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# SC Maintenance Minutes

## Monday 14 Sept 2015

**10:30** SC Maintenance called to order by Chair, Pat Kinney, Kinney Consulting

* Presents 15-15-0689-00 SC Opening Report.
  + Chair asked if there any one has knowledge of essential patents and provides an opportunity for response: **None heard**.

Chair called for major topics to be discussed this week:

1. Security
   1. Security mode 4 (Encryption only) – delete or deprecate?
   2. Acks – based upon FCS or MIC?
2. TSCH edits (15-15-0648-01) discussion
3. IE Filtering – PIB attribute? Seems that a name ambiguity is present, i.e. MAC association permit or EB permit join-on
4. Review IE characteristic table (15-15-0090-08)
5. PAN ID
6. Multi-Rate
7. LLDN

These topics were assigned the following meeting slots:

**Agenda**

* **Monday 14 Sept, AM2:** 802.15.4 Revision - Review resolution issues & BRC calls
* **Monday 14 Sept, PM1:** 802.15.4 Revision –Security (encrypt only mode, send ACKs after FC or security ?)
* **Tuesday 15 Sept, PM1:** 802.15.4 Revision –TSCH issues (15-15-648-010)
* **Tuesday 15 Sept, PM2:** 802.15.4 Revision –IE FILTER (JOIN/ASSOC), IE TABLE
* **Wednesday 16 Sept, PM1:** 802.15.4 Revision –PAN ID REVIEW
* **Wednesday 16 Sept, PM2:** 802.15.4 Revision –MULTI-RATE REVIEW
* **Thursday 17 Sept, AM1:** 802.15.4 Revision –LLDN, AOB
* **Thursday 17 Sept, AM2:** 802.15.4 Revision – BRC membership approval, BRC call dates and times

### BRC Calls:

* On the topic of the preamble length for SUN PHYs (comment ID 450)
* The range of the preamble length is 4 – 64 octets
* Default preamble length is 8 octets

### Security

Encrypt only mode – delete vs. deprecate

* Consensus was to deprecate with the following wording:

The use of security mode 4 (i.e. encryption w/o authenticity) is deprecated and shall not be used in implementations of this standard. The rationale for not using this mode is that in previous versions of the standard, security level 4 was a level which provided only data confidentiality but without data authenticity. This level was removed as such a security level is not useful. The CCM used allows trivial changes to the underlaying encrypted data unless data authenticity is provided, thus using data confidentiality only is not useful.

* Additionally there is no legacy mode – discard frames received that use mode 4 as described in 9.xxxx

### Acknowledgments

Send upon frame check or frame check and authentication check?

Many steps before MIC check such as frame version

Discussion ensued with the ambiguities of 4e confounding this issue

**12:20** SC Maintenance meeting recessed

## Monday, 14 Sept, PM1

**13:40** SC Maintenance meeting called to order

Subject of Enhanced Acknowledgments resumed

The following are excerpts from the SB draft with edits as appropriate:

### 6.7.2 Reception and rejection

For the first level of filtering, the MAC sublayer shall discard all received frames that do not contain a correct value in their FCS field in the MFR, as described in 7.2.10. The FCS field shall be verified on reception by recalculating the purported FCS over the MHR and MAC payload of the received frame and by subsequently comparing this value with the received FCS field. The FCS field of the received frame shall be considered to be correct if these values are the same and incorrect otherwise.

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If any of the third-level filtering requirements are not satisfied, the MAC sublayer shall discard the incoming frame without processing it further. If all of the third-level filtering requirements are satisfied, the frame shall be considered valid and processed further.

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For valid frames that are not broadcast, if the Frame Type field indicates one of a Multipurpose frame, a Data frame with the Frame Version set to 0b10 or a MAC command with the Frame Version field set to 0b10, and the AR field is set to request an acknowledgment, the MAC sublayer shall send an Enh-Ack frame ~~as described in 6.7.4.2~~. unless the device performs the incoming frame security procedure as per 9.2.3. If the device performs the incoming frame security procedure, if the Status is not SUCCESS, the device is not required to send an Enh-Ack. If the Enh-ACK contains IEs and/or a Frame Payload and it is in response to a secured frame, then the Enh-ACK shall be secured. If the Enh-Ack is in response to a secured frame and does not contain either IEs or a Frame Payload, then the Enh-Ack may be secured.

### 6.7.4.2 Acknowledgment

~~A frame transmitted with the AR field set to request an acknowledgment, as defined in 7.2.1.4, shall be acknowledged by the recipient.~~ If the intended recipient has received a valid frame as defined in 6.7.2 ~~correctly receives the frame~~ with the AR set to request an acknowledgement, it shall generate and send an Ack frame as defined by 6.7.2. ~~containing the value of the same DSN from the Data frame or MAC command that is being acknowledged.~~

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The receiving device may include additional content in an Enh-Ack frame using IEs. If the originator does not understand ~~the~~ a specific IE ~~content~~ of the Enh-Ack frame, ~~it~~ that IE is ignored, but the transmission is considered successful. The number and the content of the IEs included in the Enh-Ack should be limited to only those IEs with the minimal content that is required.

The Time Correction IE shall be used in all Enh-Ack frames if *macTschEnabled* is TRUE. When returning Time Correction IE, as described in 7.4.2.7, in the Enh-Ack frame the receiving device may indicate a negative acknowledgment to indicate that the frame successfully passed FCS check, but could not be transferred to a higher layer due to resource constraints (e.g., insufficient buffer space). This is treated as a failure from the sender’s perspective, and a notification of failure due to congestion is indicated to the higher layer through the MAC performance metrics. A higher layer may signal lack of buffers by setting *macNoHLBuffers* to TRUE.

When in TSCH mode, incoming frames are acknowledged using the Enh-Ack frame as described in 7.3.3. Security of the Enh-Ack frame shall match that of the incoming frame.

Instructions from 4e that were not copied into the SB draft:

*For enhanced acknowledgment frames (which are only sent after the incoming frame passes security filtering, if applicable), additional time may be required after aTurnaroundTime to complete incoming and outgoing security processing. If the enhanced acknowledgment is not sent before macEnhAckWaitDuration μs, the sender will assume the frame was not successful.*

**7.2.1.4 AR field**

The AR field specifies whether an acknowledgment is required from the recipient device on receipt of a Data frame or MAC command. If this field is set to one, the recipient device shall send an Ack frame or only if, upon reception, the frame passes the filtering described in 6.7.2. If this field is set to zero, the recipient device shall not send an Ack frame.

Group’s consensus was that the above edits resolved the issue of the Enh-Ack being either after FCS or MIC.

**15:36** Meeting recessed

## Tuesday, 15 Sep, PM1

**13:30** SC Maintenance meeting called to order

## Tuesday 15 Sep, PM2

**16:00** Meeting called to order

Focus for this meeting slot is to resolve the comments categorized as Integer Encoding. The comments call out portions of the draft where it is stated that a field contains a value of something but does not inform the reader as to how the value is to be encoded into the field. The group reviewed each comment and proposed a resolution as documented in 15-15-0344-03. However, while reviewing the encoding aspect, many other issues with those parts of the draft were discovered.

**15:20** meeting recessed until Wednesday, AM1

## Wednesday 16 Sept PM1

**13:40** SC Maintenance called to order by Pat Kinney, chair.

Focus for this meeting is

## Wednesday 16 Sept PM2

**16:00** SC Maintenance called to order by Pat Kinney, chair.

Focus for this meeting is

## Thursday 17 Sept AM1

**08:10** SC Maintenance called to order by Pat Kinney, chair.

Focus for this meeting is

## Thursday 17 Sept AM2

**10:40** called to order by chair

Focus for this meeting is to perform administrative duties, such as BRC formation, conference call scheduling, and drafting the closing report, doc 15-15-0648-03.

# SC WNG meeting

## Wednesday 16 Sept AM2

**11:10** SC WNG called to order by Chair P Kinney, Kinney Consulting

There were two presentations:

* High(er) data rate amendment for 15.4 by C Powell
* India amendment for 15.4 by P Beecher