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- d) updates, addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for TCP/IP interface object in 7.5;
- e) addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for Ethernet Link object in 7.6;
- f) update of Get/Set\_Attributes\_All parameters for the Connection Configuration object in 7.8;
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