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Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical specification can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above Table.

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## TELECONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS –

### Part 5-601: Conformance test cases for the IEC 60870-5-101 companion standard

#### 1 Scope

This part of the IEC 60870-5 series describes test cases for conformance testing of telecontrol equipment, Substation Automation Systems (SAS) and telecontrol systems, including front-end functions of SCADA.

The use of this part of IEC 60870 facilitates interoperability by providing a standard method of testing protocol implementations, but it does not guarantee interoperability of devices. It is expected that using this part of IEC 60870 during testing will minimize the risk of non-interoperability.

The goal of this part of IEC 60870 is to enable unambiguous and standardised evaluation of IEC 60870-5 companion standard protocol implementations. The guidelines and conditions for the testing environment are described in IEC 60870-5-6. The detailed test cases per companion standard, containing among others mandatory and optional mandatory test cases per Basic Application Function, ASDU and transmission procedures, will become available as a technical specification (TS). Other functionality may need additional test cases but this is beyond the scope of this part of IEC 60870. For proper testing, it is recommended to define these additional test cases.

This part of IEC 60870 deals mainly with communication conformance testing; therefore other requirements, such as safety or EMC are not covered. These requirements are covered by other standards (if applicable) and the proof of compliance for these topics is done in accordance with these standards.

#### 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.<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60870-5-1, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section One: Transmission frame formats*

IEC 60870-5-2, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 2: Link transmission procedures*

IEC 60870-5-3, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 3: General structure of application data*

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<sup>1</sup> The base standard always takes precedence. In case of ambiguity between this part of IEC 60870 and the base standards (IEC 60870-5-1 to IEC 60870-5-5, IEC 60870-5-101), this part of IEC 60870 needs to be clarified or amended.

When testing negative behavior is not described in the base standard, the behavior described in this part of IEC 60870 shall prevail and shall be observed.

The conformance statement produced after testing shall indicate any lack of conformance to either the test plan or the base standard.



IEC 60870-5-4, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 4: Definition and coding of application information elements*

IEC 60870-5-5, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 5: Basic application functions*

IEC 60870-5-6, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-6: Guidelines for conformance testing for the IEC 60870-5 companion standards*

IEC 60870-5-101, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-101: Transmission protocols – Companion standard for basic telecontrol tasks*

IEEE 754, *Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60870-5-6 apply.

### 4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations given in IEC 60870-5-6 apply.

## 5 Conformance testing for IEC 60870-5-101

### 5.1 Overview and legend

Procedural and functional testing should always start with the Station Initialisation function and proceeds with the next Basic Application Functions. The procedure in each test case should be followed, which means that the DUT is able to function as described in the specific test case.

The test procedures in Tables 1 to 14 should be tested with no errors detected during testing of all the Basic Application Functions in Tables 15 to 32. These tests are preferably automatically performed by the used test platform.

In addition to the performance criteria listed in the test procedures, 5.3 lists the protocol specifications that should be verified automatically by the testing software or verified manually by review of the test history log after execution of the test procedures. The verification should result in no errors detected during the complete test procedure.

This test plan has a direct reference to the PICS and possibly a PIXIT. Without a reference to a PICS or PIXIT, this test plan is obsolete.

Test case numbering syntax is Subclause number + Table number + test case number.

Test cases are Mandatory depending on the description in the column 'Required'. The following situations are possible:

- M = Mandatory test case regardless if enabled in the PICS/PIXIT, not only in one situation but during execution of all the tests as in the PICS and/or PIXIT
- PICS, x.x = Mandatory test case if the functionality is enabled in the PICS (by marking the applicable check box), with a reference to the Subclause number of the PICS (x.x); For example: PICS 8.x always refers to 60870-5-101:2003, Clause 8