**IEEE P802.15**

**Wireless Personal Area Networks**

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| Re: | [Request to 802.15 for an 802.15.4 MBAN amendment.] |
| Abstract | [During the March 2010 IEEE 802 Plenary the Medical Body Area Networks Study Group was formed to study and submit a Project Authorization Request along with the supporting 5 Criteria.] |
| Purpose | [Submit the PAR to the P802.15 Working Group] |
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**IEEE P802.15 Low Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks Study Group Functional Requirements Standards Development Criteria**

The IEEE P802.15.4 Study Group for Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPANs) reviewed and completed the required IEEE Project 802 Functional Requirements, Standards Development Criteria (a.k.a. the Five Criteria). The IEEE 802.15 WPAN Five Criteria response is in Italics below.

**1. BROAD MARKET POTENTIAL**

**a) Broad sets of applicability**

*Wireless connectivity is already used for a number of different applications including home networking, home automation, health care, industrial/environmental monitoring, digital signage, inventory management and smart utility. An ultra low power PHY amendment would be beneficial to all those applications.*

**b) Multiple vendors and numerous users**

*The membership of IEEE 802.15 demonstrates the interest in WPANs. Members include international wireless industry leaders, academic researchers, semiconductor manufacturers, communication equipment manufacturers, system integrators and end users.*

*There are at least 14 semiconductor manufacturers that are already providing chipsets for IEEE 802.15.4. The 802.15.4 based solutions have been used and are being used in a wide range of applications.*

**c) Balanced costs (LAN versus attached stations)**

*The proposed amendment to 802.15.4 will be developed with the aim that the connectivity costs will be a reasonably small fraction of the cost of the target applications.*

**2. COMPATIBILITY**

**IEEE 802 defines a family of standards. All standards shall be in conformance with the**

**IEEE 802.1 Architecture, Management, and Interworking documents as follows: 802**

**Overview and Architecture, 802.1D, 802.1Q, and parts of 802.1f. If any variances in**

**conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with 802.**

**Each standard in the IEEE 802 family of standards shall include a definition of managed**

**objects which are compatible with systems management standards.**

*The MAC (Medium Access Control) Layer of the Wireless Personal Area Network (WPAN) Standard will be compatible with the IEEE 802 requirements for architecture, management, and inter-networking.*

**3. DISTINCT IDENTITY**

**a) Substantially different from other IEEE 802 standards.**

*IEEE 802.15.4 inherently supports wireless sensor and control in low data rate applications. However, coin cell batteries cannot be used to power majority of the existing 802.15.4 chipsets in these applications. Coin cell battery pulse current is often lower than transmit/receive currents of the vast majority of the existing chipsets. This 802.15.4 PHY amendment allows the use of smaller battery form factors such as coin cell batteries.*

**b) One unique solution per problem (not two solutions to a problem).**

*The proposed amendment to IEEE 802.15.4 will provide a solution for the use of the MBAN spectrum that makes use of existing silicon solutions.*

*The proposed amendment to IEEE 802.15.4 targets both on and off body applications.*

*IEEE 802.15.6 is addressing communication* *in the vicinity of, or inside a human body.*

*The proposed amendment to IEEE 802.15.4 will address low data rate applications.*

*IEEE P802.15.6 is targeting significant high data rates and lower power consumption applications.*

*The proposed amendment to IEEE 802.15.4 will not address specific absorption rates (SAR), IEEE P802.15.6 may take SAR into consideration.*

**c) Easy for the document reader to select the relevant specification.**

*The proposed amendment for IEEE 802.15.4 will be clearly identified as a specification for the ultra low power WPAN design.*

**4. TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

1. **Demonstrated system feasibility**

*A number of ultra low power approaches as well as working chipsets have surfaced in the market over the past few years. A well thought out approach in IEEE 802.15.4 along with advances in wireless sensor networks can lead to an ultra low power radio design.*

**b) Proven technology, reasonable testing**

*Many examples of ultra low power radios as well as working prototypes with very long battery lives have been published in the literature and demonstrated in laboratories worldwide.*

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**c) Confidence in reliability**

*The use of the MBAN spectrum will increase the reliability of IEEE 802.15.4 for medical and healthcare applications since this band will be less subject to interference. However IEEE 802.15.4 will eventually coexist with IEEE P802.15.6 in the MBAN spectrum and so coexistence between the two systems needs to be addressed.*

**Coexistence of 802 wireless standards specifying devices for unlicensed operation**

*An appropriate coexistence assurance document will be created.*

**5. ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY**

**a) Known cost factors, reliable data**

*IEEE 802.15.4 MBAN devices will make use of the existing high volume applications in the 2.4 GHz band.*

**b) Reasonable cost for performance**

*Performance and costs are already known from 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.4 solutions.*

**c) Consideration of installation costs**

*One of the IEEE 802.15.4 standard objectives includes low cost installation with minimal or no operator intervention.*