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a) Incorporation of annual energy production (AEP), formerly detailed in IEC TS 62600-102, as Annex A in this document and in IEC TS 62600-100.
b) Modification to the list of terms and abbreviations

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INTRODUCTION

This document provides a uniform methodology that will ensure consistency, accuracy and reproducibility in the estimation, measurement, and analysis of the wave energy resource at sites that could be suitable for the installation of Wave Energy Converters (WECs), together with defining a standardised methodology with which this resource can be described. This document, when used in conjunction with other Technical Specifications in this series (IEC TS 62600), is intended for several types of users, including but not limited to the following:

- Project developers and investors to accurately and fairly estimate resource availability and mean annual energy production at a potential project site for income or return on investment calculations.
- Device developers striving to accurately estimate and report potential device performance, or recommend a particular device design to a project developer, given specific site conditions.
- Utilities and owners or operators in calculating reliability and predictability of power supply, as well as return on investment.
- Policy-makers, planners, and regulators who are concerned with accurately planning usage of seascape among stakeholders, optimisation of resources, and power supply issues.
- Consultants involved in producing resource data and conducting due diligence studies, who require a standard, compatible, and readable data format.

Application by all parties of the methodologies recommended in this document will ensure that continuing resource assessment of potential development sites is undertaken in a consistent and accurate manner. This document presents techniques that are expected to provide fair and suitably accurate results that can be replicated by others.

The wave energy resource is primarily defined using hydrodynamic models that are successfully validated against measured data. This document deals directly with the theoretical resource and the main focus of the defined methodology is to generate the resource information required to estimate annual energy production. The capture width of a WEC is estimated using the methodology presented in IEC TS 62600-100. Then, using the capture width information, in conjunction with the resource information generated with the methodology described in this document, the methodology in Annex A is used to calculate annual energy production. A framework for estimating the uncertainty of the wave energy resource estimates is also provided in Annex B.

The development of the wave power industry is at an early stage and the significance of particular wave energy resource characteristics is poorly understood. Because of this, the present document is designated as a Technical Specification and will be subject to change as more data is collected and experience with wave energy conversion develops.

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Part 101: Wave energy resource assessment and characterization

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62600 establishes a system for estimating, analysing and reporting the wave energy resource at sites potentially suitable for the installation of Wave Energy Converters (WECs). This document is to be applied at all stages of site assessment, from initial investigations to detailed project design. This document is to be applied in conjunction with the IEC Technical Specification on WEC performance (IEC TS 62600-100) to estimate the mean annual energy production of a WEC or WEC array as described in the methodology in Annex A. This document is not intended for estimation of extreme wave conditions.

The wave energy resource is primarily defined using hydrodynamic models that are successfully validated against measurements. The framework and methodologies prescribed in this document are intended to ensure that only adequate models are used, and that they are applied in an appropriate manner to ensure confidence and consistency in the reported results. Moreover, the document prescribes methods for analysing metocean data (including the data generated by modelling) in order to properly quantify and characterize the temporal and spatial attributes of the wave energy resource, and for reporting the results of a resource assessment in a comprehensive and consistent manner.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TS 62600-100:—, *Marine energy – Wave, tidal and other water current converters – Part 100: Electricity producing wave energy converters – Power performance assessment*[1]

IEC/ISO Guide 98-3:2008, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty of measurement*

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