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### 1 Scope

This technical report establishes names and mathematical definitions for the Volt-Ampere (VA), Volt-Ampere hours (VAh), Volt-Amperes Reactive (VAR), and Volt-Ampere Reactive hours (VARh) formulae used by poly-phase electricity meters. The mathematical definitions assume static waveforms.

- 2 Abbreviations and Letter Symbols
- 2.1 Abbreviations
- netVA total meter Volt-Ampere
- netVAR total meter Volt-Ampere reactive
- netWatt total meter power
- RMS root mean square
- VA Volt-Ampere
- VAh Volt-Ampere hours
- VAR Volt-Ampere reactive
- VARh Volt-Ampere reactive hours

2.2 Letter Symbols

- $\alpha_{(h)i}$  =phase angle of the potential for harmonic order (h) of phase *i*
- $\beta_{(h)i}$  =phase angle of the current for harmonic order (h) of phase *i*
- $\theta_i$  =phase angle between the fundamental potential and current of phase i,  $\alpha_{(1)i}$  minus  $\beta_{(1)i}$
- $\tau$  =start time of integration
- $\omega$  =fundamental angular frequency,  $2\pi f_0$ , where  $f_0$  is the fundamental frequency in Hertz
- $bV_i$  =Blondel's theorem transformed voltages:



- $\Delta t$  =VARh and VAh integration interval measured in seconds
- *h* =harmonic order (fundamental=1, second harmonic=2, etc.)
- *i* =phase number in the poly-phase network
- $I_i$  =generalized current waveform of phase *i* (fundamental and all harmonics)