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- client device conformance test procedures have been added;
- sampled values device conformance test procedures have been added;
- (engineering) tool related conformance test procedures have been added;
- GOOSE performance test procedures have been added.



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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61850 is part of a set of specifications which details a layered power utility communication architecture.

This part of IEC 61850 defines:

- the methods and abstract test cases for conformance testing of client, server and sampled values devices used in power utility automation systems, and
- the methods and abstract test cases for conformance testing of engineering tools used in power utility automation systems, and
- the metrics to be measured within devices according to the requirements defined in IEC 61850-5.

The intended readers are IEC 61850 developers, test engineers and test system developers.

NOTE 1 Tests regarding EMC requirements and environmental conditions are subject to IEC 61850-3 and not included in this part of IEC 61850.

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### Part 10: Conformance testing

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850 specifies standard techniques for testing of conformance of client, server and sampled value devices and engineering tools, as well as specific measurement techniques to be applied when declaring performance parameters. The use of these techniques will enhance the ability of the system integrator to integrate IEDs easily, operate IEDs correctly, and support the applications as intended.

NOTE The role of the test facilities for conformance testing and certifying the results is beyond the scope of this part of IEC 61850.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61850-5:2003, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 5: Communication requirements for functions and devices models*

IEC 61850-6:2009, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs*

IEC 61850-7-1:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-1: Basic communication structure – Principles and models*

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IEC 61850-7-3:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes*

IEC 61850-7-4:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

IEC 61850-8-1:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 8-1: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO/IEC 9506-1 and ISO/IEC 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3*

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ISO/IEC 9646 (all parts), *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Conformance testing methodology and framework*

ISO 9001 (all parts), *Quality management systems*

ISO 9506 (all parts), *Industrial automation systems – Manufacturing Message Specification*

IEEE 1588:2008, *Standard for a precision clock synchronization protocol for networked measurement and control systems*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61850-2 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **factory acceptance test FAT**

customer-agreed functional tests of the specifically manufactured power utility automation system or its parts using the parameter set for the planned application as specified in a specific customer specification

Note 1 to entry: The FAT will be carried out in the factory of the manufacturer or other agreed-upon location by the use of process simulating test equipment.

#### 3.2

##### **hold point**

point, defined in the appropriate document beyond which an activity shall not proceed without the approval of the initiator of the conformance test

Note 1 to entry: The test facility shall provide a written notice to the initiator at an agreed time prior to the hold point. The initiator or his representative is obligated to verify the hold point and approve the proceeding of the activity.

#### 3.3

##### **interoperability**

ability of two or more IEDs from the same vendor (or different vendors) to exchange information and use that information for correct co-operation.

Set of values having defined correspondence with the quantities or values of another set

#### 3.4

##### **model implementation conformance statement**

##### **MICS**

statement that details the standard data object model elements supported by the system or device

### 3.5

#### **negative test**

test to verify the correct response of a system or a device when subjected to:

- IEC 61850 series conformant information and services which are not implemented in the system or device under test;
- non IEC 61850 series conformant information and services sent to the system or device under test

### 3.6

#### **protocol implementation conformance statement**

##### **PICS**

statement with the summary of the communication capabilities of the system or device to be tested

### 3.7

#### **protocol implementation extra Information for testing**

##### **PIXIT**

statement with system or device specific information regarding the communication capabilities of the system or device to be tested and which are outside the scope of the IEC 61850 series. The PIXIT is not subject to standardisation.

### 3.8

#### **routine test**

performed by the manufacturer in order to ensure device operation and safety

### 3.9

#### **site acceptance test**

##### **SAT**

verification of each data and control point and the correct functionality within the PUAS and between the PUAS and its operating environment at the whole installed plant by use of the final parameter set as specified in a specific customer specification

Note 1 to entry: The SAT is the precondition for the power utility automation system (PUAS) being put into operation.

### 3.10

#### **SCL implementation conformance statement**

##### **SICS**

statement with the summary of the capabilities of the SCL engineering tool

### 3.11

#### **system related test**

verification of correct behaviour of the IEDs and of the overall PUAS under specific application conditions

Note 1 to entry: The system related test is part of the final stage of the development of IEDs as belonging to a PUAS-product family.

### 3.12

#### **test equipment**

all tools and instruments which simulate and verify the input/outputs of the operating environment of the PUAS such as switchgear, transformers, network control centres or connected telecommunication units on the one side, and the serial links between the IEDs of the PUAS on the other

### 3.13

#### **test facility**

organisation able to provide appropriate test equipment and trained staff for conformance testing

Note 1 to entry: The management of conformance tests and the resulting information should follow a quality system.

**3.14**  
**technical issues conformance statement**  
**TICS**

statement with device specific information regarding the implemented technical issues detected after publication of the standard. The TICS is not subject to standardisation.

**3.15**  
**type test**

verification of correct behaviour of the IEDs of the PUAS by use of the system tested software under the test conditions corresponding with the technical data

Note 1 to entry: The type test marks the final stage of the hardware development and is the precondition for the start of the production. This test is carried out with IEDs, which have been manufactured through the normal production cycle.

**3.16**  
**witness point**

point, defined in the appropriate document, at which an inspection will take place on an activity


Note 1 to entry: The activity may proceed without the approval of the initiator of the conformance test. The test facility provides a written notice to the initiator at an agreed time prior to the witness point. The initiator or his representative has the right, but is not obligated, to verify the witness point.

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**4 Abbreviated terms**

ACSI	abstract communication service interface
BRCB	buffered report control block
CDC	common data class
DUT	device under test
FAT	factory acceptance test
GI	general interrogation
GoCB	GOOSE control block
GOOSE	generic object oriented substation events
HMI	human machine interface
HSR	high availability seamless ring
ICD	IED capability description
IED	intelligent electronic device
IID	instantiated IED description
IP	internet protocol
LCB	log control block
LD	logical device
LN	logical node
MICS	model implementation conformance statement
MMS	manufacturing message specification (ISO 9506 series)
MSVCB	multicast sampled value control block
PICS	protocol implementation conformance statement
PIXIT	protocol implementation extra information for testing
PPS	pulse per second

PRP	parallel redundancy protocol
PUAS	power utility automation system
SAT	site acceptance test
SAV	sampled analogue values (IEC 61850-9-2)
SCD	substation configuration description
SCL	substation configuration language
SCSM	specific communication service mapping
SGCB	setting group control block
SICS	SCL implementation conformance statement
SNTP	simple network time protocol
SSD	system specification description
SV	sampled values
SVCB	sampled values control block
TCP	transport control protocol
TICS	technical issues conformance statement
TPAA	two party application association
TUT	tool under test
URCB	unbuffered report control block
USVCB	unicast sampled values control block
UTC	coordinated universal time
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## 5 Introduction to conformance testing

### 5.1 General

There are many steps involved from the development and production of a device to the proper running of a complete system designed according the specific needs of a customer. Suitable test steps are incorporated in this process.

The quality system of the producer/supplier forms the basis of reliable testing in development and production activities.

Many internal tests during the development of a device (or a system kit) result in a type test (unit level test) performed at least by the provider and – if required by applicable standards – by an independent test authority. In the context of this standard, the term type test is restricted to the functional behaviour of the device.

Continuing routine tests in the production chain are necessary to ensure a constant quality of delivered devices in accordance with the quality procedures of the producer.

A conformance test is the type test for communication and – since communication establishes a system – the system related test of the incorporated IEDs. As a global communications standard, the IEC 61850 series includes standardised conformance tests to ensure that all suppliers comply with applicable requirements.

Type tests and conformance tests do not completely guarantee that all functional and performance requirements are met. However, when properly performed, such tests