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INTRODUCTION

This International Standard specifies the WiBEEM (Wireless Beacon-enabled Energy Efficient Mesh network) protocol, which provides low-power-consuming mesh network functions by enabling the “beacon mode operation”. WiBEEM is based on the IEEE 802.15.4 standard with additional upper layer protocols and a specific usage of the MAC layer protocol. Through the novel use of beacons, WiBEEM technology achieves longer battery life, larger network support, quicker response, enhanced mobility and dynamic reconfiguration of the network topology compared with other protocols such as ZigBee.

In the beacon mode, beacon information propagates over the entire mesh network nodes during the BOP (Beacon-Only Period) of the superframe structure without any beacon conflicts by utilising a smart beacon scheduling technique in the BOP. It also provides location information about moving devices without spending extra time running a positioning and locating algorithm by using RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indication). These features allow the WiBEEM protocol to be widely used for wireless home network services in the ubiquitous network era.

One of the key features of the WiBEEM protocol is that it has a special time interval called BOP (Beacon-Only Period) in the superframe structure that allows more than two beacons to be transmitted. This unique time period is located at the beginning of the Superframe. Because the BOP does not use the CSMA/CA mechanism, the network will not work properly in the beacon mode unless an appropriate algorithm is applied. This algorithm needs to manage and control multiple beacons in a single superframe. The solution is the Beacon Scheduling method applied in the BOP to avoid collisions among beacons, providing synchronisation among all the nodes of the entire mesh network.

For the network layer, the NAA (Next Address Available) mechanism, which is a short address allocation algorithm, has been adopted to provide an efficient way of utilising the complete 16-bit address space. The NAA algorithm does not limit the maximum number of children nodes that a node of a mesh network can have. Since the number of children nodes is unlimited, the NAA mechanism allows the WiBEEM protocol to be used not only for home network services, but also for community services. WiBEEM can be used where high network expandability through efficient use of short address spaces, device mobility and end-to-end QoS are required.

This part of ISO/IEC 29145 specifies the network layer (NWK) of the WiBEEM protocol for wireless home network services that support a low-power-consuming wireless mesh network as well as device mobility and QoS.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 29145 specifies the network layer (NWK) of the WiBEEM (Wireless Beacon-enabled Energy Efficient Mesh network) protocol for wireless home network services that support a low-power-consuming wireless mesh network as well as device mobility and quality of service.

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1.1
association
service used to establish the membership of a device in a wireless mesh network

3.1.2
co-ordinator
wireless device configured to provide synchronisation services through the transmission of beacons

Note 1 to entry: If a co-ordinator is the principal controller of a wireless mesh network, it is called the WMC (WiBEEM mesh co-ordinator).

3.1.3
device
entity containing an implementation of the WiBEEM applications, NWK, MAC and physical interface to the wireless medium

3.1.4
frame
data format of aggregated bits from a medium access control (MAC) layer entity transmitted in a specified sequence