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## INTRODUCTION

When IEC 61850 was prepared, it was intended for use in information exchange between devices of a substation automation system. In the mean time, the concepts are now used as well in other application domains of the power utility system. Therefore, IEC 61850 is on the way to becoming the foundation for a globally standardized utility communication network.

With existing and new applications in the field of power system operation and protection, the requirement to exchange standardized information directly between substations is increasing. IEC 61850 shall be the basis for this information exchange.

IEC 61850 provides the basic features to be used for that information exchange, however, some extensions to IEC 61850 may be required. This technical report provides a comprehensive overview of the different aspects that need to be considered when using IEC 61850 for information exchange between substations. Areas that require extension of specific parts of the existing IEC 61850 standard will later be incorporated in future editions of the affected part of IEC 61850.

A similar report discussing the use of IEC 61850 for communication between substations and control centres is under preparation as IEC 61850-90-2<sup>1)</sup>. Further, a similar report discussing the use of IEC 61850 for wide-area RAS (remedial action schemes) is being contemplated; this will likely be IEC 61850-90-3<sup>1)</sup>.

The scope of IEC 61850 is no longer limited to substations. This is reflected in the changed title of the series. New domain specific parts have been added to the series. Working Group 10 of Technical Committee 57 is currently preparing the second edition of the basic parts of IEC 61850.

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1) Under consideration.

## COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY AUTOMATION –

### Part 90-1: Use of IEC 61850 for the communication between substations

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850 provides a comprehensive overview on the different aspects that need to be considered while using IEC 61850 for information exchange between substations. In particular, this technical report

- defines use cases that require an information exchange between substations;
- describes the communication requirements;
- gives guidelines for the communication services and communication architecture to be used;
- defines data as a prerequisite for interoperable applications;
- does not define implementations which guarantee interoperability between different IEDs;
- describes the usage and enhancements of the configuration language SCL.

#### 2 Normative references

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

IEC 60044 (all parts), *Instrument transformers*

IEC 60834-1:1999, *Teleprotection equipment of power systems – Performance and testing – Part 1: Command systems*

IEC 60834-2:1993, *Performance and testing of teleprotection equipment of power systems – Part 2: Analogue comparison systems*

IEC 60870-4, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 4: performance requirements*

IEC/TS 61850-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

IEC 61850-3, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 3: General requirements*

IEC 61850-5:2003, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 5: Communication requirements for functions and device models*

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

IEC 61850-7-4:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

IEC 61850-8-1,\_\_\_ *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 8-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) - Mappings to MMS (ISO 9506-1 and ISO 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3<sup>2)</sup>*

IEC 61850-9-2,\_\_\_ *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-2: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3<sup>2)</sup>*

IEC 62053-22, *Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) – Particular requirements – Part 22: Static meters for active energy (classes 0,2 S and 0,5 S)*

IEC/TS 62351-6, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communication security – Part 6: Security for IEC 61850*

IEC 62439, *High availability automation networks*

ANSI/IEEE 1588, *Standard for a Precision Clock Synchronization Protocol for Networked Measurement and Control Systems / revision of ANSI/IEEE 1588-2002 / Approved 2008-09-10*

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