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INTRODUCTION

There is widespread activity in the application and development of payment metering systems in IEC member countries. Whilst there are many similarities in equipment functionality and operation of electricity payment metering systems in these countries, there is divergence in the particular payment technology used as well as in the use of particular token carrier technologies. An example of this is the large number of solutions using disposable magnetic cards.

A need has been identified to describe the various systems and their elements in a coherent manner and to provide a framework for standardization of payment metering systems, their elements and interfaces.

This technical report thus seeks to meet the following objectives:

- a) to present a systematic methodology to follow for use by suppliers to produce requirements specifications for system procurement;
- b) to present a systematic methodology to follow for use by equipment manufacturers to produce specifications for systems and products;
- c) to present a standard way in specifying system requirements or functionality in order that such specifications may be easily compared and evaluated by manufacturers and users;
- d) to ensure that such specifications are produced in an “open” format to allow the interoperability of sub-system components.

It has to be noted that it is not the intention of this technical report that there should be only one standard for payment metering systems or sub-systems, but that it should provide guidelines for defining several such standards according to the specific needs of the industry as and when these are identified.

The standardization work of TC13 WG15 should follow the guidelines given in this technical report in order to present such standards in a coherent and systematic way that meets the above objectives.

The IEC 62055 series covers payment systems, encompassing the customer information systems, point of sales systems, token carriers, payment meters and the respective interfaces that exist between these entities.

ELECTRICITY METERING – PAYMENT SYSTEMS –

Part 21: Framework for standardization

1 Scope

This technical report sets out a framework for the integration of standards into a system specification for electricity payment metering systems. It addresses the payment metering system application process, generic processes, generic functions, data elements, system entities and interfaces that exist in present payment metering systems. The approach taken in the framework is sufficiently generic to payment metering systems so that it should be equally applicable to future systems.

NOTE 1 This technical report excludes the application of coin-operated meters in payment systems.

NOTE 2 This technical report specifically covers electricity metering payment systems. However, it is recognised that payment metering is an established requirement in other utility services and the general framework for standardization in this technical report can be applied to such other utility services.

NOTE 3 Contract functions are confined to single bi-lateral supply agreements between a supplier and a customer and specifically exclude related third party agreements such as may be found in the deregulated markets.

NOTE 4 Future aspects are considered in Clause 9.

2 References

IEC 60050-300: *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Electrical and electronic measurements and measuring instruments – Part 311: General terms relating to measurements – Part 312: General terms relating to electrical measurements – Part 313: Types of electrical measuring instruments – Part 314: Specific terms according to the type of instrument*

IEC 62051:1999, *Electricity metering – Glossary of terms*

IEC 62055-31, *Electricity metering – Payment systems – Part 31: Particular requirements – Static payment meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)*¹

IEC/PAS 62055-41:2003, *Electricity Metering – Payment metering systems – Part 41: Standard Transfer Specification*

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- NRS 009-6-7: *Interface Standards – Standard Transfer Specification / Credit dispensing unit – Electricity dispenser – Token encoding and data encryption and decryption*
- NRS 009-6-8: *Interface Standards – Standard Transfer Specification / Disposable magnetic token technology – Token encoding format and physical token definition*
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