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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this terminology document is to provide terms and definitions for all publications under the responsibility of SC 8A. In this document, renewable energy generation is the electric power generation which uses renewable energy as its primary source for the conversion into electricity.

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From the technical point of view, grid integration of renewable energy generation is a interdisciplinary complex technical field which is concerned with basic equipment, system integration, control and protection, operation and dispatch, market and trade and so on. Without a strong standardization of terminology, focal terms can have a different understanding by different countries, parties, and technical areas. Harmonised vocabulary is critical also from the market point of view. It impacts economics and this can become a barrier to commerce. The correct comparison among different options is fundamental, therefore basic terms and definitions impact economic decisions.

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1 Scope

This terminology document provides terms and definitions in the subject area of grid integration of renewable energy generation. The technical issues of grid integration mainly focus on the issues caused by renewable energy generation with variable sources and/or converter based technology, such as wind power and photovoltaic power generation. Some renewable energy generations such as hydro power and biomass power with a relatively continuously available primary energy source and a rotating generator are conventional sources of generation, and are therefore not covered in this document.

The intention of this document is to answer the question "what do the words mean" and not "under what conditions do the terms apply".

2 Normative references

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3 Terms and definitions

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3.1 Terms and definitions for renewable energy generation

3.1.1
renewable energy
RE
primary energy, the source of which is constantly replenished and will not become depleted

Note 1 to entry: Examples of renewable energy are: wind, solar, geothermal, hydropower, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Fossil fuels are non renewable.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-617:2009, 617-04-11 modified, examples of renewable energy are added in Note 1 to entry.”]

3.1.2
variable renewable energy
VRE
subset of renewable energy, the source of which is not continuously available and cannot be stored or controlled

EXAMPLE Wind energy, solar energy, wave energy.