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Part 1: Guideline

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Reflecting the early stage of technology, the technical parameters need comprehensive explanations and background information. This need is reflected in the dual character of the content, which is presented in the two corresponding parts:

- IEC TS 63291-1, Guideline containing the explanations and the background information in context with the parameter lists;
- IEC TS 63291-2, Parameter lists containing the essential lists of parameters and values describing properties of the AC respectively DC system (operating conditions) and parameters describing the performance of the newly installed component (performance requirements).

IEC TS 63291-1 and IEC TS 63291-2 have the same structure to aid the reader.

At the time of writing there is no real-life multi-national, multi-vendor HVDC grid project to which the guideline and parameter lists can be applied. Practical experiences in the near future are expected to provide input for developing these guideline and parameter lists further.

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Part 1: Guideline

1 Scope

This document contains guidelines on planning, specification, and execution of multi-vendor HVDC grid systems also referred to as HVDC grids. The terms "HVDC grid systems" or "HVDC grids" are used in this document to describe HVDC systems for power transmission having more than two HVDC stations connected to a common DC circuit. The DC circuit can be of radial or meshed topology or a combination thereof. In this document, the term "HVDC grids" is used.

While this document focuses on requirements specific for HVDC grids, some requirements are considered applicable to all HVDC systems in general, i.e., including point-to-point HVDC systems. Existing IEC (e.g. IEC TR 63363-1 [1]), Cigre or other relevant documents have been used for reference as far as possible.

Corresponding to electric power transmission applications, this document is applicable to high voltage systems, i.e. those having typically nominal DC voltages higher than 50 kV with respect to earth are considered in this document.

NOTE While the physical principles of DC networks are basically voltage independent, the technical options for designing equipment get much wider with lower DC voltage levels, e.g. in case of converters or switchgear.

This document covers technical aspects of:

- coordination of HVDC grid and AC systems,
- HVDC grid characteristics,
- HVDC grid control,
- HVDC grid protection,
- AC/DC converter stations,
- HVDC grid installations, including DC switching stations and HVDC transmission lines,
- studies and associated models,
- testing.

Beyond the scope of this document, the following content is proposed for future work:

- DC/DC converter stations.

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