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# HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) POWER TRANSMISSION – SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR DC-SIDE EQUIPMENT

## Part 1: Using line-commutated converters

### 1 Scope

This Technical Specification is intended to provide an overall and consistent set of guidelines to facilitate the specification of equipment for the DC-side of a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) system using line-commutated converters. For point-to-point HVDC transmission systems, this document covers all DC-side equipment located between the converter valves and the DC overhead line or cable termination, excluding the converter valves themselves. For back-to-back HVDC systems, this document covers all DC-side equipment excluding the converter valves themselves. Throughout this publication, the terms 'direct voltage' and 'DC voltage' are used interchangeably, as are 'direct current' and 'DC current'.

Traditionally, the largest items of such equipment, such as the DC smoothing reactor and DC harmonic filters, have generally been located outdoors but increasingly the trend is to locate such equipment indoors (although not in the valve hall itself) to provide protection from pollution. Although product standards exist for some DC-side equipment types, many such items of equipment have only standards written for AC applications and, in such cases, the purpose of this document is to provide guidance as to how to specify the additional requirements (particularly with regard to testing) for such equipment to cover their use in DC conditions.

The converter itself is excluded from this scope, being covered by IEC 60700-1 [1]<sup>1</sup> and IEC 60700-2 [2].

Although this document includes requirements for DC disconnectors and certain types of specialised DC switching devices (such as the Metallic Return Transfer Switch (MRTS)), it excludes any type of DC circuit-breaker designed to interrupt fault currents.

DC-side equipment for HVDC systems based on voltage-sourced converter (VSC) technology is excluded from this document and will be covered in a future Part 2 of IEC 63014.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60071-1, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-5, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 5: Procedures for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) converter stations*

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