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INTRODUCTION

Since the first introduction of power line carrier communications in the power systems industry this form of communication has become widely spread throughout the world. This worldwide development will be covered by new standards reflecting the current state of the art in digital PLC communications.

The communication services offered by modern digital power line carrier links and networks enable a high efficiency of data transmission and therefore a low level of operational costs of automation equipment especially for long high-voltage power transmission lines.

Analogue and digital PLC terminals may co-exist using principles of frequency division multiplexing, allowing a successive digitalization of PLC based communications.

Digital PLC terminals may also be combined with traditional analogue PLC transmission paths as hybrid analog & digital PLC equipment, offering reliable and seamless communication for control and/or protection operating at extra high-, high- and medium-voltage levels of the electrical transmission networks and at high-voltage electrical distribution networks.

IEC 62488 consists of four parts dealing with all aspects of power line communication systems operating over electricity power lines.

IEC 62488 applies 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.

Currently this standard series is organised as follows:

- IEC 62488-1, *Planning of analogue and digital power line carrier systems operating over EHV/HV/MV electricity grids*
- IEC 62488-2, *Analogue Power Line Carrier terminals or APLC*
- IEC 62488-3, *Digital Power Line Carrier terminals or DPLC and hybrid ADPLC Terminals*
- IEC 62488-4, *Broadband Power Line systems or BPL*

NOTE IEC 62488-4 has not yet been published.

This document is the third part of IEC 62488 and is composed of the following Clauses**:**

- Clause 1 – Scope of IEC 62488-3
- Clause 2 – Normative references
- Clause 3 – Terms, definitions and abbreviation contains newly introduce in this document additionally to IEC 62488-1 and IEC 62488-2
- Clause 4 – Introduces generic architectures of DPLC and hybrid ADPLC terminals.
- Clause 5 – Defines access side interfaces of DPLC and hybrid ADPLC terminals.
- Clause 6 – Describes transmission line side high frequency interface and defines related parameters
- Clause 7 – Gives several requirements concerning quality and performance of a single or a couple of interconnected DPLC terminals
- Clause 8 – Defines test setup and describes testing methodology
- Clause 9 – Describes configuration and management requirements for DPLC terminals
- Clause 10 – Describes general requirements regarding cyber security
- Clause 11 – Specifies safety requirements
- Clause 12 – Specifies requirements for storage and transportation, operating conditions, power supply
- Clause 13 – Specifies EMC requirements

POWER LINE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY APPLICATIONS –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62488 applies to power line carrier terminals and networks used to transmit information over power networks including extra high, high and medium voltage (EHV/HV/MV) power lines using both digital and optionally analogue modulation systems in a frequency range between 16 kHz and 1 MHz (see also IEC 62488-1).

In many countries, power line carrier (PLC) channels represent a significant part of the utility-owned telecommunication system. A circuit normally routed via a PLC channel can also be routed via a channel using a different transmission medium such as point to point radio, optical fibre or open wire circuit.

It is therefore important that the input and output interfaces that are used between terminals in the communication system are standardised.

The issues requiring consideration of DPLC and/or APLC devices as parts of a telecommunication network can be found in IEC 62488-1.

Figure 1 shows the correspondence between the elements needed to implement PLC systems and the related International Standards.