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- a) Figure 8 and Figure 20 have been updated, a new Figure 18 "LCC/VSC hybrid bipolar system" has been added;
- b) the HVDC system control objectives have been supplemented;
- c) additional explanations regarding the HVDC system control structure have been given;
- d) a new subclause 13.6 on HVDC system protection has been added.

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## INTRODUCTION

The difference between system performance specifications and equipment design specifications for individual components of a system is realized. Frequently, performance specifications are prepared as a single package for the two HVDC substations in a particular system. Alternatively, some parts of the HVDC system can be separately specified and purchased. In such cases, due consideration ~~should be~~ is given to coordination of each part with the overall HVDC system performance objectives and to ensuring that the interface of each with the system ~~should be~~ is clearly defined. Typical of such parts, listed in the appropriate order of relative ease for separate treatment and interface definition, are:

- a) DC line, electrode line and earth electrode;
- b) telecommunication system;
- c) converter building, foundations and other civil engineering work;
- d) reactive power supply including AC shunt capacitor banks, shunt reactors, synchronous and static reactive power (var) compensators;
- e) AC switchgear;
- f) DC switchgear;
- g) auxiliary systems;
- h) AC filters;
- i) DC filters;
- j) DC reactors;
- k) converter transformers;
- l) surge arresters;
- m) series commutation capacitors;
- n) valves and their ancillaries;
- o) control and protection systems.

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Clause 4 to Clause 22 of this document set out a complete steady-state performance specification for an HVDC system ~~should consider Clauses 3 to 21 of this report.~~

~~Terms and definitions for high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission used in this report are given in IEC 60633.~~

Since the equipment items are usually separately specified and purchased, the HVDC transmission line, earth electrode line and earth electrode (see Clause 11) are included only because of their influence on the HVDC system performance.

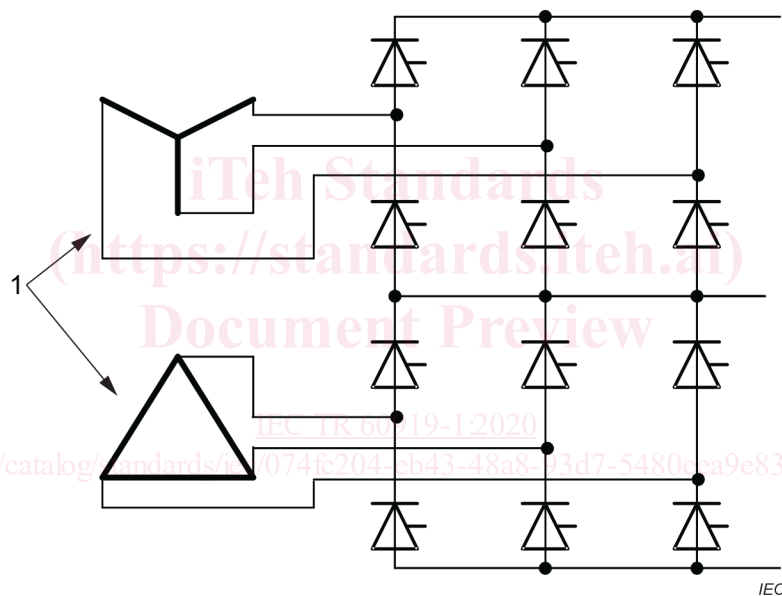
For the purpose of this document, an HVDC substation is assumed to consist of one or more converter units installed in a single location together with buildings, reactors, filters, reactive power supply, control, monitoring, protective, measuring and auxiliary equipment. While there is no discussion of AC switching substations in this document, AC filters and reactive power sources are included, although they ~~may~~ can be connected to an AC bus separate from the HVDC substation, as discussed in Clause 17.

# PERFORMANCE OF HIGH-VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) SYSTEMS WITH LINE-COMMUTATED CONVERTERS –

## Part 1: Steady-state conditions

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60919 provides general guidance on the steady-state performance requirements of high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems. It concerns the steady-state performance of two-terminal HVDC systems utilizing 12-pulse converter units comprised of three-phase bridge (double-way) connections (see Figure 1), but it does not cover multi-terminal HVDC transmission systems. Both terminals are assumed to use thyristor valves as the main semiconductor valves and to have power flow capability in both directions. Diode valves are not considered in this document.



#### Key

- 1 Transformer valve windings

**Figure 1 – Twelve-pulse converter unit**

Only line-commutated converters are covered in this document, which includes capacitor commutated converter circuit configurations. General ~~requirements for~~ aspects of semiconductor line-commutated converters are given in IEC 60146-1-1, IEC TR 60146-1-2 and IEC 60146-1-3. Voltage-sourced converters are not considered.

~~This technical report, which covers steady-state performance, is followed by additional documents on dynamic performance and transient performance. All three aspects should be considered when preparing two-terminal HVDC system specifications.~~

The ~~difference~~ distinction is made between system performance specifications and equipment design specifications for individual components of a system ~~should be realized~~. Equipment specifications and testing requirements are not defined in this document. Also excluded from this document are detailed seismic performance requirements. In addition, because there are many variations between different possible HVDC systems, this document does not consider these in detail; consequently, it ~~should~~ is not ~~be~~ used directly as a specification for a

particular project, but rather to provide the basis for an appropriate specification tailored to fit actual system requirements.

This document, which covers steady-state performance, is followed by the additional documents of IEC TR 60919-2 on faults and switching as well as IEC TR 60919-3 on dynamic conditions. All three aspects are considered when preparing two-terminal HVDC system specifications.

## 2 Normative references

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~~IEC 60146-1-1, Semiconductor converters — General requirements and line commutated converters — Part 1-1: Specifications of basic requirements~~

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~~IEC 60146-1-3, Semiconductor converters — General requirements and line commutated converters — Part 1-3: Transformers and reactors~~

IEC 60633, ~~Terminology for High-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission – Vocabulary~~

CIGRÉ Technical Brochure (TB) No. 391:2009, *Guide for measurement of radio frequency interference from HV and MV substations. Disturbance propagation, characteristics of disturbance sources, measurement techniques, conversion methodologies and limits*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60633 apply.

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## 4 Types of HVDC systems

### 4.1 General

This part of the specification should include the following basic data:

- a) general information on the location of the HVDC substations and the purpose of the project;
- b) type of system needed, including a simple one-line diagram;
- c) number of 12-pulse converter units;
- d) pertinent information derived from the discussion in Clause 4.

Generally, in studies of projects of the types discussed in this document, economic considerations should take into account the capital costs, the cost of losses, cost of outages and other expected annual expenses.