High-voltage switchgear and controlgear –
Part 305: Capacitive current switching capability of air-insulated disconnectors
for rated voltages above 52 kV
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This technical report applies to high-voltage air-insulated disconnectors for rated voltages above 52 kV. The report describes the capacitive current switching duty and provides guidance on laboratory testing to demonstrate the switching capability. Air-insulated disconnectors equipped with auxiliary interrupting devices are included under this scope.

NOTE For manually operated disconnectors, the in-service safety of the operator should be considered and it should be recognized that the results of the switching tests described herein (performed using motor-operated disconnectors) are not necessarily representative of the performance of such disconnectors in actual service. Due diligence should be exercised if the switching tests indicate that prolonged arc durations are probable.

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 62271-1: High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications
IEC 62271-102: High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches

3 Terms and definitions
For purposes of this part of IEC 62271 the terms and definitions in IEC 62271-1 and IEC 62271-102 apply.

4 Background and purpose
Disconnectors do not have current interrupting ratings but, by virtue of having one or more moving contacts during opening operations, they have a certain current switching capability. For capacitive currents and air-insulated disconnectors, this capability has in the past been taken as 0.5 A or less and no testing was defined. For gas-insulated disconnectors, the required capacitive current switching capability and test requirements are specified in Annex F of IEC 62271-102.

User requirements for capacitive current switching using air-insulated disconnectors frequently exceed the above-stated 0.5 A. The purpose, therefore, of this report is to provide an analysis of the switching duty (refer to Annex A) and to define testing procedures.

5 Switching tests
5.1 Arrangement of the disconnector for tests
The disconnector under test should be completely mounted on its own support or on an equivalent support. For safety reasons and to obtain consistent results, only motor operation should be used. Motor operation should be at the minimum supply voltage.