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## CHAPTER 14

### WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM AUTOMATION

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#### 14.1 Introduction

In today's technology, wireless communications are playing a significant role in the modernization of our life. Electric system Automation is not exceptional. Sensors are installed to monitor the generation, delivery and control power systems on along the networks. A wireless communication can link the various appliances and a central controller anywhere and anytime. Indeed, wireless communications provide both flexibility and cost savings in deployment and maintenance compared to wireline deployments. The emerging technology of wireless networks, sensors and actuators networks has a great benefit for real-time monitoring and control of the electric system grid. They provide wireless interaction with the physical systems and therefore offer great promise for process information acquisition. The use of wireless technologies in electric infrastructure control seems very attractive because of the potential advantages of wireless solutions. The advantages of using wireless communications include lower hardware cost, lower installation cost, less disruptive installation, mobility, and ad hoc deployment. The use of embedded wireless networks for monitoring and control of the electric grid requires reliable and timely exchange of information among controllers, distributed sensors and actuators. Figure 1 shows the typical communication architecture of electric networks.

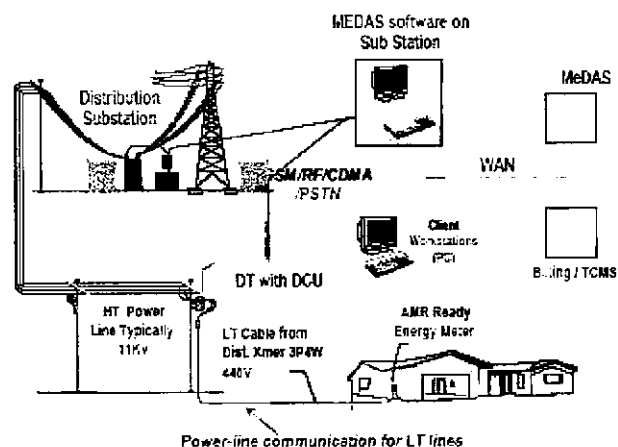


Figure 14.1 Communication Architecture of Electric Networks