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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 62488 series is a family of standards dealing with all aspects of power line communication systems operating over electricity power lines.

These international standards apply to power line carrier terminals and systems (PLC) used to transmit information over power networks including extra high, high and medium voltage (EHV/HV/MV) power lines. Both analogue and digital modulation as well as narrow and broadband systems will be included.

The complexity and extensive size of present-day electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems are such that it is possible to control them only by means of an associated and often equally large and complex telecommunication system having a high order of reliability.

The control of electrical networks and transmission and reception of data are through a combination of analogue and digital communication systems controlling devices and systems distributed throughout the electrical network.

The emergence of digital communication systems for controlling the devices of the electrical distribution network enables faster data transmission. The traditional analogue communication systems mainly due to legacy applications are still extensively used.

The ability to represent the various electrical parameters as an analogue signal and/or a digital signal ensures the quality and quantitative aspects of seamless communication to be maintained throughout the electrical power network.

Therefore, by using either analogue power line communication, digital power line communication or a combination of both types of systems, seamless efficient communication may be maintained throughout the power network.

In many countries, Power Line Carrier (PLC) channels represent a main part of the utility-owned telecommunication system. A circuit which would normally be routed via a PLC channel can also be routed via a channel using a different transmission medium, such as a point to point radio or open-wire circuit. Since, in many cases, automatic switching is used, the actual rerouting, although predetermined, is unpredictable.

It is important, therefore, that the input and output signals and criteria exchanged among all terminal used in the communications system are compatible. This compatibility is also beneficial in creating the ability to interchange and interconnect terminals from different sources.

This document has been prepared to enable compatibility between APLC links from different sources or between APLC links and other transmission medium to be achieved and to define the terminal performance required in APLC networks.

# POWER LINE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY APPLICATIONS –

## Part 2: Analogue power line carrier terminals or APLC

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62488 applies to Amplitude Modulation Single Sideband (AM-SSB) Analogue Power Line Carrier (APLC) Terminals and Systems used to transmit information over power lines (EHV/HV/MV).

In particular this document covers basically baseband signals with bandwidths of 4 kHz and 2,5 kHz, or multiples thereof, corresponding to the same high frequency bandwidth/s for single or multi-channel APLC terminals.

Figure 1 shows a schematic representation of the scope of the IEC 62488-2 standard within a complete power line communication system installation.

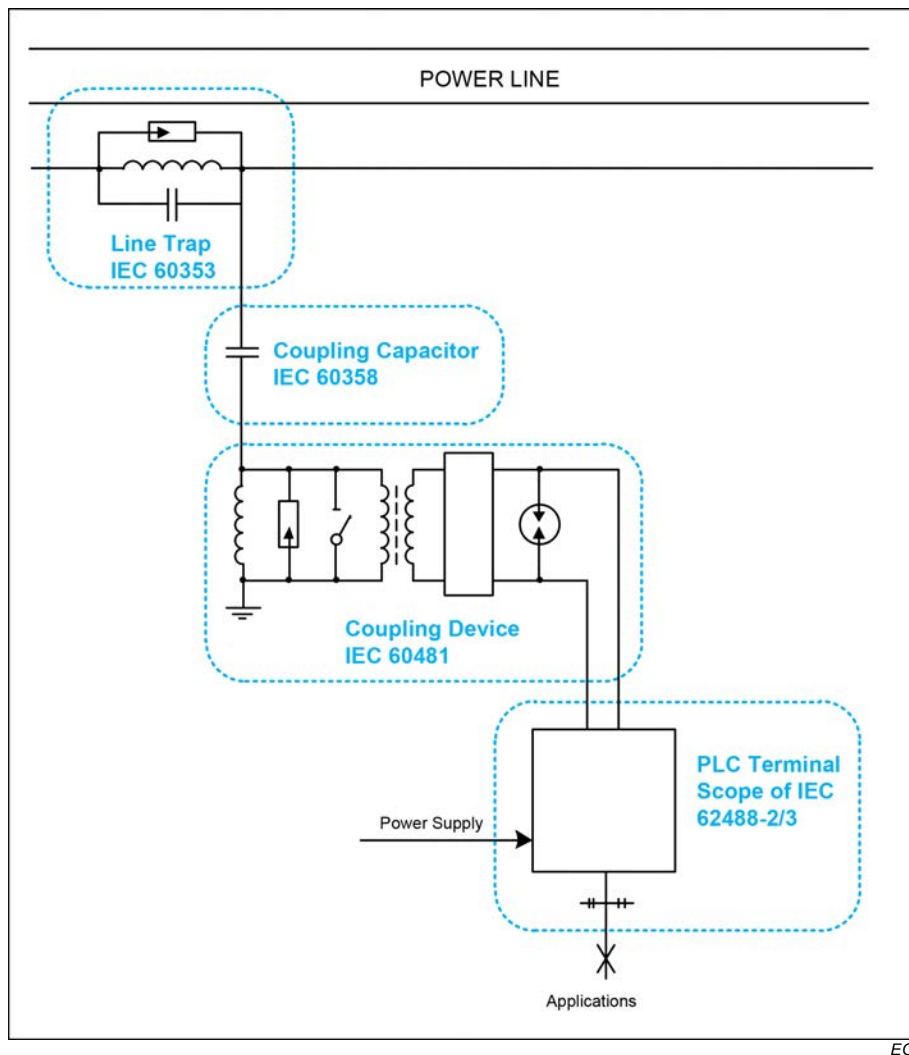


Figure 1 – Schematic representation of the scope of IEC 62488-2