ACER Workshop on the Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection Applicable to All Generators

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Comments on Potential impact for installed and new T&D equipment in the power grid (1)

NC RFG - FURTHER JUSTIFICATIONS, Chapter 5 with reference to CIGRE-Paper WG 33.10, ELECTRA, Aug. 17, 1998

Additions to be noted:

General comments

- Ageing effects for equipment may increase if temporary overvoltages (TOV) occur more frequently. Therefore, detailed monitoring/statistics are recommended
- Partial discharges may occur and sustain more frequently if overlaying TOV (e.g. switching OV, earth faults) are adding on increased level of actual (temporary) operating voltage.



Comments on Potential impact for installed and new T&D equipment in the power grid (2)

HV and MV switchgear:

- The highest rated voltage of equipment may cover the extended operating voltage demands. However, <u>the overall isolation coordination shall be carefully re-</u><u>examined</u> for the installed base and also for projecting new MV and LV switchgear taking into account the occurring transformer ratios HV/MV and MV/LV. This applies especially for the extended voltage ranges <u>></u>1.15 p.u..
- For HV and MV circuit breakers i.e. <u>switching performance capability must be re-examined</u> with special emphasis to demanding switching operations e.g. switching-off capacitor banks or back-to-back switching operation of capacitor banks. In case of doubt the next higher rated voltage should be taken into account.



Comments on Potential impact for installed and new T&D equipment in the power grid (3)

Transformers:

- <u>The Network Code interferes with existing product standards</u>: Existing standards must be reflected for the application of the network code. Other terminology and/or parameters and definitions need to be reflected on product specifications and tests especially for installed base in order to avoid excessive cost .
- <u>The Network Code results in details of implementation:</u> The network code defines the basic requirements; details need to be further developed through the standardization process open to all stakeholders



• Flexibility and future proof concept:

The network code is developed to minimize the security risk for the European Synchronous Areas. Automatic frequency disconnection settings need to be reflected on specifications and existing standards with focus on installed base.

T&D Europe and it's member companies are ready to support stakeholders

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