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INTRODUCTION

The growing success of the IEC 61850 series calls for guidelines for testing of substations implementing this standard. This Technical Report aims at producing a practical guide for protection, automation and control (PAC) engineers on best practise for testing of the latest amended IEC 61850 based devices and systems.

Since the release of the first edition of the IEC 61850 standard in 2002-2005 thousands of substations have been built making use of the new multi-part standard. Most of those systems are more integrated and complex than the previously deployed, making use of multi-function capable IEDs and the rich feature set of IEC 61850. Especially the sending and receiving of protection trips via GOOSE messaging control commands/indications, monitoring and time synchronisation information over the same shared equipment or network will need to drive changes to existing test methods and practices as many of the traditional test boundaries have changed.

Despite the large number of commissioned IEC 61850 substations, considerable uncertainty among end-users (system integrators and power utilities) regarding the correct testing procedures still exists. Devices implemented according to the first edition of the standard also utilized a limited part of the test related functionality in the standard. Much of the functionality included in IEC 61850 to allow efficient, functional oriented testing has been clarified and extended in the second edition of IEC 61850-6, IEC 61850-7-1 to IEC 61850-7-4, IEC 61850-8-1 and IEC 61850-9-2. Therefore, there is a need to help the industry by describing the methods and principles for testing the IEC 61850 based applications.

This Technical Report provides insight into the changing requirements and practice of testing following the introduction of IEC 61850 based devices and systems. One example is the disappearance of so-called 'hardwired' connections between substation automation devices. These connections are replaced by communication networks and this means that traditional simulation and isolation of signals for the purpose of testing is no longer possible.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850, which is a technical report, is applicable to testing of applications within substations. It is intended to give practical guidelines to perform the stages of quality assurance defined in IEC 61850-4:2011. However, while the quality assurance in that document begins with the IED manufacturer development stage and focuses on the role of the system integrator this document focuses on end-user requirement fulfilment.

The report may be useful to users applying IEC 61850 to other domains, however testing of IEC 61850 systems outside the substation domain is not within the scope of this document.

This document describes:

- A methodical approach to the verification and validation of a substation solution
- The use of IEC 61850 resources for testing in Edition 2.1
- Recommended testing practices for different use cases
- Definition of the process for testing of IEC 61850 based devices and systems using communications instead of hard wired system interfaces (ex. GOOSE and SV instead of hardwired interfaces)
- Use cases related to protection and control functions verification and testing

This document does not cover the conformance testing of devices according to IEC 61850-10 or methodologies for testing of abstract device independent functions.

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IEC 61850-6:2009, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation - Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs*
IEC 61850-6:2009/AMD1:2018
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IEC 61850-7-1:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation - Part 7-1: Basic communication structure - Principles and models*
IEC 61850-7-1:2011/AMD1:2020

IEC 61850-7-2:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation - Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure - Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*
IEC 61850-7-2:2010/AMD1:2020

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IEC 61850-8-1:2011/AMD1:2020

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