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Communication between these devices in subsystems and between the subsystems within the overall power utility automation system fulfils a lot of requirements imposed by all the functions to be performed in power utility automation systems starting from the core requirements in substations. These requirements are stated both for the data to be organized in a data model and for the data exchange resulting in services. Performance of the data exchange means not only transfer times but also the quality of the data exchange avoiding losses of information in the communication.

Depending on the philosophy both of the manufacturer and the user and on the state-of-the-art in technology, the allocation of functions to devices and control levels is not commonly fixed. Therefore, the standard shall support any allocation of functions. This results in different requirements for the different communication interfaces within the substation or plant, at its border and beyond.

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This consolidated version of IEC 61850-5:2013 and its Amendment 1 defines the communication requirements for functions and device models for power utility automation systems.

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NOTE 1 To keep the layered approach of the standard not mixing application and implementation requirements, terms like client, server, data objects, etc. are normally not used in IEC 61850-5 (requirements). In IEC 61850-7 (modelling), -8 and -9 (specific communication service mapping) terms belonging to application requirements like PICOM are normally not used.

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1 Scope

The specifications of this document refer to general, respectively core, communication requirements of the application functions in all domains of power utility automation systems. Dedicated communication requirements and most examples of application functions in this document are from the domain substation automation but may be reused in or extended to other domains within power utility automation systems. Note that sometimes instead of the term substation automation domain the term substation domain is used, especially if both the switchyard devices (primary system) and the automation system (secondary system) are regarded.

The description of the application functions is not used to standardize these functions, but to identify communication requirements between Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs) hosting these functions within plants and substations in the power system, between such stations (e.g. between substation for line protection) and between the plant or substation and higher-level remote operating places (e.g. network control centres) and maintenance places. In addition interfaces to remote technical services (e.g. maintenance centres) are considered. The general scope is the communication requirements for power utility automation systems. The basic goal is interoperability for all interactions providing a seamless communication system for the overall power system management. Another prerequisite for interoperability is a commonly defined method for time synchronization.

Standardizing application functions and their implementation is completely outside the scope of this document. Therefore, it cannot be assumed a single philosophy of allocating application functions to devices. To support the resulting request for free allocation of these functions, a proper breakdown of these functions into parts relevant for communication is defined. The exchanged data and their required performance are defined.

The same or similar IEDs from substations like protective and control devices are found in other domains like power plants also. Using this document for such devices in these plants facilitates the system integration e.g. between the power plant control and the related substation automation system. For some of such other application domains like wind power plants, hydro power plants and distributed energy resources specific standard parts according to the IEC 61850 series have been already defined and published.

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