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1 Scope

This technical specification applies to the specification and evaluation of outdoor audible noise from high voltage direct current (HVDC) substations. It is intended to be primarily for the use of the utilities and consultants who are responsible for issuing technical specifications for new HVDC projects with and evaluating designs proposed by prospective contractors. It is primarily intended for HVDC projects with line-commutated converters. Part of this technical specification can also be used for the same purpose for HVDC projects using voltage sourced converters, and for flexible a.c. transmission systems (FACTS) devices such as static Var compensators (SVCs) and static synchronous compensators (STATCOMs).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61672-2, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 2: Pattern evaluation tests*

ISO 1996-2, *Acoustics – Description, assessment and measurement of environmental noise – Part 2: Determination of environmental noise levels*

ISO 266:1997*, Acoustics – Preferred frequencies*

ISO 3740*, Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Guidelines for the use of basic standards*

ISO 3743-2, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources; engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 2: Methods for special reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3745, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Precision methods for anechoic and hemi-anechoic rooms*

ISO 3746, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 8297, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of multisource industrial plants for evaluation of sound pressure levels in the environment – Engineering method*

ISO 9613-1, *Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors – Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere*

ISO 9613-2, *Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors – Part 2: General method of calculation*

ISO 9614-1, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 2: Measurement by scanning*