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With the broad expansion of computer technology comes the necessity of providing an infrastructure capable of supporting it. The ITIC susceptibility curve, from IEEE Std 1100™-2005 (*IEEE Emerald Book™*) shows that electronic equipment can be disrupted by a momentary sag of 20 ms. Two voltage immunity standards currently available have it as 10-ms minimum ride-through time; EN5024 from Special International Committee on Radio Interference (CISPR) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 61000-6-1, 2005-03. Momentary interruptions of the electrical power can have huge financial consequences. Therefore, specialty equipment, such as uninterruptible power supplies

(UPS), emergency generators, and automatic static transfer switches (STSs) are used to supplement utility power.

Initially, special facilities were designed for mainframe computers, used primarily for banking and finance, called *data centers*. As the use of computers broadened and support of the Internet became a significant market, along with divestiture of the telecommunications industry, the term *7×24 facility* became common. This term is derived from the requirement that the facility operates 7 days a week, 24 hours per day.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This recommended practice describes how to determine the reliability of 7×24 continuous power systems in industrial and commercial facilities. The method of reliability analysis by probability methods is described first. This is followed by a discussion of how to evaluate the results and how to implement changes to ensure that the expected degree of reliability is achieved.

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