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Introduction

This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 1901a-2019, IEEE Standard for Broadband over Power Line Networks: Medium Access Control and Physical Layer Specifications—Amendment: Enhancement for Internet of Things Applications.

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With the growth of IoT applications, the requirements for communications are increasingly diverse. Some IoT applications, such as 8k/4k video applications for entertainment or security, need to communicate data at very high speed. Other IoT applications, such as IoT for smart cities, energy management, building control, and light control, need long distance communication instead of very high speed communication. The different modes specified in IEEE Std 1901a intend to address this diversity of requirements.

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