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1. Introduction

In 2007, the UtilityAMI established the OpenHAN Task Force to develop guiding principles, use cases, and platform independent requirements for the utility Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) projects incorporating Home Area Networks (HANs). The core development team included more than a dozen investor-owned North American utilities serving more than 28 million electric and gas customers in 17 states and provinces, as well as contributors from EnerNex Corporation, Tendril Networks, Mulligan Labs LLC, Itron, and Silver Spring Networks. The OpenHAN Task Force collaborated throughout 2007 and 2008 to draft the UtilityAMI 2008 Home Area Network System Requirements Specification and received ratification of v1.04 in August 2008 ("UtilityAMI 2008 HAN SRS").

Since that time, additional use cases and requirements have been identified. In response, the UCAlug OpenSG Technical Committee re-established the OpenHAN Task Force under the SG Systems Working Group in October 2009. The OpenHAN Task Force was directed to begin work on the next version of the HAN SRS document (UCAlug HAN SRS v2.0). The work to produce this document was a collaborative effort open to all interested parties. Participants included utilities, energy service providers, technology vendors, appliance manufacturers, software developers, and regulators.

The following conceptual diagram provides a high-level overview of the Smart Grid, its actors and their expected interactions. The red circle represents the area of focus for this HAN SRS document.

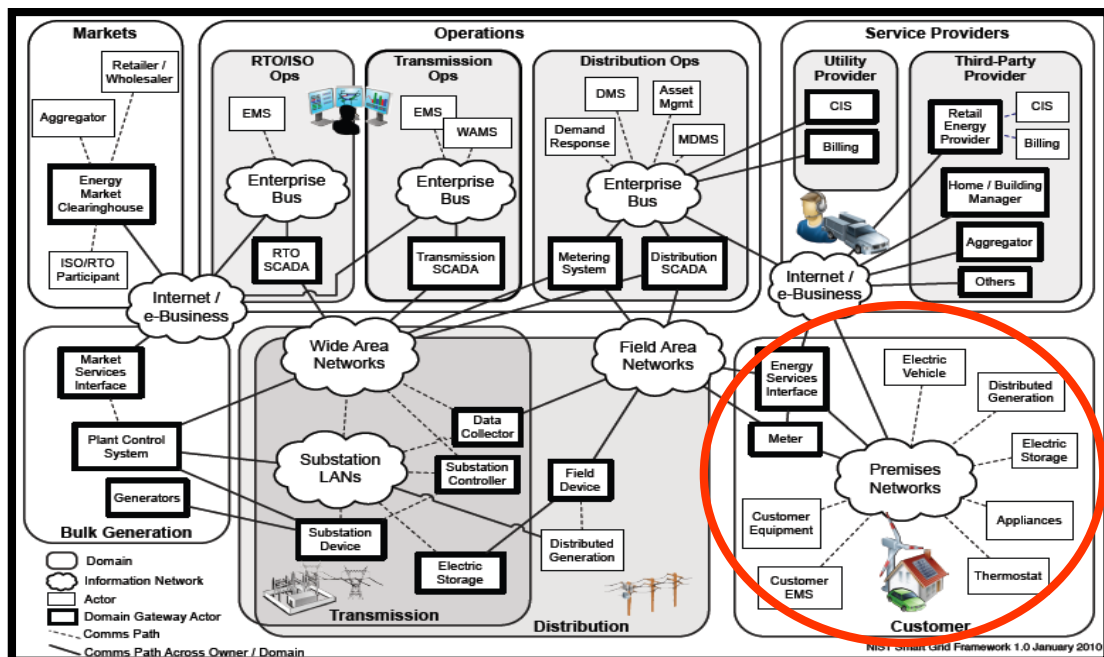


Figure 1 NIST Conceptual Reference Diagram for Smart Grid Information Networks¹

¹ NIST Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 1.0, page 35

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1 This HAN SRS is organized as follows:

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3 **Section 1 – Introduction:** outlines the purpose, scope, policy directives, and HAN
4 security consideration that have shaped the HAN SRS. Also included is a
5 comprehensive list of acronyms and definitions to help the reader interpret the HAN
6 SRS.

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8 **Section 2 – Overall Description:** describes the premises energy ecosystem, its
9 guiding principles, and relevant architectural considerations.

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11 **Section 3 – System Requirements:** provides context for and categorically lists all
12 HAN System Requirements, then maps each to specific logical device types.

13 Requirement categories for the HAN SRS are defined as follows:

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- 15 - Application
- 16 - Communication
- 17 - Security
- 18 - Performance
- 19 - Operations, Maintenance, and Logistics

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21 **Section 4 – Appendices:** offers supporting high-level system use cases and describes
22 additional security considerations.

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24 Although this document is a system requirements specification, it follows the IEEE 830-
25 1998 Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Specifications² given the
26 focus on Home Area Network (HAN) applications for utilities and consumers.

27 1.1 Purpose

28 One of the key outcomes of Smart Grid deployments is enabling informed participation
29 by end-use consumers in retail and wholesale electricity markets. When consumers
30 are given timely information about their electrical usage, this will empower them to
31 manage their electricity usage, promote energy efficiency, and lower overall energy
32 costs. Home Area Networks will play a role in achieving these goals by giving
33 consumers more information than they have ever had before on how they use
34 electricity and the cost of their usage. In addition, by using interoperable standards,
35 utilities, device manufactures, vendors, and energy service providers can develop
36 innovative and cost effective solutions and products which help consumers manage,
37 optimize, and control their electricity usage.

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39 To help achieve these goals and bring tangible Smart Grid benefits to Consumers, the
40 OpenHAN Task Force undertook the development and subsequent revision of the HAN
41 SRS. By providing common architecture, language, and requirements, the UCAIug
42 HAN SRS 2.0 encourages a competitive market place and seeks to reduce costs,
43 increase interoperability, and maximize solution longevity and maintainability.

² http://standards.ieee.org/reading/ieee/std_public/description/se/1233-1998_desc.html