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INTRODUCTION

Electric fields and magnetic fields are produced in the vicinity of an HVDC transmission line. When the electric field at the conductor surface exceeds a critical value, known as the corona onset gradient, positive or negative free charges leave the conductor and interact with the surrounding air and ionization takes place in the layer of surrounding air, leading to the formation of corona discharges. The corona discharge will not only bring out corona loss but also produce electromagnetic environment problems.

The parameters used to describe the electromagnetic environment of an HVDC transmission line mainly include the:

1) electric field,
2) ion current,
3) magnetic field,
4) radio interference,
5) audible noise.

To control these parameters in a reasonable and acceptable range, for years, a great deal of theoretical and experimental research was conducted in many countries, and relevant national standards or enterprise standards were developed. This Technical Report collects and records the status of study and progress of electric fields, ion current, magnetic fields, radio interference, and audible noise of HVDC transmission lines.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report provides general guidance on the electromagnetic environment issues of HVDC transmission lines. It concerns the major parameters adopted to describe the electromagnetic environment of a High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line, including electric fields, ion current, magnetic fields radio interference, and audible noise generated as a consequence of such effects. Engineers in different countries can refer to this Technical Report to:

– ensure the safe operation of HVDC transmission lines,

– limit the influence on the environment within acceptable ranges, and

– optimize engineering costs.