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- a) update of IRM table which has been out of date since the 1st edition;
- b) addition of missing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) related functions;
- c) alignment with newly released documents from the technical committee;
- d) alignment with IEC 61968-100;
- e) update of annexes.

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8	Interface standard for customer support ⁴
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11	Common information model (CIM) extensions for distribution
13	CIM RDF model exchange format for distribution
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