An IPv6 Routing Header for Source Routes with RPL (draft-ietf-6man-rpl-routing-header-00)

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Background

- ROLL (Routing over Low-Power and Lossy nets)
- RPL DV-based routing protocol for IPv6

- Problem
 - Route across nodes with very limited memory (< 8 kB)
- Solution
 - Use source routing in RPL domain to route across constrained nodes
 - Capable routers may insert/remove source routes on existing datagrams

Proposal

• Define new IPv6 Routing Header type (4)

0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 |

Next Header		Hdr Ext Len	Routing Type = 4	Segments Left
Compr	Pad	Reserved		
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Addresses[1n]				

- Same basic format as RH0
- Compr: Number of prefix bytes elided for each Address[i] (obtained from IPv6 dest address)
- Pad: Number of pad bytes after Address[n]

Proposal

• Processing similar to RH0 but adds constraints:

- Used only for strict source route
- Only used within a RPL routing domain
- Verify that loops do not exist within the source route

Define new ICMP Dest Unreach error

• Sent when strict source route fails

• Use IP-in-IP when inserting/removing RH4

- Does not modify original datagram
- Addresses MTU issues

Status & Next Steps

- Just adopted as WG doc
- Comments/suggestions?