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INTRODUCTION

This technical specification is part of the IEC 61970 series that define an Application Program Interface (API) for an Energy Management System (EMS).

IEC 61970-301 specifies a Common Information Model (CIM): a logical view of the physical aspects of an electric utility operation. The CIM is described using the Unified Modelling Language (UML), a language used to specify, visualize, and document systems in an object oriented manner.

This part of IEC 61970, which is a technical specification, specifies how to exchange CIM based graphic objects using XML, which details how to display an object. This document defines a format to facilitate efficient graphic data transfer, which will meet the real-time requirements for on-line remote diagram browsing and exchanging.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61970, which is a technical specification, specifies a CIM-based graphic exchange format (CIM/G). It includes graphic file structure and graphic element definitions.

This document supports a mechanism for off-line exchange of graphic displays and on-line remote browsing of diagrams among distinct SCADA/EMS systems that may be provided by multiple vendors and located in different places.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61970-301, *Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 301: Common information model (CIM) base*

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IEC TS 61970-555, *Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 555: CIM based efficient model exchange format*