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INTRODUCTION

Clauses and subclauses as given in this document are replacing or amending the respective clauses and subclauses of IEC 61400-6:2020. The main part of this amendment concerns updated knowledge for the design of L-flanges and modifications required due to changes to IEC 61400-1.

The previous method of fatigue assessment using the Schmidt/Neuper trilinear bolt force curve approximation has been removed as the default method from the document. It has been replaced with a physically more accurate method.

The updated methodology for fatigue assessment of L-flanges has been calibrated so that the target failure probability defined in IEC 61400-1 is achieved. Where existing flange designs are checked with the updated method, over-utilization can be found, which in some cases can show an order of magnitude higher than nominally acceptable damage.

This does not impose an immediate risk for the turbines affected, though, due to the following factors:

- a) in most cases, such designs have significant conservatism in the fatigue loads assumed, e.g. due to the assumption of uni-directional wind combined with type class turbulence conditions,
- b) experience shows that broken bolts are almost always found and replaced before a turbine collapses.

It is not necessary to re-assess existing flange designs using the new method. In cases where broken bolts are found in operating turbines, the affected flange should be checked with the new methodology. Based on the assessment results and the root causes analysis for the failure, further measures should be defined (e.g. shorter inspection intervals).

2 Normative references

Add the following new references to the existing list:

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