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INTRODUCTION

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As used in the IEC 61968 series, a DMS consists of various distributed application components for the utility to manage electrical distribution networks. These capabilities include monitoring and control of equipment for power delivery, management processes to ensure system reliability, voltage management, demand-side management, outage management, work management, automated mapping and facilities management. Standards interfaces are defined for each class of applications identified in the Interface Reference Model (IRM), which is described in IEC 61968-1.

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1 Scope

This Part of IEC 61968 specifies the information content of a set of message types that can be used to support many of the business functions related to records and asset management. Typical uses of the message types defined in this Part of IEC 61968 include network extension planning, copying feeder or other network data between systems, network or diagram edits and asset inspection. Message types defined in other Parts of IEC 61968 may also be relevant to these use cases.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61968-1, Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 1: Interface architecture and general requirements

IEC 61968-3, Application integration at electric utilities - System interfaces for distribution management - Part 3: Interface for network operations