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# Executive summary

The present document gives explanation, requirements and guidance for increasing the use of up to 400 V Direct Current (400 VDC) power systems and the distribution to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment. It includes 400 VDC remote powering up to 400 VDC of distributed ICT equipment, the option of interconnection of local renewable energy sources and their connection to DC power nanogrids and other users, extending the resilience capability of the telecommunication network and ICT sites to grid failures and climate change.

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## Introduction

Telecommunication network energy consumption and cost are increasing at a rate of several percentage points per year as reported in Trends in worldwide ICT electricity consumption from 2007 to 2012 [i.11]. The use of up to 400 V Direct Current (400 VDC) architecture (as presented in Table 1, Annex B and Annex C) can result in significant savings.

The use of up to 400 VDC solutions result in energy savings with higher efficiency and reduced distribution losses, reduction in maintenance cost due to higher reliability and lower unavailability, savings in space for power equipment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) rooms (each square metre being of high cost) and, finally, more simplicity in site installation and development.

Different levels of saving and improvement result from a comparison of up to 400 VDC solutions to -48 V solutions (copper savings) or to Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) solutions (reliability, efficiency, easier installation). 400 VDC remote power can be beneficial.

As for the power system, energy savings in addition to those resulting from efficiency improvements depend on the load in the telecommunication or data centre. Energy efficiency should be evaluated at the system level, including the general distribution cabling and voltage conversion stages, as well as the internal power circuits inside the load downstream of the power interface, i.e. conversion architecture in the system (e.g. dual inputs, local back-up, AC/DC rectifier losses).

Indirect savings of up to 400 VDC solutions relate to lifecycle in the production and recycling phase as there should be less passage through copper and electronics as well as less battery usage for given output power and system dependability. Battery capacity and dependability savings are achieved by removing inverter losses if replacing AC UPS or by reducing -48 V distribution losses.

The present document specifies requirements for a safe migration of an existing site to a unified up to 400 VDC powering feeding system, power distribution and the power interface of telecommunication/ICT equipment. It includes requirements relating to the stability, cabling, earthing, as well as bonding and measurement, for the existing site.

The main significant components of up to 400 VDC equipment and additional progressive migration equipment are presented in Figures 2 and 3. These are schematic diagrams that do not show all the electrical arrangement details. The architecture under consideration complies with Recommendation ITU-T L.1204 [14] on electrical architecture, including energy storage defined in ETSI TS 103 553-1 [i.1] or Recommendation ITU-T L.1220 [i.2], technically equivalent, and with ETSI ES 203 474 [9] or Recommendation ITU-T L.1205 [15], technically equivalent, for DC coupling of a local RENEwable Energy (REN) system on site or with DC nano/micro grid interconnecting sites with REN sources and storage or ICT equipment requiring remote powering. Smart DC nanogrids are under study as reported in Intelligent DC Microgrid Living Lab [i.12].

The migration simplifies the use of up to 400 VDC combined with REN and DC nanogrids and should extend resilience capability of telecommunication networks sites to grid failures and climate change.

The present document was developed jointly by ETSI TC EE and ITU-T Study Group 5. It is published respectively by ITU and ETSI as Recommendation ITU-T L.1207 [i.3] and ETSI ES 203 726 (the present document), which are technically-equivalent.



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# 1 Scope

The present document defines solutions for progressive migration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sites (telecommunication and data centres) to up to 400 V Direct Current (400 VDC) distribution and direct use of up to 400 VDC powering ICT equipment from 400 VDC sources. The present document also defines different major use case options and migration scenarios, such as:

- migration to an up to 400 VDC of telecommunication site power solution;
- migration to an up to 400 VDC of data centre power solution;
- migration with up to 400 VDC power transfer between existing -48 V centralized sources to high power density -48 V equipment, such as routers;
- integration of up to 400 VDC remote powering;
- combined architecture with up to 400 VDC and AC sources and distributions possibly using hybrid power interfaces on ICT equipment.

For each of these, the present document describes many possible options and characteristics, such as:

- migration architecture with up to 400 VDC/-48 V conversion to power existing -48 V equipment using existing -48 V room distribution;
- conditions for tripping overcurrent protection devices without -48 V batteries;
- migration architecture with up to 400 VDC/AC inverter as an alternative to the AC UPS to power existing AC equipment;
- use of local up to 400 VDC for remote powering of ICT equipment;
- coupling up to 400 VDC systems to a local REN source or to a DC microgrid;
- possibility of conversion between battery and up to 400 VDC distribution, e.g. for long power distribution or short-circuit current or battery technology (e.g. lithium-ion).

The present document also gives a saving assessment frame reference to define the best migration scenario and its steps by considering energy, resource, environmental impact and cost savings based on functional aspects such as modularity, flexibility, reliability, efficiency and distribution losses, as well as maintenance evolution when migrating from -48 V or Alternating Current (AC) to up to 400 VDC solutions. This also includes consideration of load architecture evolution dependent on use cases (e.g. telecommunication site, data centres).

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