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The purpose of the re-structure was to allow the future management and revision of the power performance standards to be carried out more efficiently in terms of time and cost and to provide a more logical division of the wind measurement requirements into a series of separate standards which could be referred to by other use case standards in the IEC 61400 series and subsequently maintained and developed by appropriate experts.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this part of IEC 61400 is to provide a uniform methodology that will ensure consistency, accuracy and reproducibility in the measurement and analysis of a site calibration for use in the determination of the power performance of wind turbines. This document has been prepared with the anticipation that it would be applied by:

- a) a wind turbine manufacturer striving to meet well-defined power performance requirements and/or a possible declaration system;
- b) a wind turbine purchaser in specifying such performance requirements;
- c) a wind turbine operator who may be required to verify that stated, or required, power performance specifications are met for new or refurbished units;
- d) a wind turbine planner or regulator who will need to be able to accurately and fairly define power performance characteristics of wind turbines in response to regulations or permit requirements for new or modified installations.

This document provides guidance in the measurement, analysis, and reporting of the site calibration for subsequent use in power performance testing for wind turbines. This document will benefit those parties involved in the manufacture, installation planning and permitting, operation, utilization, and regulation of wind turbines. The technically accurate measurement and analysis techniques recommended in this document should be applied by all parties to ensure that continuing development and operation of wind turbines is carried out in an atmosphere of consistent and accurate communication relative to wind turbine performance. This document presents measurement and reporting procedures expected to provide accurate results that can be replicated by others. Meanwhile, a user of this document should be aware of differences that arise from large variations in wind shear and turbulence. Therefore, a user should consider the influence of these differences and the data selection criteria in relation to the purpose of the test before contracting the power performance measurements.

The committee recognizes that the restructuring of the IEC 61400-12 series represents a significant increase in complexity and perhaps greater difficulty to implement. However, it represents the committee's best attempt to address issues introduced by larger wind turbines operating in significant wind shear and complex terrain. The committee recommends that the new techniques introduced be validated immediately by test laboratories through inter-lab proficiency testing. The committee recommends a Maintenance Cycle Report be written within three years of the publication of this document which includes recommendations, clarifications and simplifications that will improve the practical implementation of this document. If necessary a revision should be proposed at the same time to incorporate these recommendations, clarifications and simplifications.

WIND ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS –

Part 12-3: Power performance – Measurement based site calibration

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400 specifies a measurement and analysis procedure for deriving the wind speed correction due to terrain effects and applies to the performance testing of wind turbines of all types and sizes connected to the electrical power network as described in IEC 61400-1:2011. The procedure applies to the performance evaluation of specific wind turbines at specific locations.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61400-12-1, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 12-1: Power performance measurements of electricity producing wind turbines*

IEC 61400-12-5, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 12-5: Power performance – Assessment of obstacles and terrain*

IEC 61400-50-1, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 50-1: Wind measurement – Application of meteorological mast, nacelle and spinner mounted instruments*

ISO/IEC GUIDE 98-3:2008, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement* (GUM:1995)

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3.1 accuracy

closeness of the agreement between the result of a measurement and a true value of the measurand

3.2 atmospheric stability

measure of tendency of the wind to encourage or suppress vertical mixing