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## Foreword

This document (prEN 16836-1:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 294 "Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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EN 16836, *Communication systems for meters - Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Introduction and standardization framework;*
- *Part 2: Networking layer and stack specification;*
- *Part 3: Energy profile specification dedicated application layer.*

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## Introduction

The EN 16836 series of standards details requirements for gas meters, water meters and heat meters that can interoperate with products in a mesh network that conform to this standard through a smart energy profile application layer. This standard refers to documents made available by the ZigBee Alliance that manages a mesh network specification, freely available from the ZigBee website ([www.ZigBee.org](http://www.ZigBee.org)).

This series of standards specifies how a mesh networking radio specification applies within the scope of European standards at the application layer, networking layer and also medium access control/physical layer (MAC/PHY).

The scope of this series is in line with the scope of CEN/TC 294 *Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters* and allows data produced by utility meters to be read by a WAN communications hub, another meter, a separate meter display unit or any other device implementing this smart energy profile standard. Within the wider smart energy profile and referenced documents, there are also clusters and data objects that relate to other devices, such as programmable thermostats, but these clusters are outside the scope of CEN/TC 294 and as such are omitted from this standard. However details of these data items can be found in the same documents that are referenced from this standard.

This standard series is created in compliance with the terms of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between CEN/CELELEC and the ZigBee Alliance. The principles underpinning the relationship between CEN/CENELEC and the ZigBee Alliance are described in the Consortium Bridge procedure. A copy of the MOU and the Consortium Bridge can be obtained from CEN/CENELEC.

The ZigBee Alliance provides a certification scheme that is available to all of its members, and allows implementers the right to use ZigBee branding on their products. The certification scheme provides a testing regime where products can be tested against a standard test harness and also other products in a variety of third part test houses. The ZigBee Alliance also acts as a Registration Authority for manufacturer identifiers so that there is a guarantee of no clash between manufacturers, in a similar way to the FLAG Association providing registration services for manufacturer codes used in DLMS/COSEM and MBus.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard gives the standardization framework of communication systems applicable to the exchange of data from metering devices to other devices within a mesh network.

This European Standard specifies how to interpret prEN 16836-2:2015 and prEN 16836-3:2015 which give a list of references to the ZigBee documents. This series is applicable to communications systems that involve messages and networking between a meter or multiple meters and other devices in a mesh network, such as in home displays (IHDs) and communications hubs. This European Standard allows routing between devices and also allows channel agility to avoid contention with other networks of the same type, or indeed networks of other types operating in the same frequency bands.

This European Standard is designed to support low power communications for devices such as gas and water meters which can make data from such devices available on the mesh network at any time through a proxy capability within a permanently powered device.

## 2 Normative references

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

prEN 16836-2:2015, *Communication systems for meters — Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange — Part 2: Networking layer and stack specification*

prEN 16836-3:2015, *Communication systems for meters — Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange — Part 3: Energy profile specification dedicated application layer*

CEN/CLC/ETSI TR 50572:2011, *Smart metering Coordination Group Technical Report published by CEN/CENELEC*

IEEE 802.15.4, *IEEE Standard for Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Local and metropolitan area networks — Specific requirements Part 15.4: Wireless Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications for Low Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANS)*

ZigBee Specification – 05-3474 Rev 20

ZigBee Pro Stack Profile – 07-4855 Rev 05

ZigBee Cluster Library – 07-5123 Rev 04

ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18

OTA Cluster Specification 09-5264 Rev 19

NOTE The above documents can be obtained from [www.zigbee.org/about/centc294.aspx](http://www.zigbee.org/about/centc294.aspx).

## 3 Terms, definitions, acronyms and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions, acronyms and abbreviations given in ZigBee Specification – 05-3474 Rev 20, ZigBee Pro Stack Profile – 07-4855 Rev 05, ZigBee Cluster Library – 07-5123 Rev 04, ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18 and OTA Cluster Specification 09-5264 Rev 19 apply.

## 4 General

### 4.1 Basic vocabulary

The ZigBee protocol operates using a concept of a client server relationship between logical devices in a network, and uses a concept of clusters to exchange information. A cluster is a related collection of commands and attributes, which together define an interface to specific functionality. Typically, the entity that stores the attributes of a cluster is referred to as the server of that cluster, and an entity that affects or manipulates those attributes is referred to as the client of that cluster.

In general terms all clusters have a server and a client side, meaning that all information either published or requested on the network is owned by the device attached to the server side of a cluster and received or requested by the device attached to the client side of that particular cluster.

### 4.2 Basic principles

#### 4.2.1 Mirroring

In the ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18, Annex D mirroring is described in detail, however the concept of this functionality is to allow data from a battery operated, sleepy device to be available all of the time to other devices on the network by allowing another 'always on' device to hold a copy of the device's data in a proxy or mirror. This proxy or mirror can also be used to allow commands or instructions from a AMI head end system to be issued to a sleepy device without necessitating the sleepy device to be awake at the time of transmitting the command.

For example this functionality is most commonly used in the case of a gas meter that wakes up every so often to check for commands awaiting it, and to publish its own meter readings, status, alarms etc. The principle is that the gas meter will awaken and query the mirror that is supported in the 'always on' device to determine what commands are awaiting it. The 'always on' device will inform the sleepy device that there are instructions or commands awaiting it and tell the gas meter to stay awake to receive them. The gas meter will then have the chance to write its own cluster data to the mirror ready for other devices on the network to read this data or be sent it (depending on the device and data item).

#### 4.2.2 Tunnelling

This functionality is discussed in detail in ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification, D.6, and allows the transport of another protocol over a ZigBee smart energy network without the need for any other device on the network having to understand or interpret the payload of the other protocols packets. Fragmentation functionality within the ZigBee Protocol allows the packets of the tunnelled protocol to be broken down and transported across the smart energy (SE) network in packets that are of appropriate size to be managed by the SE Network. Once packets have been transported from one device to the other over the tunnel, these native format packets are reassembled and presented to the application that understands them.

For example, take a ZigBee smart energy network containing a communications hub, an electricity meter and an IHD, whereby the IHD and communications hub only understands ZigBee smart energy over the network and the electricity meter understands ZigBee smart energy and DLMS/COSEM. With the use of this tunnelling function within ZigBee smart energy the user is able to route a DLMS/COSEM message to the electricity meter from the head end system through the hub, without the hub having to understand the COSEM message. This equally applies to any other protocol that has the possibility to be transported over a wireless connection, and can be used in many applications including for the transport of manufacturers' own proprietary protocols.

#### 4.2.3 Commissioning

This functionality within the ZigBee Smart Energy Profile is discussed in detail within ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18, 5.5. However, first every device on the ZigBee smart energy network shall be authorized to join that network and as such has to undergo some form of commissioning process.



Within the specification this has been left deliberately flexible in terms of approach to ensure that innovation is not stifled within different implementations. For security purposes it is necessary for certain information relevant to a prospective joining device to be passed to the device on the network containing the trust centre and coordinator. This passing of information happens in an out of band communication not within the scope of this specification. Normally this passing of information happens through a message from an upstream system connected via the back haul network. Once this joining information is within the coordinator of the network it is possible for joining to be turned on and allow the joining of devices to the network.

#### 4.2.4 Joining and binding

Joining and binding is described in detail in ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18, 5.5.5, however in simple terms it can be described as the process that a device goes through in order to join the network and access service at the application layer of the network. There are a number of security procedures that a device shall complete to establish a secure authenticated connection to the network, as described within ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18, Annex C and also within ZigBee Specification – 05-3474 Rev 20, Section 4. After a device has joined the network it reviews the services or clusters of other devices on that network and matches with services and clusters that it supports so that it can obtain data pertaining to those services.

For example if an IHD connects to a ZigBee smart energy network supporting the price cluster client, it will need to find another device on the network that supports the price cluster server in order to receive pricing messages. The process of joining the network and service discovery allows the IHD to identify all clusters that are of interest to it and 'bind' to those clusters so that it can receive updates as and when the information on the server of that particular cluster is updated. Devices can bind to as many clusters as they like depending on the features that they support. It is also possible for information to be obtained from a device on the network without binding to a cluster by asking for that information after service discovery and also after joining at the application layer.

#### 4.2.5 Discovery

Discovery is described in detail within ZigBee Smart Energy Profile Specification 07-5356 Rev 18, 5.5.5, however as discussed in 4.2.4, it relates to the process that a joining device undergoes when binding to clusters on a ZigBee smart energy network. When joining any cluster it is also necessary to see which attributes that cluster supports to be sure not to try and bind to elements that are not present at either the client or server end of the binding relationship.

For every cluster there are mandatory attributes and optional attributes, and it is entirely at the will of the implementer which if any of the optional attributes are supported. During the discovery process when binding it is possible for both client and server devices of a given cluster to find out which common attributes are supported by both parties. Once this has been established both devices will know what can be published by the server and requested by the client.

#### 4.2.6 Security

Zigbee smart energy utilizes a high level of security designed to protect utility network data and maintain the privacy of the users interacting with devices on the network. There are two security levels within ZigBee: network security and application security. Application security uses a hybrid system of symmetric and asymmetric keys, whereby a certificate based key establishment mechanism is utilized in order to establish a symmetric key for communications between two devices on the network. There is a trust centre function within the network that is responsible for managing keys and network access.

As well as establishing secure communications on the network there are also mechanisms within this series of standards for the prevention of replay attacks and also non-repudiation via means of digital signatures.

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### 4.2.7 Robust messaging

This series describes a number of mechanisms in place for acknowledgements and retries both at the data link layer and also the application layer. There are also message integrity checks at the data link layer.

### 4.2.8 Mesh routing

This series includes support for multiple repeaters within a network to assist with message delivery and supports self-healing, scalable mesh networking.

### 4.2.9 Interoperability

The ZigBee Smart Energy Profile (as referred to in prEN 16836-3:2015) accommodates the interoperable interaction of devices from multiple manufacturers attached to the same network. This goes as far as a mechanism for managing unsupported device features without causing either device or network failure.

### 4.2.10 Battery powered device management

This series allows the management of sleeping devices (devices with constrained power sources such as battery operated devices). Sleeping devices behave in a manner such that they are not always connected to the network in a send/receive capacity, and only wake up and connect periodically. This series has provision for supporting these sleeping client devices, and specifies the necessary behaviour on both the client and server side of the protocol.

One of the key functionalities provided for sleeping devices is the ability for a permanently powered device to provide a proxy service for the sleeping device; this behaviour is known as mirroring; refer to 4.2.1

## 4.3 Layered protocols

To facilitate the functionality described in prEN 16836-3:2015, it is assumed a protocol stack divided into layers is used, in order to reduce the complexity of the communicating system. Each layer provides services to the layer above on the basis of the layer below.

The layered model chosen maps to the OSI Seven layer reference model, described in ISO/IEC 7498-1, as shown in Table 1:

**Table 1 — Mapping of OSI Seven layer reference model to prEN 16836–2:2015 and prEN 16836–3:2015**

OSI Layer	ZigBee layer	Standard Reference
6 + 7	ZigBee Smart Energy Profile	prEN 16836-3:2015
3 + 4 + 5	ZigBee Pro Networking	prEN 16836-2:2015
1 + 2	IEEE 802.15.4	IEEE 802.15.4

## 4.4 Application layer

### 4.4.1 General

The application layer references of this standard are in three parts:

- ZigBee Smart Energy Profile
- ZigBee cluster definitions
- Over the air upgrades cluster (OTA)