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## INTRODUCTION

The World Energy Outlook 2013 [13]<sup>1</sup> reported that industry consumed over 40 % of world electricity generation in 2011. Furthermore, industry itself is a significant generator of internal power, with many facilities increasingly implementing their own generation, co-generation and energy storage resources. As a major energy consumer, the ability of some industries to schedule their consumption can be used to minimize peak demands on the electrical grid. As an energy supplier, industries with in-house generation or storage resources can also assist in grid load management. While some larger industrial facilities already manage their use and supply of electric power, more widespread deployment, especially by smaller facilities, will depend upon the availability of a readily available standard interface between industrial automation equipment and the “smart grid”.

NOTE In this document “smart grid” is used to refer to the external-to-industry entity with which industry interacts for the purpose of energy management. In other documents this term may be used to refer to all of the elements, including internal industrial energy elements, which work together to optimize energy generation and use.

Standards are already being developed for home and building automation interfaces to the grid; however the requirements for industrial facilities differ significantly and are addressed in this Technical Specification. Specifically excluded from the scope of this Technical Specification are the protocols needed for the direct control of energy resources within a facility where the control and ultimate liability for such control is delegated by the industrial facility to the external entity.

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# **INDUSTRIAL-PROCESS MEASUREMENT, CONTROL AND AUTOMATION SYSTEM INTERFACE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND THE SMART GRID**

## **1 Scope**

This Technical Specification defines the interface, in terms of information flow, between industrial facilities and the “smart grid”. It identifies, profiles and extends where required, the standards needed to allow the exchange of the information needed to support the planning, management and control of electric energy flow between the industrial facility and the smart grid.

Industry is a major consumer of electric power and in many cases this consumption can be scheduled to assist in minimizing overall peak demands on the smart grid. In addition, many industrial facilities have in-house generation or storage resources which can also assist in smart grid load management. While some larger industrial facilities already manage their use and supply of electric power, more widespread deployment, especially by smaller facilities, will depend upon the availability of readily available standard automated interfaces.

Standards are already being developed for home and building automation interfaces to the smart grid; however the requirements of industry differ significantly and are addressed in this Technical Specification. For industry, the operation of energy resources within the facility will remain the responsibility of the facility operator. Incorrect operation of a resource could impact the safety of personnel, the facility, the environment or lead to production failure and equipment damage. In addition, larger facilities may have in-house production planning capabilities which might be co-ordinated with smart grid planning, to allow longer term energy planning.

Specifically excluded from the scope of this Technical Specification are the protocols needed for the direct control of energy resources within a facility where the control and ultimate liability for such direct control is delegated by the industrial facility to an external entity (e.g. distributed energy resource (DER) control by the electrical grid operator).

## **2 Normative references**

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

IEC 62264-1, *Enterprise-control system integration - Part 1: Models and terminology*

IEC 62264-3, *Enterprise-control system integration - Part 3: Activity models of manufacturing operations management*

IEC TS 62443-1-1, *Industrial communication networks - Network and system security - Part 1-1: Terminology, concepts and models*

IEC 62443-2-1, *Industrial communication networks - Network and system security - Part 2-1: Establishing an industrial automation and control system security program*

IEC TR 62443-3-1, *Industrial communication networks - Network and system security - Part 3-1: Security technologies for industrial automation and control systems*



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