Communication is more than exchanging data; it means globally understandable information based on syntax and semantic. This is behind IEC 61850, the topic of this issue of *ABB Review* Special Report.

Electric energy is the backbone of our global society. Its reliable supply from conventional and renewable sources via complex networks requires seamless control that is only possible with the help of a standard providing a high-level and comprehensive description of the information exchanged. ABB serves the power system with substations as well as utility automation solutions. Learn more about IEC 61850 and ABB's commitment from the onset both to developing the standard and implementing it in products and system solutions.

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