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This fourth edition of IEC 62056-6-2 has been prepared by IEC TC13 WG14 with a significant contribution of the DLMS® User Association, its A-type liaison partner.

This edition is in line with the DLMS® UA Blue Book Edition 14. The main new features are the “Array manager” IC, version 1 of the “Compact data” IC, version 1 of the “GSM diagnostic” IC, the “LTE monitoring” IC, the “NTP setup” IC, the HS-PLC setup ICs and the related new OBIS codes.

### Object modelling and data identification

Driven by the business needs of the energy market participants – generally in a liberalized, competitive environment – and by the desire to manage natural resources efficiently and to involve the consumers, the utility meter became part of an integrated metering, control and billing system. The meter is not any more a simple data recording device but it relies critically on communication capabilities. Ease of system integration, interoperability and data security are important requirements.

COSEM, the *Companion Specification for Energy Metering*, addresses these challenges by looking at the utility meter as part of a complex measurement and control system. The meter has to be able to convey measurement results from the metering points to the business processes which use them. It also has to be able to provide information to the consumer and manage consumption and eventually local generation.

COSEM achieves this by using *object modelling* techniques to model all functions of the meter, without making any assumptions about which functions need to be supported, how those functions are implemented and how the data are transported. The formal specification of COSEM interface classes forms a major part of COSEM.

To process and manage the information it is necessary to uniquely identify all data items in a manufacturer-independent way. The definition of OBIS, the *Object Identification System* is another essential part of COSEM. It is based on DIN 43863-3:1997, *Electricity meters – Part 3: Tariff metering device as additional equipment for electricity meters – EDIS – Energy Data Identification System*. The set of OBIS codes has been considerably extended over the years to meet new needs.

COSEM models the utility meter as a *server* application – see 4.1.7 – used by *client* applications that retrieve data from, provide control information to, and instigate known actions within the meter via controlled access to the COSEM objects. The *clients* act as agents for third parties, i.e. the business processes of energy market participants.

The standardized COSEM interface classes form an extensible library. Manufacturers use elements of this library to design their products that meet a wide variety of requirements.

The server offers means to retrieve the functions supported, i.e. the COSEM objects instantiated. The objects can be organized to *logical devices and application associations* and to provide specific access rights to various clients.

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