (to amendment 1)

The amendment takes into account that in the third edition of ISO/IEC 13239, frame type 3 has been added as Annex H.4, as requested by IEC TC 13 WG 14, and that second editions of some parts of the IEC 62056 series are under preparation.

It specifies now that a secondary station may use more than one addressing scheme.

It contains some changes concerning the negotiation of the maximum information length field HDLC parameter for better efficiency.

References have been updated and some editorial errors have also been corrected.

# ELECTRICITY METERING – DATA EXCHANGE FOR METER READING, TARIFF AND LOAD CONTROL –

## Part 46: Data link layer using HDLC protocol

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62056 specifies the data link layer for connection-oriented, HDLC-based, asynchronous communication profile.

In order to ensure a coherent data link layer service specification for both connection-oriented and connectionless operation modes, the data link layer is divided into two sub-layers: the Logical Link Control (LLC) sub-layer and the Medium Access Control (MAC) sub-layer.

This specification supports the following communication environments:

- point-to-point and point-to-multipoint configurations;
- dedicated and switched data transmission facilities;
- half-duplex and full-duplex connections;
- asynchronous start/stop transmission, with 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

Two special procedures are also defined:

- transferring of separately received Service User layer PDU parts from the server to the client in a transparent manner. The server side Service user layer can give its PDU to the data link layer in fragments and the data link layer can hide this fragmentation from the client;
- event reporting, by sending UI frames from the secondary station to the primary station.

Annex B gives an explanation of the role of data models and protocols in electricity meter data exchange.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-300:2001, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Electrical and electronic measurements and measuring instruments – Part 311: General terms relating to measurements – Part 312: General terms relating to electrical measurements – Part 313: Types of electrical measuring instruments – Part 314: Specific terms according to the type of instrument*

IEC/TR 62051:1999, *Electricity metering – Glossary of terms*

IEC 62051-1:2004, *Electricity metering – Data exchange for meter reading, tariff and load control – Glossary of Terms – Part 1, Terms related to data exchange with metering equipment using DLMS/COSEM*

IEC 62056-42, *Electricity metering – Data exchange for meter reading, tariff and load control – Part 42: Physical layer services and procedures for connection oriented asynchronous data exchange* <sup>1)</sup>

IEC 62056-53:2006, *Electricity metering – Data exchange for meter reading, tariff and load control – Part 53: COSEM Application layer*

IEC 62056-61:2006, *Electricity metering – Data exchange for meter reading, tariff and load control – Part 61: OBIS Object identification system*

IEC 62056-62:2006, *Electricity metering – Data exchange for meter reading, tariff and load control – Part 62: Interface classes*

ISO/IEC 8802-2:1998, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 2: Logical link control*

ISO/IEC 13239:2002, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – High-level data link control (HDLC) procedures*

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<sup>1)</sup> To be published.