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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this part of IEC 61968 is to define a standard for the integration of Customer Support (CS), which would include Customer Service, Trouble Management and Point of Sale related components integrated with other systems and business functions within the scope of IEC 61968. The scope of this standard is the exchange of information between a customer support system and other systems within the utility enterprise.

The IEC 61968 series of standards is intended to facilitate *inter-application integration* as opposed to intra-application integration. Intra-application integration is aimed at programs in the same application system, usually communicating with each other using middleware that is embedded in their underlying runtime environment, and tends to be optimised for close, real-time, synchronous connections and interactive request/reply or conversation communication models. IEC 61968, by contrast, is intended to support the inter-application integration of a utility enterprise that needs to connect disparate applications that are already built or new (legacy or purchased applications), each supported by dissimilar runtime environments. Therefore, these interface standards are relevant to loosely coupled applications with more heterogeneity in languages, operating systems, protocols and management tools. This series of standards is intended to support applications that need to exchange data every few seconds, minutes, or hours rather than waiting for a nightly batch run. This series of standards, which are intended to be implemented with middleware services that exchange messages among applications, will complement, not replace, utility data warehouses, database gateways, and operational stores.

As used in IEC 61968, a Distribution Management System (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. Standard interfaces are defined for each class of applications identified in the Interface Reference Model (IRM), which is described in IEC 61968-1: *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Interface Architecture and General Requirements*.

This part of IEC 61968 contains the clauses listed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Document overview for IEC 61968-8

Clause	Title	Purpose
1.	Scope	The scope and purpose of the document are described.
2.	Normative references	Documents that contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this international standard.
3.	Terms, definitions and abbreviations	
4.	Reference and information models	Description of general approach to customer support, reference model, interface reference model, customer support functions and components, message type terms and static information model.
5.	Customer support message types	Message types related to the exchange of information for documents related to customer services.
Annex A	Sample XML schemas for message payloads	To provide XSD information for information use only.

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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 customer support. Typical uses of the message types include service request, customer agreement, and trouble management.

The purpose of this part of IEC 61968 is to define a standard for the integration of customer support (CS), which would include customer service, trouble management and point of sale related components integrated with other systems and business functions within the scope of IEC 61968. The scope of this standard is the exchange of information between a customer support system and other systems within the utility enterprise.

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IEC 60050, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*

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

IEC TS 61968-2, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61968-6, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 6: Interfaces for maintenance and construction*[1]

IEC 61968-11, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 11: Common information model (CIM) extensions for distribution*

IEC 61968-100, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 100: Implementation profiles*

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-300, IEC 61968-2, IEC 62051 and IEC 62055-31 apply.

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