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85 1 INTRODUCTION

86 This document contains only the extensions necessary to the OpenADE Core specification to build an AtomPub
87 resource representation syndication server. It is based heavily on GData, an open specification of AtomPub
88 extensions required for general-purpose data synchronization. The "OpenSG OpenADE SD – Core" document
89 should be thought of as the parent of this document, filling in sections not addressed in the Core specification.

90 These extensions define a collection of resource feeds as a discoverable, stateless data service, using HTTPS to
91 send and receive requests and information in XML. This resource-oriented architecture is proposed, similar to
92 efforts elsewhere, such as web / internet of things, GData, and OData. This architecture provides secure access to
93 scalable methods and data resources hosted by the provider, while maintaining concurrency and integrity. All data
94 is secured at the user level, so that access to individual operations can be provided or revoked to external services,
95 and other users' data will still be protected.

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114 1.1.2 CIM OBJECT MODELS

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116 recommendation will be submitted to the IEC, and will be tracked for inclusion in the model.

117 Information on the management of rights and governance can be found at the page below.

118 <http://www.iec.ch/tctools/patent-guidelines.htm>

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1.1.3 SERVICE RESOURCE DEFINITIONS

If necessary, UCAIug is willing to work with standards development organizations to incorporate additional aspects of this recommendation into standards, including the specification of how to use profiled (restricted) CIM objects within a RESTful HTTP environment, and possibly the resource definitions themselves.

1.2 REFERENCED SPECIFICATIONS

- [1] OpenADE B&UR 1.0 - <http://osgug.ucaiug.org/sgsystems/OpenADE/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fsgsystems%2fOpenADE%2fShared%20Documents%2fBusiness%20and%20User%20Requirements>
- [2] OpenADE SRS 1.0 - <http://osgug.ucaiug.org/sgsystems/OpenADE/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fsgsystems%2fOpenADE%2fShared%20Documents%2fSRS>
- [3] IEC CIM (TC 57 61968/61970) - <http://tc57.iec.ch>
- [4] OAuth - <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-hammer-oauth-10>
- [5] HTTP(S) – IETF RFC 2616 - <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2616.txt>
- [6] GData - <http://code.google.com/apis/gdata/docs/2.0/reference.html>
- [7] OData - [http://www.odata.org/docs/\[MC-APDSU\].htm](http://www.odata.org/docs/[MC-APDSU].htm)
- [8] PubSubHubbub - <http://code.google.com/p/pubsubhubbub/>
- [9] Atom Publishing Protocol (RFC 5023) – <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5023>

1.3 REFERENCED GUIDANCE

- [G1] 3PDA – Security Profile for Third Party Data Access (ASAP-SG) <http://osgug.ucaiug.org/utilisec/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2futilisec%2fhared%20Documents%2fThird%20Party%20Data%20Access%20Security%20Profile>
- [G2] OpenSG OpenADE SD – Common <http://osgug.ucaiug.org/sgsystems/OpenADE/Shared%20Documents/Service%20Definition/OpenADE%201.0%20Service%20Definition/OpenSG%20OpenADE%20SD%20-%20Common%20v0.8.doc>

1.4 NAMESPACES

The subject of namespaces is important, because the namespace identifies the domain managing the definitions of protocol resources and formats. OpenSG proposes to use a temporary namespace until the final destination is identified. In any case, namespaces already defined elsewhere and used directly within reference service definitions will remain where they are, and will reference the identified body.

The proposed temporary namespace for definitions to be submitted to standards is below.

`http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoad`

2 RESOURCES

Resource Oriented Architecture is nothing new; in fact the web we are all familiar with today provides restful (browser) access to internet resources. When you specify the Address URL of a page, you are providing the address

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154 of that resource that you requested. This architecture provides similar operations for external data consumer
155 applications to request data and methods. Generally, data is made available as a feed, which is an agreement
156 about how to query, create, update, request, and delete entries (individual object records, which have a defined
157 schema according to their type).

158 Since this document is the first to define the general-purpose conventions, several resources were identified to
159 allow consumers to gain access to the resources they want. These extensions are listed below.

- 160 • **Resource** – To discover provided resources
- 161 • **Authorization** – To exchange tokens for authorizations
- 162 • **Subscription** – To register for notifications

163 In addition, the following “data” resources are currently in scope, as defined in [1] OADE-B&UR and [2] OADE-SRS.

- 164 • **ReadingType** – Represents a type of reading represented by MeterReading
 - 165 ○ **IntervalReading** – A durational measurement
 - 166 ○ **Reading** – An instantaneous measurement
- 167 • **MeterReading** – Represents a collection of readings associated with a specific ReadingType
- 168 • **ServiceSupplier** – The supplier of energy service
- 169 • **CustomerAuthorisation** – Represents the agreement to share data with the 3rd Party
- 170 • **ServiceDeliveryPoint** – The point at which the meter takes readings

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172 2.1 URI FORMAT / SYNTAX

173 The URIs of the resources defined in OpenADE take the general form below. The <baseURL> does not need to be
174 the same across different implementations, since resource addresses include the entire string.

175 `http://<baseURL>/<resource>?<query>`

176 Resource requests require inputs of user, key, and resource object. Additional path elements may be required for
177 some resources. Resources return a list (feed) or an individual entry.

178 Requests for protected resources require https, and require authorization token in HTTP header.

179 The query section contains additional inputs that can be specified to affect processing, passed as a list of
180 name=value pairs.

181 2.2 MESSAGE DOCUMENT FORMAT

182 Message documents shall use the extended version of the Atom Publishing Protocol ([9] AtomPub, which extends
183 the Atom Syndication Protocol) defined in [6] GData to fulfill this need.

184 In addition to the recommended format, it is possible to support additional representations. An input can be
185 accepted to provide RSS or other formats, but these additional formats are all optional, and will only be considered
186 for this specification if needed.

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187 2.3 PAYLOAD ENTITIES

188 Payload entities will be specializations (subclasses) of the message document entry. They will therefore inherit all
189 elements defined in the message document entry, as well as implement an XML schema representation of a CIM
190 class defining additional schema elements.

191 Feed payloads will contain a list of references to resource entries that match the request query criteria.

192 The batch payload defined in the Core document allows a number of documents or resource requests to be
193 included in a single request. Possibly a flag could be passed as an input parameter to feed resources to specify to
194 include full representations instead of just references.

195 [8] PubSubHubbub leaves it up to the publisher (provider) of subscribed feeds whether to deliver full
196 representations or references to modified entities. It may be possible to allow clients to specify their preference
197 when subscribing.

198 2.3.1 RESOURCES

199 Domain data objects build on the IEC CIM model. In general, resources will be named using the CIM class as the
200 resource part of the URI. Collections are returned if no specific entry ID is specified in the resource. For listings of
201 fields, see the details for each resource, defined in Section 10.

202 Some examples are shown below.

203 *Note that this is a preliminary draft for discussion purposes.*

204 **/MeterReading/fj2ofj8**

```
205 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
206 <entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
207       xmlns:m="http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoad">
208   <category term="m:MeterReading"/>
209   <id>https://data.utility.com/rs/MeterReading/fj2ofj8</id>
210   <m:mRID>fj2ofj8</m:mRID>
211   <link rel='ReadingType' href="https://data.utility.com/rs/ReadingType/7.6.7.1.0.12.0.0.0.3.72">
212   <link rel='ServiceDeliveryPoint' href="https://data.utility.com/rs/ServiceDeliveryPoint/98374">
213 </entry>
```

214 **/MeterReading/fj2ofj8/IntervalReading/2001-12-17T09_30_47Z**

```
215 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
216 <entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
217       xmlns:m="http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoad">
218   <category term="m:IntervalReading"/>
219   <m:timeStamp>2001-12-17T09:30:47Z</m:timeStamp>
220   < m:endTimeStamp>2001-12-17T10:30:47Z</m:endTimeStamp>
221   <m:value>3.1</m:value>
222 </entry>
```

223 **ReadingType/7.6.7.1.0.12.0.0.0.3.72**

```
224 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
225 <entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
226       xmlns:m="http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoad">
227   <category term="m:ReadingType"/>
228   <ID>https://data.utility.com/rs/ReadingType/7.6.7.1.0.12.0.0.0.3.72</id>
229   <mRID>7.6.7.1.0.12.0.0.0.3.72</mRID>
```

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```
230     <name>Hourly Interval Delivered Energy (kWh)</name>
231 </entry>
```

232 **ServiceDeliveryPoint/98374**

```
233 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
234 <entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
235       xmlns:m="http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoade">
236   <category term="m:ServiceDeliveryPoint"/>
237   <id>https://data.utility.com/rs/ServiceDeliveryPoint/98374</id>
238   <aliasName>My House</aliasName>
239   <mRID>98374</mRID>
240   <ServiceCategory>
241     <kind>electricity</kind>
242   </ServiceCategory>
243 </entry>
```

244 **CustomerAuthorisation/23049857203**

```
245 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
246 <entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
247       xmlns:m="http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoade">
248   <category term="m:CustomerAuthorisation"/>
249   <id>https://data.utility.com/rs/CustomerAuthorisation/23049857203</id>
250   <mRID>23049857203</mRID>
251   <signDate>2001-11-16T09:30:47Z</signDate>
252   <validityInterval>
253     <end>2002-11-17T09:30:47Z</end>
254     <start>2000-11-17T09:30:47Z</start>
255   </validityInterval>
256 </entry>
257
```

258 **3 PATTERNS**

259 This section contains guidance and decisions on how message exchanges flow for the general scenarios below. In
260 general, the constructs and operations defined in [9] AtomPub shall be used, including requests for Services,
261 Workspaces, Collections, Members, Categories, and Media Types. Extensions are generally refined subsets of the
262 full specifications detailed in [6] GData, and full implementations should not break clients who only implement
263 these recommendations.

264 **3.1 CREATING, UPDATING, DELETING**

265 The POST method is to be used for creation of new entries, PUT is to be used for updates to existing entries, and
266 DELETE is to be used to delete an entry.

267 **3.2 QUERY, REQUEST AND RESPONSE (RETRIEVE) FORMATS**

268 This section specifies the input parameters that can be passed to GET method operations for format, category,
269 reference expansion, sorting, filtering, and iteration through list items.

270 [\[7\] OData defines several useful query constructs for consideration in addition to those below, in Section 2.2.3.6](#)
271 [Query Options.](#)

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272 3.2.1 FORMAT

273 The default, and only required format, will be CIM-extended AtomPub feed / entry XML.

274 Additional formats to be considered include RSS 2.0 and JSON.

275 [7] OData defines several additional capabilities for definition of formats, including 2.2.1 Abstract Data Model and
276 Conceptual Schema Definition Language.

277 TODO: Need to determine platform and tool support for these extensions. Could XSD be used to define the
278 structure of entries of different category / types?

279 [6] GData does not appear to link resources to a specific type, but includes all defined elements in a domain-
280 specific namespace. (For example, PowerMeter does define elements for measurement quantities, etc.)

281 3.2.2 CATEGORY

282 Specification of the category of entries is accomplished using the Atom element “term”, and if needed could be
283 supported as a qualifier in queries by accepting category terms as inputs. In general, each CIM object class will
284 become a category of entry, so that the representations of entries can be specified with a schema.

285 3.2.3 REFERENCE EXPANSION

286 By default, feed queries will return a list of resource links. If the reference expansion flag is set, entries returned
287 will be expanded to contain their full representation.

288 (Need to determine if nested expansion is necessary / possible, and if so, how to specify to what level)

289 [7] OData uses an `m:inline` extension to the `atom:link` element for this purpose.

290 3.2.4 SORTING

291 Ability to specify the sort order of resulting query / request entries is not necessary - subsequent processing of
292 received data can display or rearrange data however desired. However, ordering of entries shall remain consistent
293 across requests, so that an iterator can be used to page through results.

294 3.2.5 FILTERING

295 Filtering requires inputs that allow the specification of the resource name and/or path, as well as a range of
296 publication or update date/times. Properties of the entry element (defined by its category type) could be defined
297 to be acceptable by default as filter terms for the associated resource. Need to determine if it is feasible to
298 implement all, or if identification is necessary of only the filter terms required for specific use cases. Possibly usage
299 patterns could determine the need for indexing, etc.

300 If a specific entry ID is specified, that entry is returned.

301 In [6] GData, “most queries are simply full text search queries”.

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3.2.6 ITERATION

Iteration inputs allow consumers to request a subset of entries or references at a time, and then page through them for processing. Inputs include the starting entry index, and number of entries per page.

Query results may require additional terms for iteration.

[6] GData uses some openSearch terms.

3.2.7 CONDITIONAL RETRIEVAL

Both [7] OData and [6] GData use If-None-Match in HTTP header to retrieve entries only if they have changed.

3.3 EVENT NOTIFICATION (PUB/SUB)

The publish / subscribe pattern is incredibly useful, and is specified mostly in [9] AtomPub. However, there is no mechanism defined in AtomPub to notify subscribers of new feed entries. This requires them to “poll” for new data, and while this is sufficient in many cases, some business processes require ability to notify in order to achieve reduced latency in client updates.

[8] PubSubHubbub defines a mechanism for this purpose, and is worth consideration for use in this specification.

3.4 BATCH TRANSFERS

If desired, a feed for each data service consumer could be provided through which all subscribed content would be returned in a single request (or series of large chunks). This mechanism should allow any resource type to be included within a single feed. It may be possible to implement this as a regular feed request with reference expansion specified.

[6] GData describes batch processing here <http://code.google.com/apis/gdata/docs/batch.html>.

[7] OData describes batch processing in [section 2.2.7.6](#).

4 DISCOVERY

Discovery of available resources shall utilize the [9] AtomPub constructs defining services, workspaces, and collections. This is accomplished with a client request to GET the definition of all collections, followed by enrollment / authorization, and finally subscription to the appropriate feeds.

Discovery of available services and resources is specified in [7] OData, “limited capability negotiation” using DataServiceVersion (section 2.2.5.3) and MaxDataServiceVersion (section [2.2.5.7](#)).

5 METADATA

A “Resource” resource shall allow retrieval of the representation of all available resources, and the currently implemented version of each.

[9] AtomPub defines a “workspace collection” for this, as in the example below.

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```
332 <?xml version="1.0" encoding='utf-8'?>
333   <service xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2007/app"
334     xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
335     <workspace>
336       <atom:title>Main Site</atom:title>
337       <collection
338         href="http://example.org/blog/main" >
339         <atom:title>My Blog Entries</atom:title>
340         <categories
341           href="http://example.com/cats/forMain.cats" />
342         </collection>
343         <collection
344           href="http://example.org/blog/pic" >
345           <atom:title>Pictures</atom:title>
346           <accept>image/png</accept>
347           <accept>image/jpeg</accept>
348           <accept>image/gif</accept>
349         </collection>
350       </workspace>
```

351 [7] OData describes “Data Service Metadata” in [section 2.2.3.7](#).

6 EXTENSIBILITY

353 [9] AtomPub is specified to be extensible, and implementations should be able to function even with different
354 versions of client or server. In addition, section 6.2 in AtomPub provides recommended behavior.

355 Extensions to the CIM objects will be associated with specific versions of the namespace, specified in the version
356 attribute of the schema element.

7 VERSIONING

358 As additional capabilities are added to the interface definition, a specification of the version of the definition will
359 be needed to help in service discovery negotiation. This should not change the namespace of any definitions.

8 CONCURRENCY

361 In order to ensure data integrity, clients may only update resources if they are updating the current version of the
362 resource. If an update request fails due to conflict (not current version), the client must request the latest version,
363 apply changes to that representation, and retry the update.

364 [6] GData and [7] OData both use [ETags](#) for versioning / concurrency management.

365 See GData Resource Versioning <http://code.google.com/apis/gdata/docs/2.0/reference.html#ResourceVersioning>
366 for more information.

9 FUNCTIONAL AREAS

9.1 COMMON

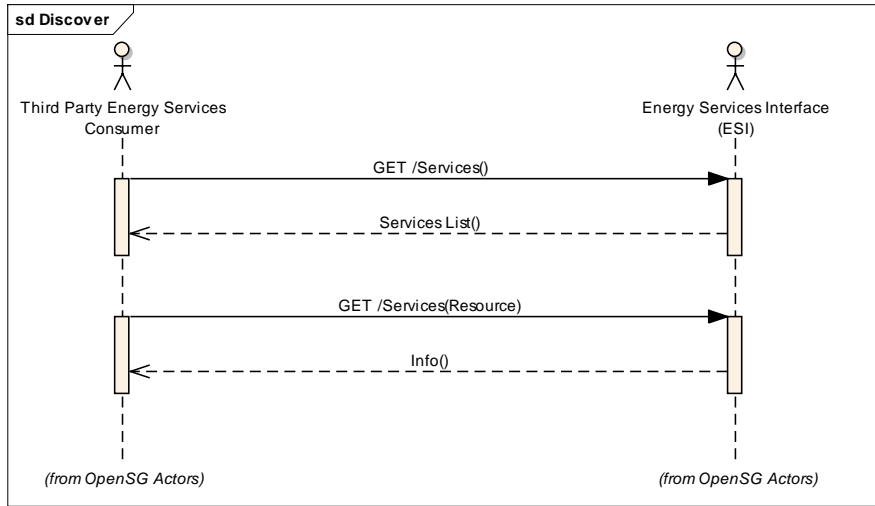
369 The flows in this section represent general-purpose functions that are needed for all protected resource
370 publications.

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371 9.1.1 **DISCOVER** RESOURCE- (SEQUENCE DIAGRAM)

372 Addresses OpenSG OpenADE 1.0 SRS 3.2.1, bullet 1.2, 1.3



373

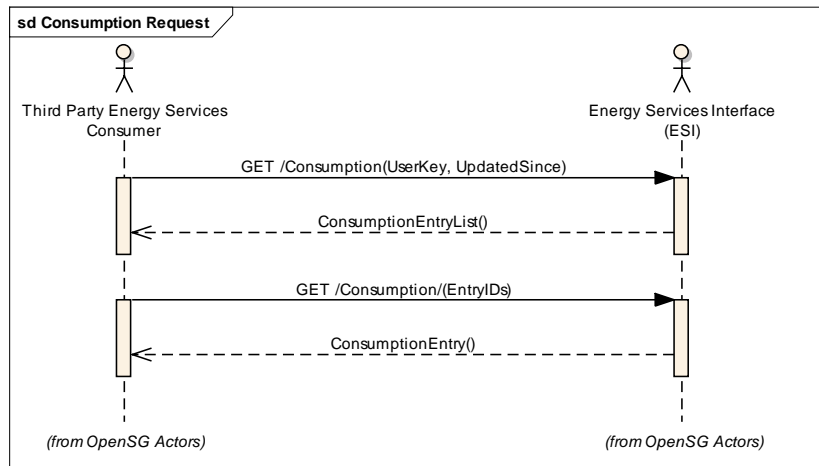
374

Figure 1: Discover Service Resources Sequence Diagram

375 9.2 METERING CONSUMPTION

376 9.2.1 **CONSUMPTION REQUEST** - (SEQUENCE DIAGRAM)

377 Addresses OpenSG OpenADE 1.0 SRS 3.2.1, bullet 3.1, 3.2



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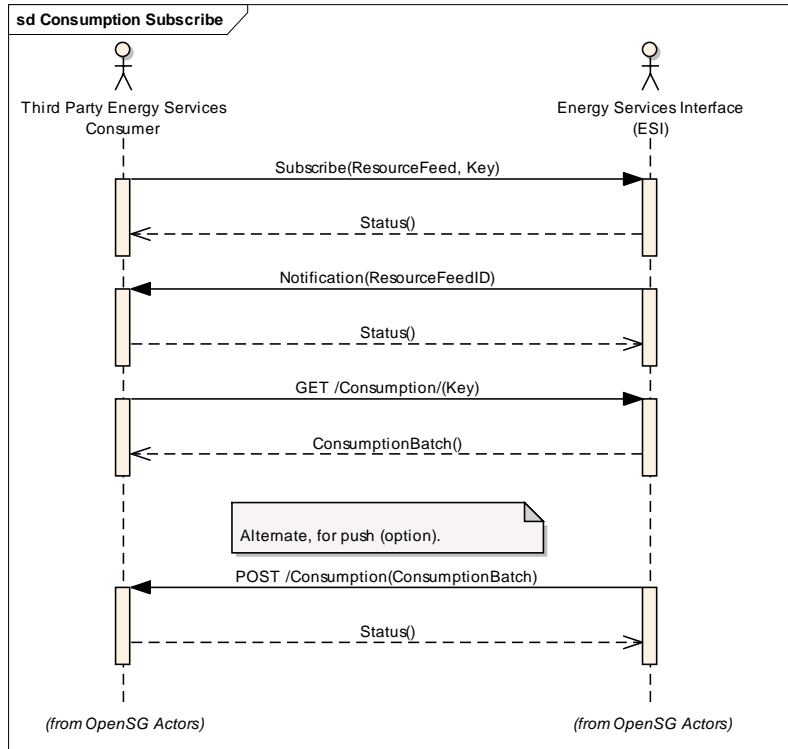
Figure 2: MeterReading Request Sequence Diagram

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380 **9.2.2 CONSUMPTION SUBSCRIBE - (SEQUENCE DIAGRAM)**

381 Addresses OpenSG OpenADE 1.0 SRS 3.2.1, bullet 3.1



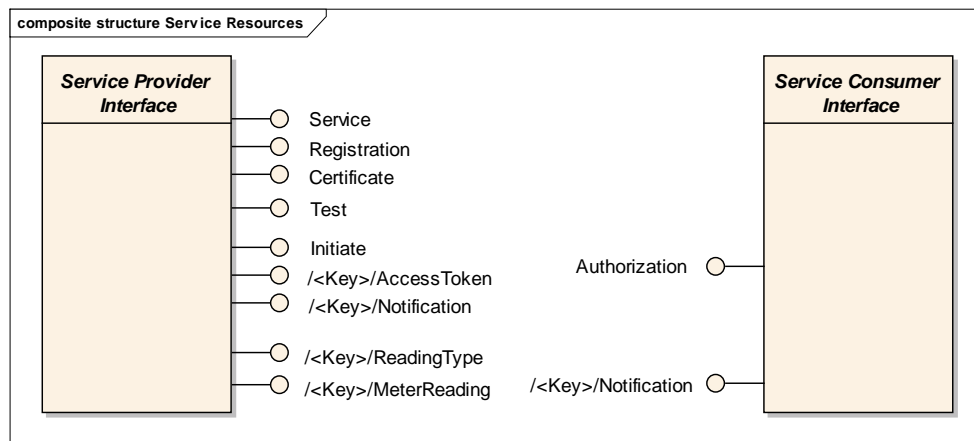
382

383

Figure 3: Subscribe Sequence Diagram

10 RESOURCE DEFINITIONS

385 The following diagram provides an overview of the service resources defined. Of course, the service consumer also
 386 has to implement client requests for required interfaces, in order to access the resources provided by the provider.
 387 The <Key> shown below may be an access token associated with a specific user, or with a group.



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Figure 4: Service Resource Interfaces

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390 The following table lists the resources defined for OpenADE.

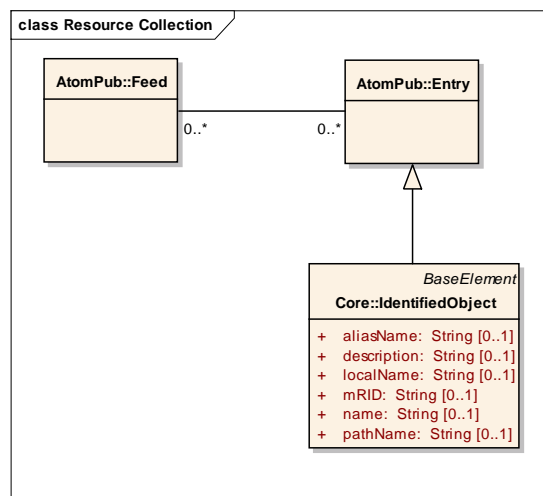
Logical Resource Name	Consumer Operation	Implementer	Description
Resource	GET /rs/Resource	Utility	Get supported service resources and extensions
Auth Access Token	GET /rs/<Key>/AccessToken	Utility	Get the authorized request token
Reading Type	GET /rs/<Key>/ReadingType	Utility	Get meter reading types defining readings units and lengths
Meter Reading	GET /rs/<Key>/MeterReading	Utility	Get meter readings – may be interval or instantaneous
Notification	POST /rs/<Key>/Notification	Both	Get notifications such as user modified authorization

391 **Table 1: Resource Operations**

392 10.1 RESOURCE DEFINITION

393 All resources with beginning with /rs/ support the patterns in Section 3, returning a (possibly expanded) collection
 394 of data resource stream entries. Individual entries can be managed using POST, UPDATE, and DELETE. Permissions
 395 may be set according to policy, but guidance is provided regarding the typical configuration in resource details
 396 following this table.

397 The UML diagram below shows a proposed method of linking CIM object types to a syndication collection
 398 container such as AtomPub.



399
 400 **Figure 5: Use of CIM objects within feeds**

401 IdentifiedObject is the top-most generalization (superclass) of most CIM classes. By generalizing this with the feed
 402 “Entry” element, all CIM IdentifiedObjects become valid Entry elements. In addition to the use of IdentifiedObject
 403 as a specialization of an Entry, CIM classes used as resources shall also have category terms defined for them

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404 within service workspace collections, so that entries can use the term element to denote their type and link to
405 schema.

406 10.2 RESOURCE DETAILS

407 Many of the resources below are necessary to support initial setup and authorization. Implementations shall
408 conform to referenced specifications for details on these interfaces. Clarifications and refinements made to
409 support these service resources are denoted where necessary.

410 All resources are to be implemented as collections, with the elements listed in the sections below. Additional
411 allowed values may be specified, and will be included here as necessary.

412 10.2.1 COLLECTION (FEED)

413 Collections consist of feeds, and exhibit behavior as defined in [9] AtomPub.

414 10.2.2 CATEGORY

415 Categories shall be specified for CIM identifiedObject entry classes using the atom constructs shown in the
416 example below.

```
417 <?xml version="1.0"?>  
418 <app:categories  
419   xmlns:app="http://www.w3.org/2007/app"  
420   xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom" fixed="yes"  
421   scheme="http://http://osgug.ucaiug.org/ns/2010/aoad">  
422   <atom:category term="MeterReading"/>  
423   <atom:category term="Reading"/>  
424   <atom:category term="IntervalReading"/>  
425   <atom:category term="ReadingType"/>  
426   <atom:category term="CustomerAuthorisation"/>  
427   <atom:category term="ServiceSupplier"/>  
428   <atom:category term="ServiceDeliveryPoint"/>  
429 </app:categories>
```

430 10.2.3 RESOURCES

431 Resource is used to discover service resources available via the addressed endpoint.

Schema	Use	Element
Resource	GET Output	ResourceURI
Resource	GET Output	Name
Resource	GET Output	Version
Resource	GET Output	Categories
Resource	GET Output	Acceptable Types

432 10.2.4 AUTHORIZATION

433 This resource is used to post the signed authorization for the associated token to the 3rd Party.

Schema	Use	Element
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Authorization	Input	oauth_token
Authorization	Input	oauth_verifier

434 10.2.5 ACCESS TOKEN

435 This resource allows the 3rd Party to get the authorized request token. A different key is created for each
436 authorized resource, so in the case of Meter Readings, individual service point channels would have separate keys.

Schema	Use	Element
AccessToken	Output	realm
AccessToken	Output	oauth_consumer_key
AccessToken	Output	oauth_token
AccessToken	Output	oauth_signature_method
AccessToken	Output	oauth_timestamp
AccessToken	Output	oauth_nonce
AccessToken	Output	oauth_verifier
AccessToken	Output	oauth_signature

437 10.2.6 NOTIFICATION

438 Notifications are to be used to announce the creation or modification of resources. Based on the design pattern
439 chosen for each information exchange, notification may or may not be required.

Schema	Use	Element
Notification	GET Output	Resource List

440