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- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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## INTRODUCTION

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 optimized 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 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.

This Part of IEC 61968 contains the Clauses shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Document overview for IEC 61968-4**

<b>Clause</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
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	Reference and information models	Description of the relevant parts of the interface reference model, static information model and message type naming convention.
4	Records and asset management message types	Message types related to the exchange of information for network data sets, assets, and asset catalogues.

## **APPLICATION INTEGRATION AT ELECTRIC UTILITIES – SYSTEM INTERFACES FOR DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT –**

### **Part 4: Interfaces for records and asset management**

#### **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*

#### **3 Reference and information models**

##### **3.1 General**

The message types defined in IEC 61968-4 are based on a logical partitioning of the DMS business functions and components called the IEC 61968-1 Interface reference model.

As described, in IEC 61968-1, the contents of the message types are based on a static information model to ensure consistency of field names and data types. Each message type is defined as a set of fields copied from the information model classes. The message types defined in this standard are intended to satisfy a majority of typical applications. In some particular project implementations, it may be desirable to modify the set of fields using a methodology such as that described in IEC 61968-1.

##### **3.2 Interface reference model**

It is not the intention of the IEC 61968 series to define the applications and systems that vendors should produce. It is expected that a concrete (physical) application will provide the functionality of one or more abstract (logical) components as listed in this standard. These abstract components are grouped by the business functions of the IEC 61968-1 interface reference model.

##### **3.3 Records and asset management functions and components**

The Records and Asset Management part of the IEC 61968-1 Interface reference model shows those functions and typical components that are applicable to the message types defined in IEC 61968-4.