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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61400 defines a uniform method that will ensure the measurement, testing and assessment of the electrical characteristics of grid connected wind power plants. These characteristics include: power quality aspects, control characteristics such as power control, reactive power control, voltage control, frequency control, fault ride-through behaviour, as well as grid protection testing.

The measurements and assessment refer to the point of connection (POC) of the power plant. The procedure describes standardized methods, which will allow the developer as well as system operators (e.g. transmission system operators (TSOs) and distribution system operators (DSOs)) to analyze the fulfilment of the grid connection rules with respect to the above-mentioned characteristics.

This document includes the following aspects:

- definition and specification of the quantities to be determined for characterizing the electrical characteristics of grid connected power plants;
- measurement and test procedures for quantifying the electrical characteristics of a power plant;
- measurement and test procedures of the power plant controller;
- procedures and methods for the estimation of electrical capabilities, using results from each of the wind turbine measurements to assess compliance with electrical connection requirements on power plant level;
- test and measurement procedures that can be used as a reference, for example commissioning tests for existing or newly connected power plants;
- procedures for measurement and fault recording for the validation and verification of wind power plant simulation models as described in IEC 61400-27-1 and IEC 61400-27-2.

These measurement procedures are valid for power plants, including the power plant controller (PPC) and other connected equipment necessary for the operation of the power plant. The measurement procedures are valid for any size of power plant connected to the POC with a single interface.

The results of the measurements and assessment of the power plant's electrical characteristics can be used as input for the verification of the electrical simulation models for wind power plants as described in IEC 61400-27-2.

Any aspects described in this document can be tested and reported individually, and it is not mandatory to perform all of the described tests and measurements.

The validation of control functions on the power plant is a combination of the performance of the individual power generation units (PGUs), any additional plant components, the communication system and the PPC.

The control performance of the power plant can be proved by a combination of performance tests on site and functionality tests carried out on a hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) setup.

The validation tests for the control performance are therefore divided into two parts:

- 1) performance tests
- 2) functionality tests

Functionality tests can be carried out either on a specific test setup (HIL test) or on site.

Performance tests, which are site-dependent, are done at each specific site under the specific site conditions and provide together with the functionality tests the complete control performance of the power plant.

Additional tests and measurements may be carried out and reported on for more detailed assessment of simulation models and compliance with specific grid code requirements.

As the described tests can be used for the validation of other renewable power plants, this document uses the following generic abbreviations:

- PGU: power generation unit as an abbreviated term for a wind turbine
- PP: power plant as the abbreviated term for wind power plant

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Part 21-2: Measurement and assessment of electrical characteristics – Wind power plants

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400 defines and specifies the quantities that are determined to characterize the electrical characteristics of grid-connected power plants (PPs).

This document defines the measurement and test procedures for quantifying the electrical characteristics as basis for the verification of compliance of PPs, including:

- power quality aspects,
- steady state operation,
- dynamic response (undervoltage and overvoltage fault ride-through),
- disconnection from grid (grid protection),
- control performance.

This document defines a uniform functionality test and measurement procedure for the power plant controller (PPC), as a basis for the unit test of the power plant controller.

This document defines the procedures for assessing compliance with electrical connection requirements, including the aggregation methods for power quality aspects such as voltage variations, flicker, harmonics and interharmonics.

This document defines the procedures for measurement and fault recording, for example for the verification of power plant electrical simulation models in relation to undervoltage and overvoltage ride-through events.

These measurement procedures are valid for power plants, including the power plant controller and other connected equipment, necessary for the operation of the power plant. The measurement procedures are valid for any size of power plant connected to the point of connection (POC) at one connection point.

The procedures for assessing and verifying the compliance with grid connection requirements are valid for power plants in power systems with fixed frequency and a sufficient short-circuit power.

Out of the scope of this document are:

- evaluation of several power plants, i.e. the control by a cluster management of several power plants (PPs) or evaluation where the power plant is connected to several connection points;
- compliance test and performance requirements, including pass or fail criteria;
- specific component test and validation of the PP equipment (switchgear, cables, transformers, etc.), which are covered by other IEC standards;
- wind power plant model validation, as defined in IEC 61400-27-2;
- load flow calculation methods and load flow study guidelines;
- test and measurement of the communication interface and system of the PP as defined in the IEC 61400-25 series.