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## INTRODUCTION

This third edition of IEC 62056-6-1 has been prepared by IEC TC13 WG14 with a significant contribution of the DLMS User Association, its D-type liaison partner.

This edition is in line with the DLMS UA Blue Book Edition 12.2. This edition specifies new OBIS codes related to new applications and includes some editorial improvements.

### **Data identification**

The competitive electricity market requires an ever-increasing amount of timely information concerning the usage of electrical energy. Recent technology developments enable to build intelligent static metering equipment, which is capable of capturing, processing and communicating this information to all parties involved.

To facilitate the analysis of metering information, for the purposes of billing, load, customer and contract management, it is necessary to uniquely identify data items, whether collected manually or automatically, via local or remote data exchange, in a manufacturer-independent way. The definition of identification codes to achieve this – the OBIS codes – 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*.

## **ELECTRICITY METERING DATA EXCHANGE – THE DLMS/COSEM SUITE –**

### **Part 6-1: Object Identification System (OBIS)**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62056 specifies the overall structure of the Object Identification System (OBIS) and the mapping of all commonly used data items in metering equipment to their identification codes.

OBIS provides a unique identifier for all data within the metering equipment, including not only measurement values, but also abstract values used for configuration or obtaining information about the behaviour of the metering equipment. The ID codes defined in this document are used for the identification of:

- logical names of the various instances of the ICs, or objects, as defined in IEC 62056-6-2;
- data transmitted through communication lines;
- data displayed on the metering equipment, see Clause A.2.

This document applies to all types of metering equipment, such as fully integrated meters, modular meters, tariff attachments, data concentrators, etc.

To cover metering equipment measuring energy types other than electricity, combined metering equipment measuring more than one type of energy or metering equipment with several physical measurement channels, the concepts of medium and channels are introduced. This allows meter data originating from different sources to be identified. While this document fully defines the structure of the identification system for other media, the mapping of non-electrical energy related data items to ID codes is completed separately.

NOTE EN 13757-1:2014 defines identifiers for metering equipment other than electricity: heat cost allocators, thermal energy, gas, cold water and hot water.