TH!NK A306 Remote Lithium Energy Controller (RLEC) CAN Programmers Guide

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document defines the CAN interface to a Remote Lithium Energy Controller (RLEC). The RLEC is the controller for a Think A306 battery module. It provides guidelines for programming the CAN interface to perform real-time control and monitoring of the battery module. It also provides information on interpretation of battery module faults reported by the RLEC to aid in battery module troubleshooting and diagnostics.

1.2 Scope

This document is applicable to RLECs used in the EnerDel Li-Ion battery pack modules for the Think city A306 electric vehicle (Model PE700-393 Vigor+ Battery Pack).

1.3 Reference Documents

The following documents are incorporated into this document by reference:

Document	Doc. #	Rev.	Date	Issued By
PE700-393 Vigor+ Battery Pack Data Sheet	N/A	N/A	2012	EnerDel
Think A306 Battery Pack Application	N/A	N/A	May, 2013	Think North
Manual				America

1.4 Acronyms and Terms

1.4.1 Acronyms

Acronym	Definition		
Ah	Ampere-hour		
A/D	Analog-to-Digital		
BOL	Beginning Of Life		
BMS	Battery Management System		
С	Celsius		
C/3	C/3 Charge or Discharge Rate		
CAN	Controller Area Network		
EEPROM	Electronically Erasable Programmable Read Only		
	Memory		
ID	Identification		
kWh	Kilowatt-Hours		
LSB	Least Significant Bit		
MLEC	Master Lithium Energy Controller		
MSB	Most Significant Bit		
MSBit	Most Significant Bit		

MSByte	Most Significant Byte
msec	Milliseconds
mV	Millivolts
NMC	Nickel Metal Cobalt Oxide
N/A	Not Applicable
P	Parallel
RLEC	Remote Lithium Energy Controller
Rx	Receive
S	Series
SOC	State of Charge
TBD	To Be Determined
Tx	Transmit
V	Volt

1.4.2 Terms

1.4.2.1 Master Lithium Energy Controller (MLEC)

The Think A306 battery management system (BMS) consists of a Master Lithium Energy Controller (MLEC) and 16 RLECs, one for each battery module. The MLEC is responsible for overall control of the battery pack and communicates with the RLECs via an internal CAN bus. See the *Think A306 Battery Pack Application Manual* for a detailed description of the MLEC.

1.4.2.2 Active Fault

An active fault is defined as a fault which is currently detected by the BMS. Although the RLEC can detect certain kinds of faults directly, additional filtering is often performed by the MLEC. See the *Think A306 Battery Pack Application Manual* for a detailed description of MLEC fault detection algorithms.

2 RLEC Overview

2.1 Description

The RLEC is a controller for an individual battery module. The RLEC monitors 12 cell voltages and temperatures for a 12S2P battery module, i.e. a battery module configured as 12 cells in series x 2 cells in parallel. The RLEC continuously performs cell voltage balancing based on upper and lower cell voltage balancing limits sent by the MLEC. The RLEC also monitors battery module voltage, RLEC board temperature and RLEC operational status. The RLEC communicates with the MLEC via a CAN bus interface where the MLEC acts as a "master node" sending commands and requests to the RLECs which act as "slave nodes" responding to the commands and data requests from the MLEC. The MLEC transmits broadcast messages which are received by all RLECs and RLEC-specific messages addressed to individual RLECs. Note that the RLEC ID for each RLEC is programmed in RLEC EEPROM. Valid RLEC IDs are 0 – 15 and each RLEC ID in a battery pack must be unique, i.e. the MLEC can address a maximum of

16 RLECs in a battery pack. There is not necessarily any correlation between the RLEC ID and the physical location of the RLEC in a pack. An RLEC context diagram is shown in Figure 1.

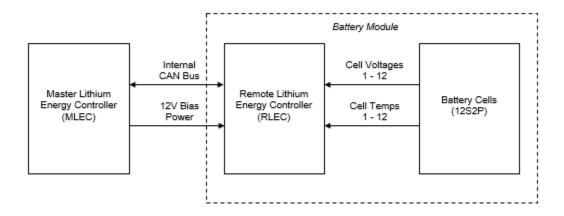


Figure 1 - RLEC Context Diagram

2.2 Theory of Operation

The RLEC receives 12V bias power from the MLEC. The RLEC automatically powers up when 12V power is applied. During power up, the RLEC performs hardware and software initialization and reads its preprogrammed RLEC ID from EEPROM. (Note that the RLEC DIP switch settings that were previously used for setting the RLEC ID are now ignored by the RLEC software.) The RLEC then enters its normal operating mode regardless of whether the MLEC has established CAN communications with the RLEC.

During operation, the RLEC continuously reads cell voltages and temperatures from the battery module in a round-robin sequence where all cell voltages and temperatures are read every 100 msec. The RLEC reads the battery module voltage as the voltage across cell voltages 1 - 12. Within a battery module, cells are numbered sequentially where the low side of cell 1 is the negative terminal of the battery module, cell 2 is adjacent to cell 1, cell 3 is adjacent to cell 2, etc. and the high side of cell 12 is the positive terminal of the battery module. Likewise, cell temperatures are numbered sequentially where cell temperature n is associated with cell voltage n. In addition to reporting individual cell temperatures, the RLEC also reports the current maximum and minimum cell temperature as a convenience.

The RLEC includes 12 balance resistors of 37.5 ohms each (actually two 75 ohm resistors in parallel) that can be switched across the positive and negative terminals of individual cell pairs to discharge the cell as needed for cell balancing. The MLEC sends upper and lower cell voltage balancing limits to the RLEC. If the cell voltage for a given cell is above the upper cell voltage balancing limit, the RLEC switches in (enables) the cell balance resistor for that cell. If the cell voltage for a given cell is below the lower cell voltage balancing limit, the RLEC switches out (disables) the cell balance resistor for that cell. When the RLEC is operating without an MLEC (i.e. the RLEC is not receiving any CAN messages from the MLEC), the RLEC uses default upper and lower cell voltage balancing limits of 4.15 V and 4.1 V respectively. Note that the RLEC automatically disables cell balance resistors during cell voltage measurements including the cell balance resistors on either side of the cell voltage currently being measured.

During operation, the RLEC performs low-level diagnostics and reports operational status to the MLEC via the CAN interface. Specifically, the RLEC checks for A/D faults on all analog signals including cell voltages 1 – 12 read via the main cell voltage measurement circuit, cell temperatures, RLEC board temperature and the redundant cell 1 voltage measurement circuit. In addition, the RLEC verifies cell voltage measurements by comparing the primary cell 1 voltage measurement to the redundant cell 1 voltage measurement circuits and will set a fault if the readings differ by more than 50 mV. (Note that cell 1 is the first/lowest cell in the battery module.) The RLEC also periodically checks for high impedance cell voltage connections which would cause incorrect cell voltage measurements.

When 12V bias power is removed from the RLEC, the RLEC software stops execution without any specific shutdown sequence.

2.3 CAN Communications Overview

The MLEC communicates with the RLECs via a CAN bus interface internal to the battery pack. (Note that the MLEC communicates with the external system controller via a separate external CAN bus interface.) The MLEC acts as a master on the CAN bus sending broadcast commands and individual data requests to the RLECs. The RLEC sends cell voltages, temperatures and additional status to the MLEC in response to data requests from the MLEC.

The MLEC is programmed to request a full set of cell data from all RLECs in a round-robin fashion every 100 msec. At the start of each data collection cycle, the MLEC sends 6 broadcast CAN messages to all RLECs which contain cell voltage balancing commands. The MLEC then sends a set of 4 RLEC-specific data request CAN messages to individual RLECs every 6.25 msec (i.e. 6.25 msec/RLEC x 16 RLECs = 100 msec). Data requests are performed in sequence starting with RLEC 0, then RLEC 1, RLEC 2, etc. to RLEC 15 after which the MLEC cycles back to requesting data from RLEC 0. When the RLEC receives all 6 broadcast messages and all 4 data request messages addressed to its CAN address, it responds by sending a set of 13 data response CAN messages to the MLEC. The data response messages include various filtered and unfiltered versions of cell voltages, cell temperatures, module voltage, RLEC temperature and RLEC fault status. At the end of the data collection cycle, the MLEC uses the lowest cell voltage reported by the RLECs as a basis for the cell voltage balancing limits for the next data collection cycle.

2.4 Technical Specifications

The technical specifications for the A306 RLEC and associated battery module are given in Table 1.

Specification	Value	Notes
Module Configuration	12S2P	
Cell Voltages/Module	12	1 voltage measurement/cell
		pair
Cell Temps/Module	12	1 temperature sensor/cell pair
Cell Type	Li-lon	

Cell Chemistry	NMC		
Cell Capacity	17.5 Ah	C/3 discharge rating	
Cell Voltage Range	30.0 V – 49.2 V	0 – 100% SOC	
Cell Nominal Voltage	3.6 V	50% SOC	
Module Voltage Range	2.5 V – 4.1 V	0 – 100% SOC	
Module Nominal Voltage	43.2 V	50% SOC	
Module Capacity	35 Ah	2 cells in parallel	
Module Energy	1.5 kWh	Min. guaranteed C/3 discharge	
		rating at Beginning of Life (BOL)	
Balance Resistor	37.5 ohms	2 x 75 ohms in parallel	
Nominal Bias Voltage	12V	Supplied by MLEC	
Battery Thermal Management	Passive convection cooling		

Table 1 - A306 RLEC and Battery Module Technical Specifications

3 CAN Interface

3.1 Electrical Interface and Communications Protocol

The MLEC communicates with the RLECs via an internal CAN bus. The internal CAN bus electrical specifications and communication bus protocol specifications are given below:

Signal Type: Serial Communications Bus

Reference Standard: ISO 11898 2.0B
Data Transfer Rate: 500K Baud
Message ID Length: 11 Bits
Max. Data Bytes: 8

Multi-Byte Data Format: Motorola format, i.e. Most Significant Byte (MSByte) first

Bit Format: Most Significant Bit (MSBit) first

Tx Mode: Broadcast messages and RLEC-specific messages

Terminating Node: No

3.2 CAN Message Format

The internal CAN message format is shown in Figure 2. Bit and byte numbering are also defined in Figure 2 for reference purposes. Data bytes are numbered beginning with byte 0. Within a data byte, the least significant bit (LSB) is bit 0 which is the rightmost bit and the most significant bit (MSB) is bit 7 which is the leftmost bit. For multi-byte data such as 16-bit integers, the leftmost byte is the most significant byte (Motorola format). Note that there are a maximum of 8 data bytes per message.

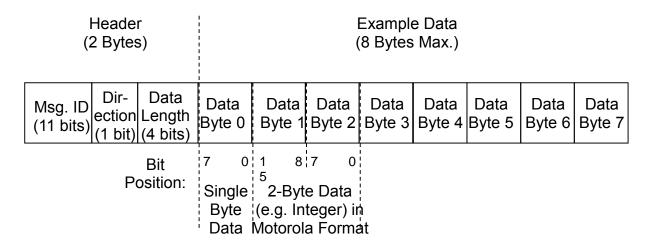


Figure 2 - RLEC CAN Message Format

3.3 CAN Message Definitions

A summary of the RLEC CAN messages is shown in Table 2. Detailed message data definitions are given in the following paragraphs. CAN messages are grouped into "Rx" and "Tx" categories referenced from the RLEC perspective. Note that Table 2 does not include CAN messages used solely for reprogramming and certain diagnostic functions as these are considered EnerDel proprietary.

Msg ID	Msg Name	Rx/Tx	Period	Notes	
			(msec.)		
0x7E1	Broadcast Message 1	Rx	100	Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				RLEC configuration data	
0x7E2	Broadcast Message 2	Rx	100	Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				balancing limits & charge state info	
0x7E3	Broadcast Message 3	Rx	100	Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				cell balancing control values	
0x7E4	E4 Broadcast Message 4		100	Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				cell balancing control values	
0x7E5	Broadcast Message 5	Rx	100	Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				cell balancing control values	
0x7E6	Broadcast Message 6	Broadcast Message 6 Rx 100 Bro		Broadcast message to all RLECs with	
				max. and min. cell temp data	
0x406,	RLEC 0 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 0 data request	
0x40A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12				
0x40C					
0x426,	RLEC 1 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 1 data request	
0x42A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12				
0x42C					

	1			
0x446,	RLEC 2 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 2 data request
0x44A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x44C				
0x466,	RLEC 3 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 3 data request
0x46A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x46C				
0x486,	RLEC 4 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 4 data request
0x48A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x48C				
0x4A6,	RLEC 5 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 5 data request
0x4AA -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x4AC				
0x4C6,	RLEC 6 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 6 data request
0x4CA -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x4CC				
0x4E6,	RLEC 7 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 7 data request
0x4EA -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x4EC				
0x506,	RLEC 8 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 8 data request
0x50A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x50C				
0x526,	RLEC 9 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 9 data request
0x52A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x52C				
0x546,	RLEC 10 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 10 data request
0x54A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x54C				
0x566,	RLEC 11 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 11 data request
0x56A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x56C				
0x586,	RLEC 12 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 12 data request
0x58A -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
0x58C				
0x5A6,	RLEC 13 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 13 data request
0x5AA –	Messages 6, 10 – 12			· '
0x5AC				
0x5C6,	RLEC 14 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 14 data request
0x5CA -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
0x5CC				
0x5E6,	RLEC 15 Data Request	Rx	100	4-part RLEC 15 data request
0x5EA -	Messages 6, 10 – 12			
002,	111300000000000000000000000000000000000			

0x5EC				
0x001 -	RLEC 0 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 0 data response
0x00D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x021 -	RLEC 1 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 1 data response
0x02D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x041 -	RLEC 2 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 2 data response
0x04D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x061 -	RLEC 3 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 3 data response
0x06D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x081 -	RLEC 4 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 4 data response
0x08D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x0A1 -	RLEC 5 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 5 data response
0x0AD	Messages 1 – 13			
0x0C1 -	RLEC 6 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 6 data response
0x0CD	Messages 1 – 13			
0x0E1 -	RLEC 7 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 7 data response
0x0ED	Messages 1 – 13			
0x101 -	RLEC 8 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 8 data response
0x10D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x121 -	RLEC 9 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 9 data response
0x12D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x141 -	RLEC 10 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 10 data response
0x14D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x161 -	RLEC 11 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 11 data response
0x16D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x181 -	RLEC 12 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 12 data response
0x18D	Messages 1 – 13			
0x1A1 -	RLEC 13 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 13 data response
0x1AD	Messages 1 – 13			
0x1C1 -	RLEC 14 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 14 data response
0x1CD	Messages 1 – 13			
0x1E1 -	RLEC 15 Data Response	Tx	N/A	13-part RLEC 15 data response
0x1ED	Messages 1 – 13			

Table 2 – External CAN Message Summary

3.3.1 Rx Messages (MLEC → RLEC)

3.3.1.1 CAN ID 0x7E1: Broadcast Message 1

The Broadcast Message 1 data format is shown in Figure 3. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 1 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle but the RLEC software only requires that Broadcast Message 1 be received once during initial establishment of communications between the MLEC and the

RLEC. Thus in theory, the MLEC could transmit Broadcast Message 1 once at power-up and thereafter only when the data in Broadcast Message 1 changes (which should normally never happen).

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	8

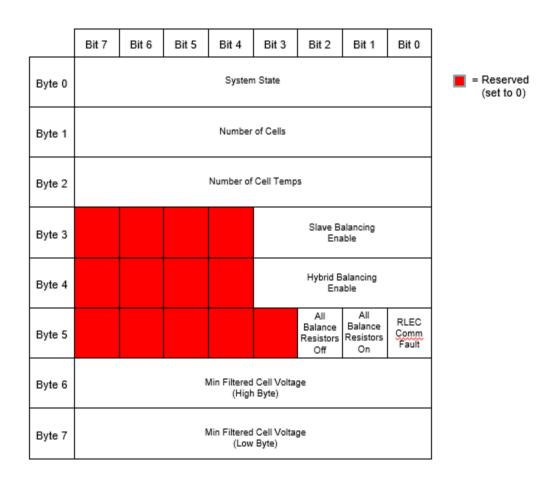


Figure 3 – CAN ID 0x7E1: Broadcast Message 1 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x7E1	0x01	0x0C	0x0C	0x01	0x01	0x00	0x05	0xBD

Example:

Interpretation: System State = 1 (Normal Operation)

Number of Cells = 12

Number of Cell Temperatures = 12

Slave Balancing Enable = True

Hybrid Balancing Enable = True

All Balance Resistors Off = False All Balance Resistors On = False RLEC Communications Fault = False Min. Filtered Cell Voltage = 3.584 V

3.3.1.1.1 **System State**

Description: MLEC operating state

Position:Byte 0Format:EncodedStates:0 = Off(?)

1 = Normal Operation 2 - 255 = Reserved

Default Value: 1

RLEC Processing: Unknown

Prog. Guidelines: For predictable RLEC operation, always set System State = 1.

3.3.1.1.2 Number of Cells

Description: Number of cell pairs per battery module

Position: Byte 1

Format: Constant integer

Value: 12

RLEC Processing: Battery module cell configuration information for RLEC software.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set to 12 for the A306 battery module hardware configuration.

3.3.1.1.3 Number of Cell Temperatures

Description: Number of cell temperature sensors per battery module

Position: Byte 2

Format: Constant integer

Value: 12

RLEC Processing: Battery module cell temperature sensor configuration information for RLEC

software.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set to 12 for the A306 battery module hardware configuration.

3.3.1.1.4 Slave Balancing Enable

Description: Master enable for normal cell balancing control in RLEC

Position: Byte 3, Bits 0-3

Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Cell balancing controlled by RLEC(?)

1 = Cell balancing controlled by MLEC (normal operation)

Default Value: 1

RLEC Processing: If Slave Balancing Enable = 1, the RLEC will perform cell balancing based on cell

balance limits sent by the MLEC in CAN message ID 0x7E3. It is believed that if Slave Balancing Enable = 0, the RLEC will set balance resistor outputs based on the Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Masks/Outputs in RLEC Data Request

Message 6 however this has not been verified.

Prog. Guidelines: For predictable RLEC operation, always set Slave Balancing Enable = 1.

3.3.1.1.5 **Hybrid Balancing Enable**

Description: Master enable for hybrid cell balancing control in RLEC

Position: Byte 4, Bits 0-3

Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Hybrid cell balancing disabled

1 = Hybrid cell balancing enabled

Default Value: 1

RLEC Processing: The effect of the Hybrid Balancing Enable signal on RLEC cell balancing

operation is unknown.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Hybrid Balancing Enable = 1 has no negative effect on

RLEC cell balancing operation and thus this is the recommended default value.

3.3.1.1.6 All Balance Resistors Off

Description: A battery pack status flag set by the MLEC indicating that all balance resistors in

all battery modules are currently reported as disabled (i.e. switched off) by the

associated RLECs.

Position: Byte 5, Bit 2
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = All balance resistors not disabled

1 = All balance resistors disabled

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This bit is for informational purposes only and has no effect on the RLEC.

3.3.1.1.7 All Balance Resistors On

Description: A battery pack status flag set by the MLEC indicating that all balance resistors in

all battery modules are currently reported as enabled (i.e. switched on) by the

associated RLECs.

Position: Byte 5, Bit 1
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = All balance resistors not enabled

1 = All balance resistors enabled

Default Value: 0
RLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This bit is for informational purposes only and has no effect on the RLEC.

3.3.1.1.8 RLEC Communications Fault

Description: A flag that indicates the MLEC has lost communications with one or more RLECs

Position: Byte 5, Bit 0
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = MLEC communications with all RLECs OK

1 = MLEC has lost communication with one or more RLECs

Default Value: 0
RLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This bit is for informational purposes only and has no effect on the RLEC.

3.3.1.1.9 Minimum Filtered Cell Voltage

Description: Lowest filtered cell voltage currently reported by all RLECs in the battery pack

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 VRLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This parameter is for informational purposes only and has no effect on the RLEC.

3.3.1.2 CAN ID 0x7E2: Broadcast Message 2

The Broadcast Message 2 data format is shown in Figure 4. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 2 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle however none of the data is used by the RLEC during normal operation. It is currently unknown whether the RLEC actually requires that this message be received during normal operation but this may easily be determined via system testing.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	8

						ı			1
	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	
Byte 0		Hybrid Balancing Upper Limit (High Byte)							
Byte 1		Hybrid Balancing Upper Limit (Low Byte)							
Byte 2		Hybrid Balancing Lower Limit (High Byte)							
Byte 3	Hybrid Balancing Lower Limit (Low Byte)								
Byte 4	Charging Flag								
Byte 5	Charge State								
Byte 6	Charge Enable								
Byte 7		Charge Enable Off Cold							

Figure 4 – CAN ID 0x7E2: Broadcast Message 2 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x7E2	0x00	0x0A	0x00	0x0A	0x00	0x00	0x01	0x00

Example:

Interpretation: Hybrid Balancing Upper Limit = TBD (10 x unknown resolution)

Hybrid Balancing Lower Limit = TBD (10 x unknown resolution)

Charging Flag = False Charge State = 0 (TBD) Charge Enable = True

Charge Enable Off Cold = False

3.3.1.2.1 Hybrid Balancing Upper Limit

Description: Upper cell voltage limit for hybrid cell balancing

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: TBD
Resolution: TBD
Default Value: 10
RLEC Processing: TBD

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Hybrid Balancing Upper Limit = 10 has no negative

effect on RLEC cell balancing operation and thus this is the recommended

default value.

3.3.1.2.2 Hybrid Balancing Lower Limit

Description: Lower cell voltage limit for hybrid cell balancing

Position: Bytes 2 – 3
Format: Unsigned integer

Range: TBD
Resolution: TBD
Default Value: 10
RLEC Processing: TBD

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Hybrid Balancing Lower Limit = 10 has no negative

effect on RLEC cell balancing operation and thus this is the recommended

default value.

3.3.1.2.3 **Charging Flag**

Description: Charging in progress flag(?)

Position: Byte 4
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Charging not in progress(?)

1 = Charging in progress(?)

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Unknown

Prog. Guidelines: It is currently assumed that Charging Flag has no effect on RLEC operation

however for predictable RLEC operation, always set Charging Flag = 0.

3.3.1.2.4 Charge State

Description: External charger state(?)

Position: Byte 5

Format: Encoded(?)

States: TBD Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Unknown

Prog. Guidelines: It is currently assumed that Charge State has no effect on RLEC operation

however for predictable RLEC operation, always set Charge State = 0.

3.3.1.2.5 **Charge Enable**

Description: Master charge enable flag(?)

Position: Byte 6
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Charging disabled(?)

1 = Charging enabled(?)

Default Value: 1

RLEC Processing: Unknown

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Charge Enable = 1 has no negative effect on RLEC

operation and thus this is the recommended default value.

3.3.1.2.6 Charge Enable Off Cold

Description: Master charge disable at cold temperatures flag(?)

Position: Byte 7
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Charging not disabled at cold temperatures(?)

1 = Charging disabled at cold temperatures(?)

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Unknown

Prog. Guidelines: It is currently assumed that Charge Enable Off Cold has no effect on RLEC

operation however for predictable RLEC operation, always set Charge Enable Off

Cold = 0.

3.3.1.3 CAN ID 0x7E3: Broadcast Message 3

The Broadcast Message 3 data format is shown in Figure 5. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 3 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	8

	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0		
Byte 0		Cell Balancing Upper Limit (High Byte)								
Byte 1		Cell Balancing Upper Limit (Low Byte)								
Byte 2										
Byte 3	Cell Balancing Lower Limit (Low Byte)									
Byte 4	Cell Balancing Differential Voltage Limit (High Byte)									
Byte 5	Cell Balancing Differential Voltage Limit (Low Byte)									
Byte 6	Cell Balancing Differential Voltage (High Byte)									
Byte 7			Cell B	alancing Di (Low		oltage				

Figure 5 – CAN ID 0x7E3: Broadcast Message 3 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x7E3	0x04	0x00	0x04	0x00	0x00	0x09	0x00	0x03

Example:

Interpretation: Cell Balancing Upper Limit = 2.5 V

Cell Balancing Lower Limit = 2.5 V

Cell Balancing Differential Voltage Limit = 0.022 V Cell Balancing Differential Voltage = 0.0073 V

3.3.1.3.1 Cell Balancing Upper Limit

Description: Upper cell voltage limit for normal cell balancing

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: The RLEC will enable the cell balancing resistor for any cell voltage which is

above the Cell Balancing Upper Limit.

Prog. Guidelines: It is recommended to set Cell Balancing Upper Limit = lowest cell voltage in the

battery pack + 25 mV.

3.3.1.3.2 Cell Balancing Lower Limit

Description: Lower cell voltage limit for normal cell balancing

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: The RLEC will disable the cell balancing resistor for any cell voltage which is

below the Cell Balancing Lower Limit.

Prog. Guidelines: It is recommended to set Cell Balancing Lower Limit = lowest cell voltage in the

battery pack + 25 mV (i.e. = Cell Balancing Upper Limit).

3.3.1.3.3 Cell Balancing Voltage Differential Limit

Description: Min. voltage differential between cell balancing upper and lower limits(?)

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Cell Balancing Voltage Differential Limit is a legacy parameter

which no longer has any effect on RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: As a precaution, it is recommended to set Cell Balancing Voltage Differential

Limit to a constant value of 0.022 V.

3.3.1.3.4 Cell Balancing Differential Voltage

Description: Min. cell voltage hysteresis required to change state of balancing resistors (i.e.

to switch from enabled to disabled)(?)

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: It is unknown whether Cell Balancing Differential Voltage Differential has any

effect on RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Cell Balancing Differential Voltage to a constant value

of 0.0073 V has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the

recommended default value.

3.3.1.4 CAN ID 0x7E4: Broadcast Message 4

The Broadcast Message 4 data format is shown in Figure 6. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 4 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle however none of the data is used by the RLEC during normal operation. It is currently unknown whether the RLEC actually requires that this message be received during normal operation but this may easily be determined via system testing.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	8

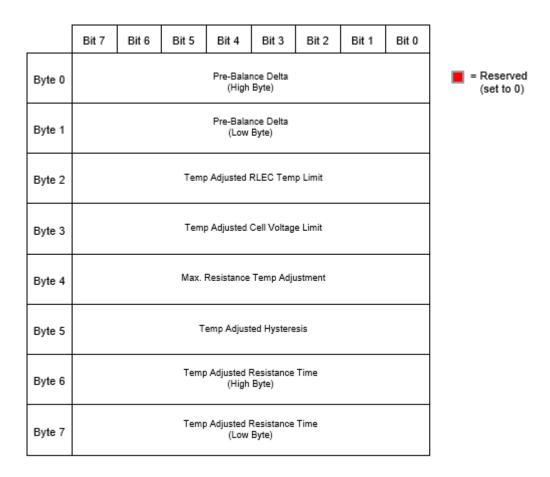


Figure 6 – CAN ID 0x7E4: Broadcast Message 4 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x7E4	0x00	0x09	0x46	0x2D	0x0A	0x02	0x00	0x4B

Example:

Interpretation: Pre-Balance Delta = 0.022 V(?)

Temp Adjusted RLEC Temp Limit(?) = TBD

Temp Adjusted Cell Voltage Limit(?) = TBD Max. Resistance Temp Adjustment(?) = TBD

Temp Adjusted Hysteresis(?) = TBD

Temp Adjusted Resistance Time(?) = TBD

3.3.1.4.1 Pre-Balance Delta

Description: Unknown
Position: Bytes 0 – 1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 V

Resolution: 0.00244 V(?)

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Pre-Balance Delta is a parameter intended for non-A306

applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Pre-Balance Delta to a constant value of 0.022 V(?) has

no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the recommended default

value.

3.3.1.4.2 Temp Adjusted RLEC Temperature Limit

Description:UnknownPosition:Byte 2Format:UnknownRange:UnknownResolution:Unknown

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Temp Adjusted RLEC Temperature Limit is a parameter

intended for non-A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Temp Adjusted RLEC Temperature Limit to a constant

value of 0x46 has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the

recommended default value.

3.3.1.4.3 Temp Adjusted Cell Voltage Limit

Description:UnknownPosition:Byte 3Format:UnknownRange:UnknownResolution:Unknown

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Temp Adjusted Cell Voltage Limit is a parameter intended for

non-A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Temp Adjusted Cell Voltage Limit to a constant value of

0x2D has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the

recommended default value.

3.3.1.4.4 Max. Resistance Temp Adjustment

Description:UnknownPosition:Byte 4Format:UnknownRange:UnknownWesolution:Unknown

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Max. Resistance Temp Adjustment is a parameter intended for

non-A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Max. Resistance Temp Adjustment to a constant value

of 0x0A has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the

recommended default value.

3.3.1.4.5 **Temp Adjusted Hysteresis**

Description:UnknownPosition:Byte 5Format:UnknownRange:UnknownResolution:Unknown

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Temp Adjusted Hysteresis is a parameter intended for non-

A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Temp Adjusted Hysteresis to a constant value of 0x02

has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the recommended

default value.

3.3.1.4.6 **Temp Adjusted Resistance Time**

Description:UnknownPosition:Bytes 6 – 7Format:UnknownRange:UnknownResolution:Unknown

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Temp Adjusted Resistance Time is a parameter intended for

non-A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Temp Adjusted Resistance Time to a constant value of

0x004B has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the

recommended default value.

3.3.1.5 CAN ID 0x7E5: Broadcast Message 5

The Broadcast Message 5 data format is shown in Figure 7. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 5 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle however none of the data is used by the RLEC during normal operation. It is currently unknown whether the RLEC actually requires that this message be received during normal operation but this may easily be determined via system testing.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	8

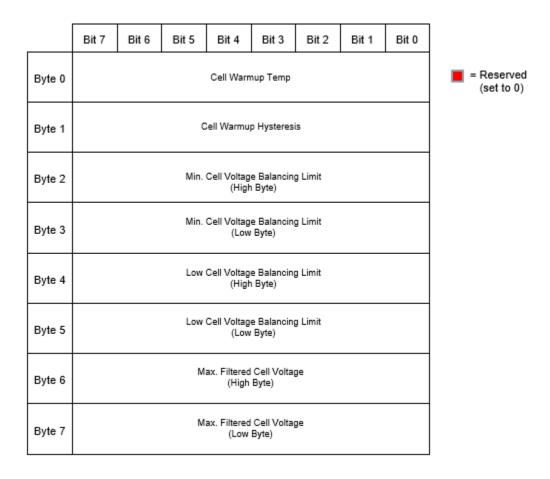


Figure 7 – CAN ID 0x7E5: Broadcast Message 5 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x7E5	0x05	0x02	0x03	0x51	0x03	0xAE	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Cell Warmup Temperature = 5°C(?)
Cell Warmup Hysteresis = 2°C(?)

Min. Cell Voltage Balancing Limit = 2.0 V Low Cell Voltage Balancing Limit = 2.3 V Max. Filtered Cell Voltage = 3.62 V

3.3.1.5.1 Cell Warmup Temperature

Description: Min. cell temperature for cell balancing(?)

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Cell Warmup Temperature is a parameter intended for non-

A306 applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Cell Warmup Temperature to a constant value of 5°C

has no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the recommended

default value.

3.3.1.5.2 Cell Warmup Hysteresis

Description: Required cell temperature hysteresis for enabling cell balancing at low

temperatures(?)

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer(?)

Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

RLEC Processing: It is believed that Cell Warmup Hysteresis is a parameter intended for non-A306

applications and has no effect on A306 RLEC operation.

Prog. Guidelines: It is believed that setting Cell Warmup Hysteresis to a constant value of 2°C has

no negative effect on RLEC operation and thus this is the recommended default

value.

3.3.1.5.3 Min. Cell Voltage Balancing Limit

Description: The absolute cell voltage limit below which cell balancing will not be enabled.

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: It is believed that the RLEC will not enable the balance resistor of any cell with a

cell voltage below Min. Cell Voltage Balancing Limit (however this should be

verified via testing).

Prog. Guidelines: It is recommended that Min. Cell Voltage Balancing Limit be set to a constant

value of 2.0 V to prevent the RLEC from further draining cells with extremely

low cell voltages.

3.3.1.5.4 Low Cell Voltage Balancing Limit

Description: The cell voltage limit below which the RLEC will limit the cell balancing resistor

duty cycle(?).

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

RLEC Processing: It is hypothesized that the RLEC will limit the duty cycle of the balance resistor

"on-time" of any cell with a cell voltage below Low Cell Voltage Balancing Limit

(however this should be verified via testing).

Prog. Guidelines: It is recommended that Low Cell Voltage Balancing Limit be set to a constant

value of 2.3 V to prevent the RLEC from quickly draining cells with low cell

voltages.

3.3.1.5.5 Max. Filtered Cell Voltage

Description: Highest filtered cell voltage currently reported by all RLECs in the battery pack

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 VRLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This parameter is for informational purposes only and has no effect on the RLEC.

3.3.1.6 CAN ID 0x7E6: Broadcast Message 6

The Broadcast Message 6 data format is shown in Figure 8. The MLEC transmits Broadcast Message 6 at the start of each 100 msec. data collection cycle however the message is intended for a specific pack cycler only and none of the data is used by the RLEC during normal operation. It is assumed that the RLEC does NOT require that this message be received during normal operation but this should be verified via system testing.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	All RLECs	Periodic	100 msec.	2

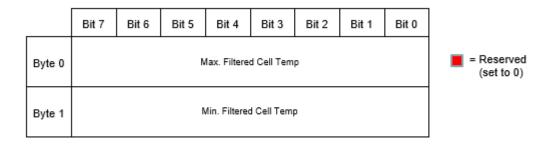


Figure 8 – CAN ID 0x7E6: Broadcast Message 6 Data Format

Msg I	D	Byte 0	Byte 1
0x7E	6	0x23	0x1E

Example:

Interpretation: Max. Filtered Cell Temperature = 35°C

Min. Filtered Cell Temperature = 30°C

3.3.1.6.1 Max. Filtered Cell Temperature

Description: Highest filtered cell temperature currently reported by all RLECs in the battery

pack

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C RLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This parameter is intended for a specific pack cycler only and has no effect on

the RLEC.

3.3.1.6.2 Min. Filtered Cell Temperature

Description: Lowest filtered cell temperature currently reported by all RLECs in the battery

pack

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C RLEC Processing: None

Prog. Guidelines: This parameter is intended for a specific pack cycler only and has no effect on

the RLEC.

3.3.1.7 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Request Message 6

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Request Message 6 data format is shown in Figure 9. The MLEC transmits Data Request Message 6 as part of a set of 4 Data Request Messages sent to each RLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. When an RLEC receives a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages, it responds by sending a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	RLEC n	Periodic	100 msec.	8

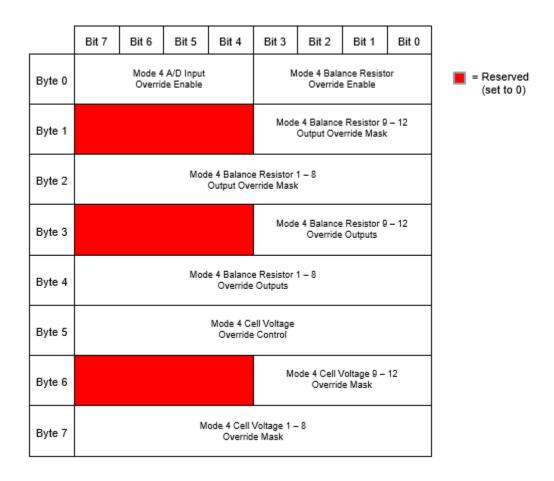


Figure 9 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Request Message 6 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x406	0x00							

Example:

Interpretation:

Mode 4 A/D Input Override Enable = False Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Enable = False

Mode 4 Balance Resistor 9 – 12 Output Override Mask = False Mode 4 Balance Resistor 1 – 8 Output Override Mask = False Mode 4 Balance Resistor 9 – 12 Override Outputs = False Mode 4 Balance Resistor 1 – 8 Override Outputs = False

Mode 4 Cell Voltage Override Enable = False Mode 4 Cell Voltage 9 – 12 Override Mask = False Mode 4 Cell Voltage 1 – 8 Override Mask = False

3.3.1.7.1 Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Enable

Diagnostic control parameter to override RLEC balance resistor outputs

Position: Byte 0, bits 0-3

Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Normal operation

1 = Enable "Mode 4" diagnostic override for RLEC balance resistor outputs

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Enable = 0.

3.3.1.7.2 Mode 4 A/D Input Override Enable

Description: Diagnostic control parameter to override RLEC A/D inputs

Position: Byte 0, bits 4-7

Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Normal operation

1 = Enable "Mode 4" diagnostic override for RLEC A/D inputs

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 A/D Input Override Enable = 0.

3.3.1.7.3 Mode 4 Balance Resistor 1 – 12 Output Override Mask

Description: Mode 4 diagnostic balance resistor output override mask

Position: Byte 1, bits 0-7 and Byte 2, bits 0-3

Format: Bit mask

States: 0 = Ignore Mode 4 Balance Resistor x Override Output when Mode 4 Balance

Resistor Override Enable = True

1 = Don't ignore Mode 4 Balance Resistor x Override Output when Mode 4

Balance Resistor Override Enable = True

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Balance Resistor Output Override Mask = 0.

3.3.1.7.4 Mode 4 Balance Resistor 1 – 12 Override Outputs

Description: Mode 4 diagnostic balance resistor output override mask

Position: Byte 3, bits 0-7 and Byte 4, bits 0-3

Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Disable Balance Resistor x when Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Enable =

True and Mode 4 Balance Resistor x Output Override Mask = True

1 = Enable Balance Resistor x when Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Enable =

True and Mode 4 Balance Resistor x Output Override Mask = True

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Balance Resistor Override Outputs = 0.

3.3.1.7.5 Mode 4 Cell Voltage Override Enable

Diagnostic control parameter to override RLEC cell voltage inputs

Position: Byte 5
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Normal operation

1 = Enable "Mode 4" diagnostic override for RLEC cell voltage inputs

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Voltage Override Enable = 0.

3.3.1.7.6 **Mode 4 Cell Voltage 1 – 12 Override Mask**

Description: Mode 4 diagnostic cell voltage input override mask

Position: Byte 6, bits 0-7 and Byte 7, bits 0-3

Format: Bit mask

States: 0 = Ignore Mode 4 Cell Voltage x Override Input when Mode 4 Cell Voltage

Override Enable = True

1 = Don't ignore Mode 4 Cell Voltage x Override Input when Mode 4 Cell Voltage

Override Enable = True

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Voltage Override Mask = 0.

3.3.1.8 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Request Message 10

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Request Message 10 data format is shown in Figure 10. The MLEC transmits Data Request Message 10 as part of a set of 4 Data Request Messages sent to each RLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. When an RLEC receives a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages, it responds by sending a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	RLEC n	Periodic	100 msec.	8

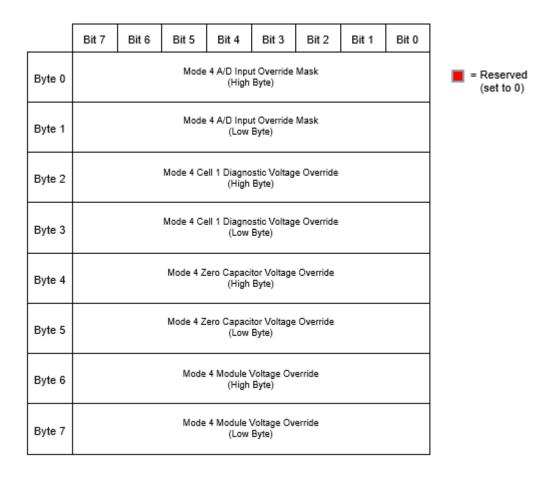


Figure 10 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Request Message 10 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x40A	0x00							

Example:

Interpretation: Mode 4 A/D Input Override Mask = False

Mode 4 Cell 1 Diagnostic Voltage Override = 0 V

Mode 4 Zero Capacitor Voltage Override = 0 V Mode 4 Module Voltage Override = 0 V

3.3.1.8.1 Mode 4 A/D Input Override Mask

Description: Mode 4 A/D input override mask

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Bit mask (specific format unknown)

States: 0 = Ignore corresponding Mode 4 A/D Input Override Input when Mode 4 A/D

Input Override Enable = True

1 = Don't ignore corresponding Mode 4 A/D Input Override Input when Mode 4

A/D Input Override Enable = True

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 A/D Input Override Mask = 0.

3.3.1.8.2 Mode 4 Cell 1 Diagnostic Voltage Override

Description: Mode 4 cell 1 diagnostic voltage override

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell 1 Diagnostic Voltage Override = 0.

3.3.1.8.3 Mode 4 Zero Capacitor Voltage Override

Description: Mode 4 zero capacitor voltage override

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Zero Capacitor Voltage Override = 0.

3.3.1.8.4 Mode 4 Module Voltage Override

Description: Mode 4 module voltage override

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Module Voltage Override = 0.

3.3.1.9 *RLEC 0 - 15 Data Request Message 11*

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Request Message 11 data format is shown in Figure 11. The MLEC transmits Data Request Message 11 as part of a set of 4 Data Request Messages sent to each RLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. When an RLEC receives a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages, it responds by sending a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	RLEC n	Periodic	100 msec.	8

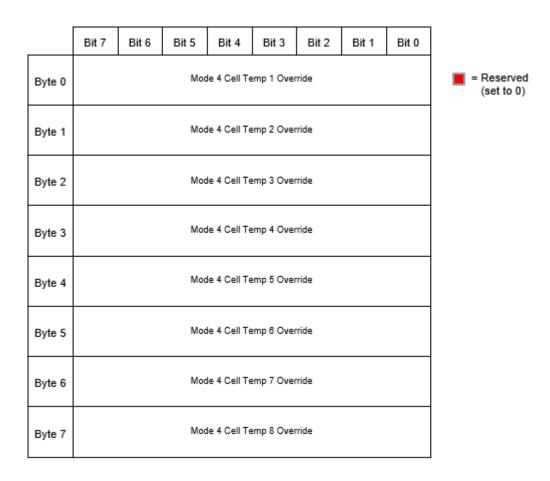


Figure 11 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Request Message 11 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x40B	0x00							

Example:

Interpretation: Mode 4 Cell Temperature 1 Override = 0°C

Mode 4 Cell Temperature 2 Override = 0° C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 3 Override = 0° C

Mode 4 Cell Temperature 4 Override = 0°C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 5 Override = 0°C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 6 Override = 0°C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 7 Override = 0°C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 8 Override = 0°C

3.3.1.9.1 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 1 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 1 override

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 1 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.2 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 2 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 2 override

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 2 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.3 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 3 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 3 override

Position: Byte 2

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 3 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.4 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 4 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 4 override

Position: Byte 3

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 4 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.5 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 5 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 5 override

Position: Byte 4

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 5 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.6 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 6 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 6 override

Position: Byte 5

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 6 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.7 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 7 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 7 override

Position: Byte 6

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 7 Override = 0.

3.3.1.9.8 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 8 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 8 override

Position: Byte 7

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 8 Override = 0.

3.3.1.10 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Request Message 12

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Request Message 12 data format is shown in Figure 12. The MLEC transmits Data Request Message 12 as part of a set of 4 Data Request Messages sent to each RLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. When an RLEC receives a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages, it responds by sending a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
MLEC	RLEC n	Periodic	100 msec.	8

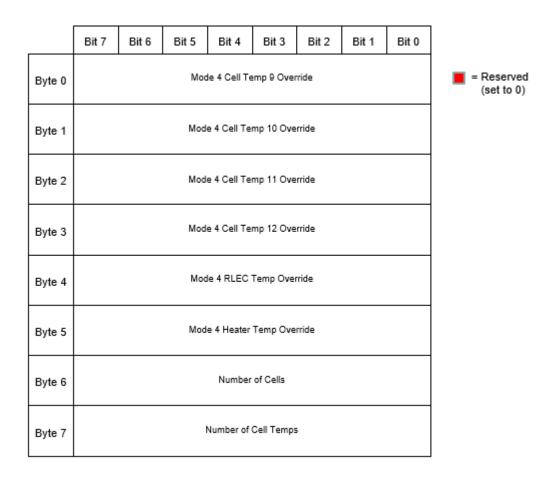


Figure 12 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Request Message 12 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x40C	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x0C	0x0C

Example:

Interpretation: Mode 4 Cell Temperature 9 Override = 0°C

Mode 4 Cell Temperature 10 Override = 0°C

Mode 4 Cell Temperature 11 Override = 0°C Mode 4 Cell Temperature 12 Override = 0°C Mode 4 RLEC Temperature Override = 0°C Mode 4 Heater Temperature Override = 0°C

Number of Cells = 12

Number of Cell Temperatures = 12

3.3.1.10.1 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 9 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 9 override

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 9 Override = 0.

3.3.1.10.2 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 10 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 10 override

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 10 Override = 0.

3.3.1.10.3 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 11 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 11 override

Position: Byte 2

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 11 Override = 0.

3.3.1.10.4 Mode 4 Cell Temperature 12 Override

Description: Mode 4 cell temperature 12 override

Position: Byte 3

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Cell Temperature 12 Override = 0.

3.3.1.10.5 Mode 4 RLEC Temperature Override

Description: Mode 4 RLEC board temperature override

Position: Byte 4

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Board Temperature Override = 0.

3.3.1.10.6 Mode 4 Heater Temperature Override

Description: Mode 4 heater temperature override

Position: Byte 5

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C
Default Value: 0

RLEC Processing: Special RLEC diagnostics mode.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set Mode 4 Heater Temperature Override = 0.

Note: The RLEC heater temperature input is related to a previous RLEC hardware

design. The current RLEC hardware design does not include an actual heater

temperature input.

3.3.1.10.7 **Number of Cells**

Description: Number of cell pairs for this specific battery module (i.e. RLEC-specific)

Position: Byte 6

Format: Constant integer

Value: 12

RLEC Processing: RLEC-specific battery module cell configuration information for RLEC software. It

is believed that a non-zero value will override the "Number of Cells" parameter

in Broadcast Message 1 however this has not been verified.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set to 12 for the A306 battery module hardware configuration.

3.3.1.10.8 Number of Cell Temperatures

Description: Number of cell temperature sensors for this specific battery module (i.e. RLEC-

specific)

Position: Byte 7

Format: Constant integer

Value: 12

RLEC Processing: Battery module cell temperature sensor configuration information for RLEC

software. It is believed that a non-zero value will override the "Number of Cell Temps" parameter in Broadcast Message 1 however this has not been verified.

Prog. Guidelines: Always set to 12 for the A306 battery module hardware configuration.

3.3.2 Tx Messages

3.3.2.1 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 1

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 1 data format is shown in Figure 13. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 1 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

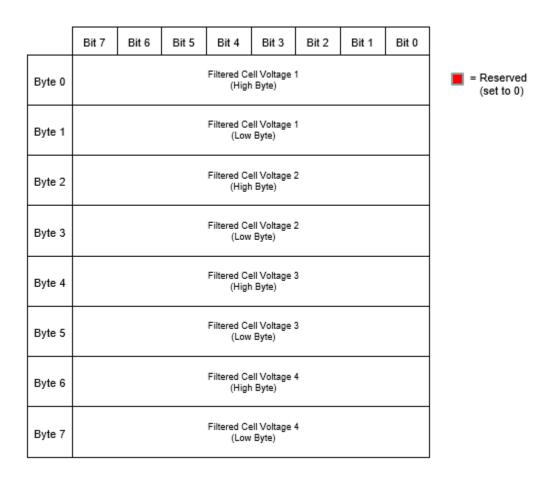


Figure 13 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 1 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x001	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Filtered Cell Voltage 1 = 3.599 V

Filtered Cell Voltage 2 = 3.611 V Filtered Cell Voltage 3 = 3.584 V Filtered Cell Voltage 4 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.1.1 Filtered Cell Voltage 1

Description: Filtered cell voltage 1

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.1.2 Filtered Cell Voltage 2

Description: Filtered cell voltage 2

Position: Bytes 2 – 3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.1.3 Filtered Cell Voltage 3

Description: Filtered cell voltage 3

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.1.4 Filtered Cell Voltage 4

Description: Filtered cell voltage 4

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.2 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 2

The RLEC n (where n=0-15) Data Response Message 2 data format is shown in Figure 14. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 2 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

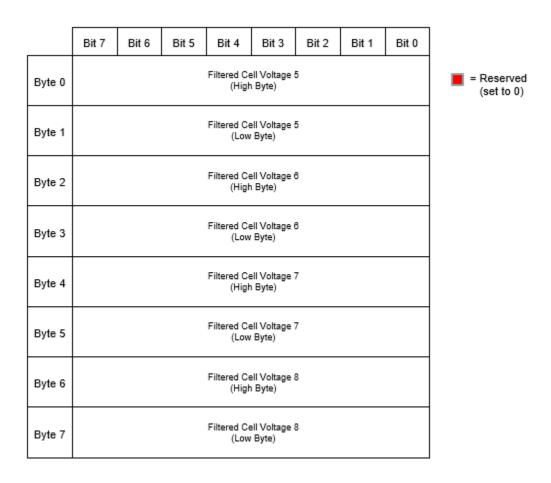


Figure 14 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 2 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x002	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Filtered Cell Voltage 5 = 3.599 V

Filtered Cell Voltage 6 = 3.611 V Filtered Cell Voltage 7 = 3.584 V Filtered Cell Voltage 8 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.2.1 Filtered Cell Voltage 5

Description: Filtered cell voltage 5

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.2.2 Filtered Cell Voltage 6

Description: Filtered cell voltage 6

Position: Bytes 2 – 3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.2.3 Filtered Cell Voltage 7

Description: Filtered cell voltage 7

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.2.4 Filtered Cell Voltage 8

Description: Filtered cell voltage 8

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.3 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 3

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 3 data format is shown in Figure 15. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 3 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

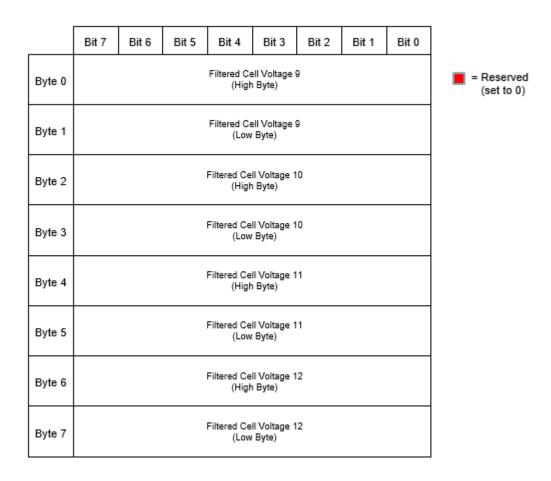


Figure 15 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 3 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x003	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Filtered Cell Voltage 9 = 3.599 V

Filtered Cell Voltage 10 = 3.611 V Filtered Cell Voltage 11 = 3.584 V Filtered Cell Voltage 12 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.3.1 Filtered Cell Voltage 9

Description: Filtered cell voltage 9

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.3.2 Filtered Cell Voltage 10

Description: Filtered cell voltage 10

Position: Bytes 2 – 3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.3.3 Filtered Cell Voltage 11

Description: Filtered cell voltage 11

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.3.4 Filtered Cell Voltage 12

Description: Filtered cell voltage 12

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses filtered cell voltages for all cell voltage processing, e.g. SOC

calculations, current limiting, fault detection, etc.

3.3.2.4 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 4

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 4 data format is shown in Figure 16. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 4 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes	
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8	

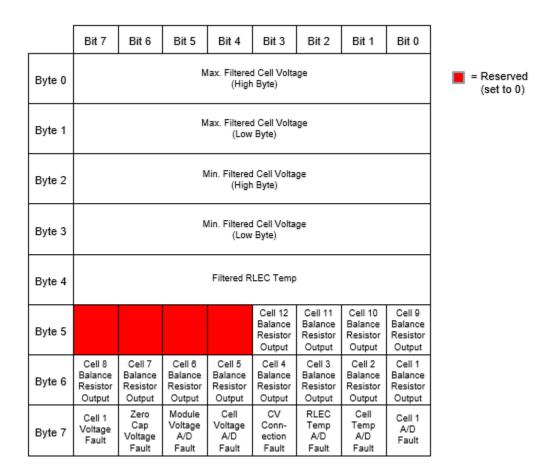


Figure 16 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 4 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x004	0x05	0xCA	0x05	0xBD	0x23	0x05	0x55	0x00

Example:

Interpretation: Max. Filtered Cell Voltage = 3.616 V

Min. Filtered Cell Voltage = 3.584 V

Filtered RLEC Temp = 35°C

Cell Balance Resistors 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 = ON Cell Balance Resistors 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 = OFF

All RLEC Faults = False

3.3.2.4.1 Max. Filtered Cell Voltage

Description: Highest filtered cell voltage for this RLEC

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Same as for filtered cell voltages 1 - 12.

Note: In addition to providing filtered cell voltages 1 – 12, the RLEC provides the max.

filtered cell voltage as a convenience.

3.3.2.4.2 Min. Filtered Cell Voltage

Description: Lowest filtered cell voltage for this RLEC

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Same as for filtered cell voltages 1 - 12.

Note: In addition to providing filtered cell voltages 1 - 12, the RLEC provides the min.

filtered cell voltage as a convenience.

3.3.2.4.3 Filtered RLEC Temperature

Description: Filtered RLEC board temperature

Position: Byte 4

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses the filtered RLEC temperature to check for RLEC

overtemperature faults.

3.3.2.4.4 Cell Balance Resistor Outputs 1 – 12

Description: Current status of cell balance resistor outputs 1 - 12, i.e. enabled (on) vs.

disabled (off)

Position: Bytes 5 – 6
Format: Boolean

States: 0 = Cell balance resistor disabled (off)

1 = Cell balance resistor enabled (on)

MLEC Processing: None

Note: The cell balance resistor output status is provided for informational purposes.

3.3.2.4.5 **Cell 1 A/D Fault**

Description: Cell 1 redundant voltage measurement circuit A/D fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 0Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Cell 1 A/D fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC cell voltage measurements may

be invalid. This is considered a critical fault and the MLEC responds by opening

the main contactors.

Note: Cell 1 if the first/lowest cell in the battery module.

3.3.2.4.6 **Cell Temp A/D Fault**

Description: Cell temperature measurement circuit A/D fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 1Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Cell temperature A/D fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC cell temperature measurements

are invalid. This is not considered a critical fault, however and the MLEC does

not open the main contactors in response.

3.3.2.4.7 **RLEC Temp A/D Fault**

Description: RLEC board temperature measurement circuit A/D fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 2Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = RLEC board temperature A/D fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC board temperature

measurements is invalid. This is not considered a critical fault, however and the

MLEC does not open the main contactors in response.

3.3.2.4.8 Cell Voltage Connection Fault

Description: High impedance cell voltage connection fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 3Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Cell voltage connection fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that high impedance connections have been

detected in the RLEC cell voltage measurement circuit and as a result, the RLEC cell voltage measurements may be invalid. This is considered a critical fault and

the MLEC responds by opening the main contactors.

3.3.2.4.9 Cell Voltage A/D Fault

Description: Cell primary voltage measurement circuit A/D fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 4Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Cell voltage A/D fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC cell voltage measurements are

invalid. This is considered a critical fault and the MLEC responds by opening the

main contactors.

3.3.2.4.10 Module Voltage A/D Fault

Description: Module voltage measurement circuit A/D fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 5Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Module voltage A/D fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC module voltage measurement is

invalid. While this is not considered a critical fault from the RLEC perspective, the MLEC uses module voltage to validate cell voltage measurements. When the

module voltage measurement is invalid, the cell voltage measurement

validation checks fail and the MLEC ultimately responds by opening the main contactors.

3.3.2.4.11 Zero Capacitor Voltage Fault

Description: Zero capacitor voltage fault flag

Position:Byte 7, Bit 6Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Zero capacitor voltage fault

MLEC Processing: This fault flag is a legacy from an earlier RLEC hardware design and is no longer

valid. This fault should never be set and there is no MLEC response to this fault.

3.3.2.4.12 **Cell 1 Voltage Fault**

Description: This fault indicates that the primary cell 1 voltage measurement differs from the

redundant cell 1 voltage measurement by at least 50 mV

Position:Byte 7, Bit 7Format:BooleanStates:0 = No fault

1 = Cell 1 voltage fault

MLEC Processing: This fault indicates to the MLEC that the RLEC cell voltage measurements may

be invalid. This is considered a critical fault and the MLEC responds by opening

the main contactors.

Note: Cell 1 if the first/lowest cell in the battery module.

3.3.2.5 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 5

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 5 data format is shown in Figure 17. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 5 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

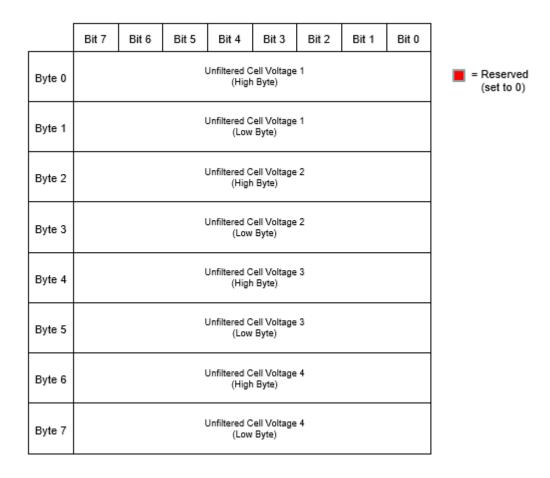


Figure 17 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 5 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x005	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Unfiltered Cell Voltage 1 = 3.599 V

Unfiltered Cell Voltage 2 = 3.611 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 3 = 3.584 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 4 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.5.1 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 1

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 1

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.5.2 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 2

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 2

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.5.3 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 3

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 3

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.5.4 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 4

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 4

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.6 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 6

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 6 data format is shown in Figure 18. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 6 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

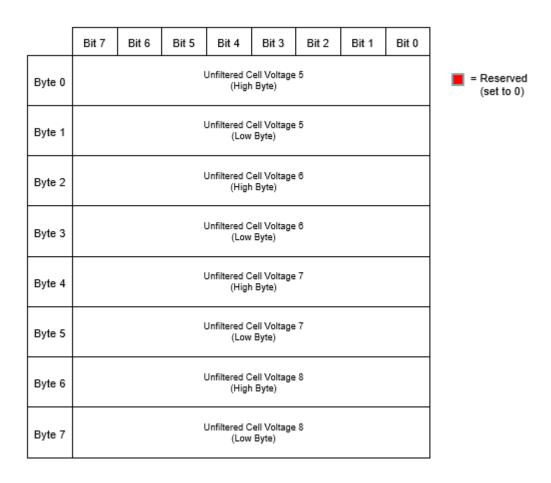


Figure 18 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 6 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x006	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Unfiltered Cell Voltage 5 = 3.599 V

Unfiltered Cell Voltage 6 = 3.611 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 7 = 3.584 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 8 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.6.1 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 5

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 5

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.6.2 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 6

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 6

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.6.3 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 7

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 7

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.6.4 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 8

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 8

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.7 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 7

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 7 data format is shown in Figure 19. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 7 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

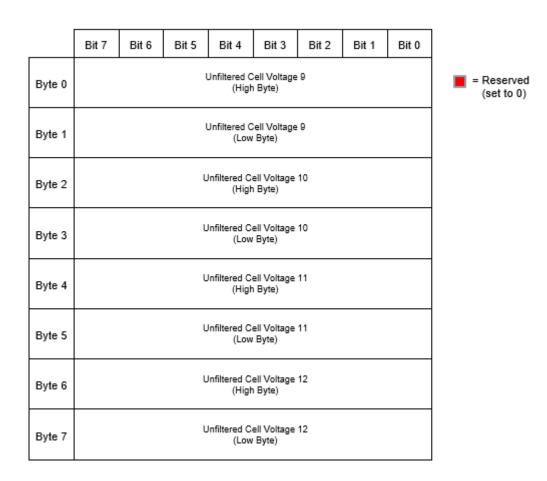


Figure 19 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 7 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x007	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Unfiltered Cell Voltage 9 = 3.599 V

Unfiltered Cell Voltage 10 = 3.611 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 11 = 3.584 V Unfiltered Cell Voltage 12 = 3.616 V

3.3.2.7.1 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 9

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 9

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.7.2 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 10

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 10

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.7.3 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 11

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 11

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.7.4 Unfiltered Cell Voltage 12

Description: Unfiltered cell voltage 12

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Unfiltered cell voltages are ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.8 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 8

The RLEC n (where n=0-15) Data Response Message 8 data format is shown in Figure 20. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 8 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

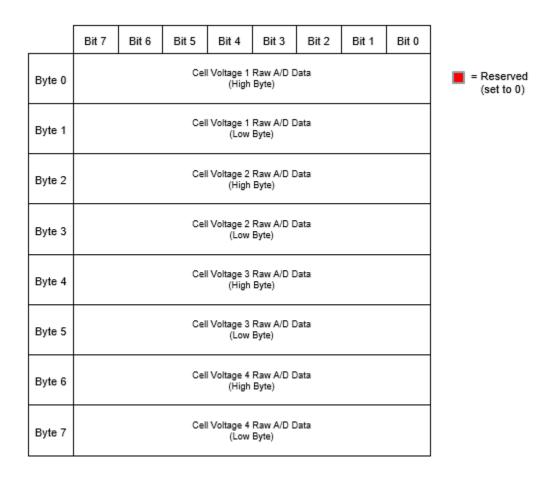


Figure 20 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 8 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x008	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Cell Voltage 1 Raw A/D Data = 3.599 V

Cell Voltage 2 Raw A/D Data = 3.611 V Cell Voltage 3 Raw A/D Data = 3.584 V Cell Voltage 4 Raw A/D Data = 3.616 V

3.3.2.8.1 Cell Voltage 1 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 1 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.8.2 Cell Voltage 2 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 2 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.8.3 Cell Voltage 3 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 3 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.8.4 Cell Voltage 4 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 4 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.9 *RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 9*

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 9 data format is shown in Figure 21. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 9 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8

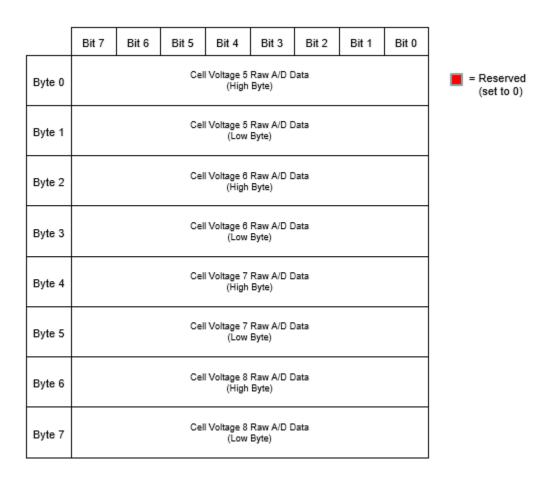


Figure 21 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 9 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x009	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Cell Voltage 5 Raw A/D Data = 3.599 V

Cell Voltage 6 Raw A/D Data = 3.611 V Cell Voltage 7 Raw A/D Data = 3.584 V Cell Voltage 8 Raw A/D Data = 3.616 V

3.3.2.9.1 Cell Voltage 5 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 5 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.9.2 Cell Voltage 6 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 6 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.9.3 Cell Voltage 7 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 7 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 4-5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.9.4 Cell Voltage 8 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 8 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.10 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 10

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 10 data format is shown in Figure 22. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 10 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes	
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8	

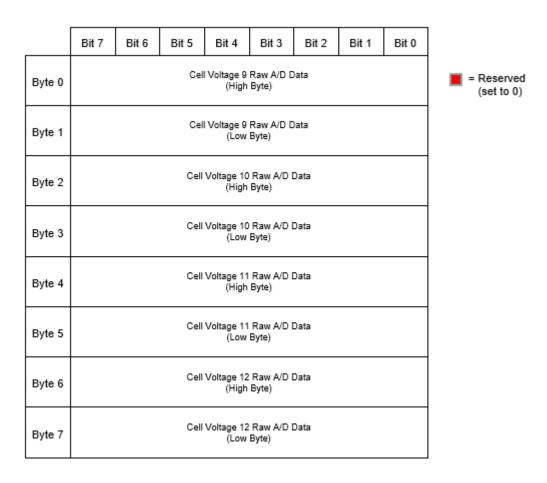


Figure 22 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 10 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x00A	0x05	0xC3	0x05	0xC8	0x05	0xBD	0x05	0xCA

Example:

Interpretation: Cell Voltage 9 Raw A/D Data = 3.599 V

Cell Voltage 10 Raw A/D Data = 3.611 V Cell Voltage 11 Raw A/D Data = 3.584 V Cell Voltage 12 Raw A/D Data = 3.616 V

3.3.2.10.1 Cell Voltage 9 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 9 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0 − 5 V *Resolution:* 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.10.2 Cell Voltage 10 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 10 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.10.3 Cell Voltage 11 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 11 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.10.4 Cell Voltage 12 Raw A/D Data

Description: Cell voltage 12 raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 6-7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Raw cell voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

3.3.2.11 RLEC 0 - 15 Data Response Message 11

The RLEC n (where n=0-15) Data Response Message 11 data format is shown in Figure 23. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 11 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes	
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8	

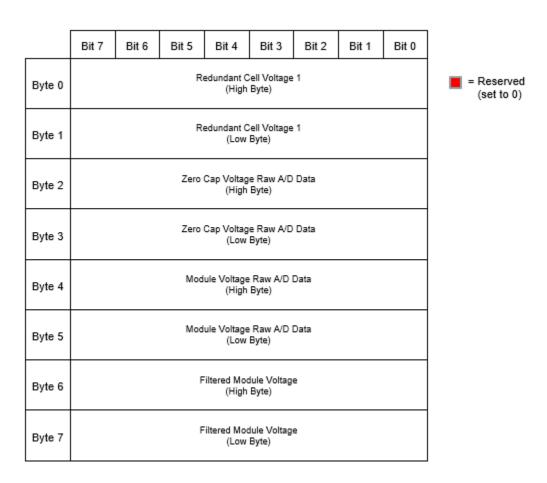


Figure 23 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 11 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x00B	0x05	0xC8	0x00	0x12	0x0D	0xDE	0x0D	0xD7

Example:

Interpretation: Redundant Cell Voltage 1 = 3.611 V

Zero Capacitor Voltage Raw A/D Data = 0.044 V Module Voltage Raw A/D Data = 43.31 V Filtered Module Voltage = 43.23 V

3.3.2.11.1 Redundant Cell Voltage 1

Description: Filtered redundant cell voltage 1 measurement from secondary cell voltage 1

measurement circuit

Position: Bytes 0-1

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: Redundant cell voltage 1 is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses filtered cell

voltages for all cell voltage processing.)

Note: The RLEC compares the redundant cell voltage 1 value to the unfiltered cell

voltage 1 value and if the two values differ by more than 50 mV, the RLEC sets

cell 1 voltage fault in RLEC Data Response Message 4.

3.3.2.11.2 Zero Capacitor Voltage Raw A/D Data

Description: Zero capacitor voltage raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 2-3

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-5 VResolution: 0.00244 V

MLEC Processing: The zero capacitor voltage A/D data is a legacy from an earlier RLEC hardware

design and is ignored by the MLEC. (This value should generally be close to 0 V.)

3.3.2.11.3 Module Voltage Raw A/D Data

Description: Module voltage raw A/D data

Position: Bytes 4 – 5

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-60 VResolution: 0.0122 V

MLEC Processing: Raw module voltage A/D data is ignored by the MLEC. (The MLEC uses the

filtered module voltage for all module voltage processing.)

3.3.2.11.4 Filtered Module Voltage

Description: Filtered module voltage

Position: Bytes 6 – 7

Format: Unsigned integer

Range: 0-60 VResolution: 0.0122 V

MLEC Processing: The MLEC uses the filtered module voltage to detect cell voltage measurement

faults by comparing the filtered module voltage to the sum of the filtered cell voltages for the associated battery module. The MLEC also uses the filtered module voltage to detect faults of other filtered module voltages by comparing each filtered module voltage to the average filtered module voltage for all

battery modules.

Note: The filtered module voltage is invalid if a module voltage A/D fault is present in

RLEC Data Response Message 4.

3.3.2.12 RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 12

The RLEC n (where n = 0 - 15) Data Response Message 12 data format is shown in Figure 24. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 12 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes	
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8	

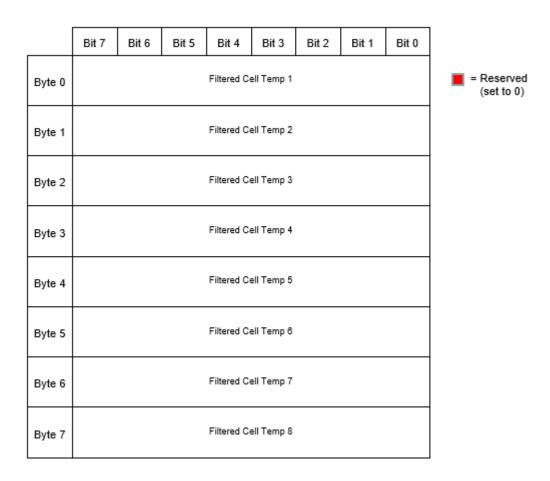


Figure 24 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 12 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x00C	0x1D	0x1E	0x1E	0x1D	0x1D	0x20	0x1F	0x1E

Example:

Interpretation: Filtered Cell Temp 1 = 29°C

Filtered Cell Temp 2 = 30°C Filtered Cell Temp 3 = 30°C Filtered Cell Temp 4 = 29°C Filtered Cell Temp 5 = 29°C Filtered Cell Temp 6 = 32°C Filtered Cell Temp 7 = 31°C Filtered Cell Temp 8 = 30°C

3.3.2.12.1 Filtered Cell Temperature 1

Description: Filtered cell temperature 1

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.2 Filtered Cell Temperature 2

Description: Filtered cell temperature 2

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.3 Filtered Cell Temperature 3

Description: Filtered cell temperature 3

Position: Byte 2

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.4 Filtered Cell Temperature 4

Description: Filtered cell temperature 4

Position: Byte 3

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.5 Filtered Cell Temperature 5

Description: Filtered cell temperature 5

Position: Byte 4

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.6 Filtered Cell Temperature 6

Description: Filtered cell temperature 6

Position: Byte 5

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.7 Filtered Cell Temperature 7

Description: Filtered cell temperature 7

Position: Byte 6

Format: Signed short integer

Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.12.8 Filtered Cell Temperature 8

Description: Filtered cell temperature 8

Position: Byte 7

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.13 RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 13

The RLEC n (where n=0-15) Data Response Message 13 data format is shown in Figure 25. The RLEC transmits Data Response Message 13 as part of a set of 13 Data Response Messages sent to the MLEC. The RLEC transmits a set of 13 Data Response Messages to the MLEC after receiving a complete set of 4 Data Request Messages sent by the MLEC every 100 msec. data collection cycle. Note that the MLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle is not synchronized with the RLEC's 100 msec. data collection cycle and the data in the 13 RLEC Data Response Messages is a snapshot of the current RLEC data.

Source	Destination(s)	Tx Mode	Tx Rate	Data Bytes	
RLEC n	MLEC	Trigger Event	N/A	8	

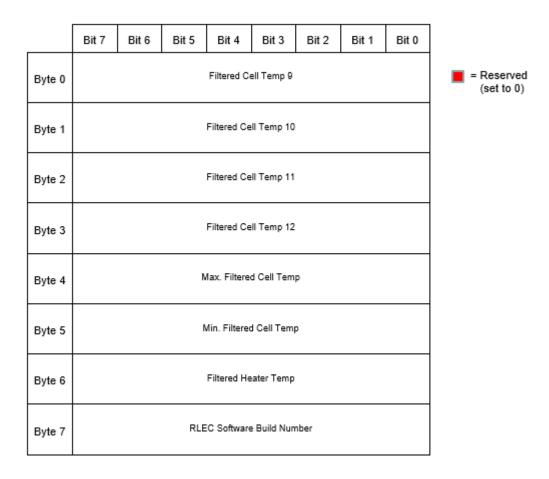


Figure 25 – RLEC 0 – 15 Data Response Message 13 Data Format

Msg ID	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x00D	0x1F	0x1D	0x1E	0x1E	0x20	0x1D	0x00	0x0C

Example:

Interpretation: Filtered Cell Temp 9 = 29°C

Filtered Cell Temp 10 = 30°C Filtered Cell Temp 11 = 30°C Filtered Cell Temp 12 = 29°C Max. Filtered Cell Temp = 32°C Min. Filtered Cell Temp = 29°C Filtered Heater Temp = 0°C

RLEC Software Build Number = 12

3.3.2.13.1 Filtered Cell Temperature 9

Description: Filtered cell temperature 9

Position: Byte 0

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.13.2 Filtered Cell Temperature 10

Description: Filtered cell temperature 10

Position: Byte 1

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.13.3 Filtered Cell Temperature 11

Description: Filtered cell temperature 11

Position: Byte 2

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.13.4 Filtered Cell Temperature 12

Description: Filtered cell temperature 12

Position: Byte 3

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults. In addition, the MLEC limits the maximum and minimum discharge current based on the average filtered cell temperature.

3.3.2.13.5 Max. Filtered Cell Temperature

Description: Highest filtered cell temperature for this battery module

Position: Byte 4

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults.

Note: Max. filtered cell temperature is provided as a convenience.

3.3.2.13.6 Min. Filtered Cell Temperature

Description: Lowest filtered cell temperature for this battery module

Position: Byte 5

Format: Signed short integer Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The MLEC monitors filtered cell temperatures to check for cell overtemperature

and cell undertemperature faults.

Note: Min. filtered cell temperature is provided as a convenience.

3.3.2.13.7 Filtered Heater Temperature

Description: Filtered heater temperature

Position: Byte 6

Format: Signed short integer

Range: -128°C to 127°C

Resolution: 1°C

MLEC Processing: The filtered heater temperature is a legacy from an earlier RLEC hardware

design and is ignored by the MLEC. (This value should normally be 0.)

3.3.2.13.8 RLEC Software Build Number

Description: RLEC application software ID number

Position: Byte 7
Format: Char

Expected Value(s): 0x0C (Constant)

MLEC Processing: It is believed that the MLEC ignores the RLEC software build number and

assumes that it is compatible with the RLEC software interface.

Note: The RLEC software build number is provided for software identification

purposes and is primarily intended for debugging. However it is believed that there are multiple versions of RLEC software in the field and that the RLEC software build number could potentially be used for software compatibility

checking if necessary.