



Edition 1.0 2017-09

# TECHNICAL REPORT

Guidelines for operation and maintenance of line commutated converter (LCC) HVDC converter station





# THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED Copyright © 2017 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

IEC Central Office Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11 3, rue de Varembé Fax: +41 22 919 03 00

CH-1211 Geneva 20 info@iec.ch Switzerland www.iec.ch

#### About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

### About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

# IEC Catalogue - webstore.iec.ch/catalogue

The stand-alone application for consulting the entire bibliographical information on IEC International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports and other documents. Available for PC, Mac OS, Android Tablets and iPad

# IEC publications search - www.iec.ch/searchpub

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

# IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and also once a month by email.

# Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing 20 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in 16 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

## IEC Glossary - std.iec.ch/glossary

65 000 electrotechnical terminology entries in English and French extracted from the Terms and Definitions clause of IEC publications issued since 2002. Some entries have been collected from earlier publications of IEC TC 37, 77, 86 and CISPR.

## IEC Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: csc@iec.ch.



Edition 1.0 2017-09

# TECHNICAL REPORT

Guidelines for operation and maintenance of line commutated converter (LCC) HVDC converter station

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

ICS 29.200; 29.240.01 ISBN 978-2-8322-4802-7

Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.

# CONTENTS

Г	JKEWUKI	J	4
1	Scope.		6
2	Normat	ive references	6
3	Terms.	definitions, and abbreviated terms	6
		erms and definitions	
		bbreviated terms	
4		on	
•	•	peration policy	
	4.1.1	Target reliability and availability	
	4.1.1	Operation cost	
	4.1.3	Manned or unmanned	
		peration condition and limits	
		perations of an HVDC system	
	4.3.1	General	
	4.3.2	Typical operation configuration	
	4.3.3	Set up the control mode	
	4.3.4	Operation procedure	
		perations of HVDC equipment	
	4.4.1	Converter valves	
	4.4.1 4.4.2		
	4.4.2	Converter transformers and oil immersed smoothing reactors	
	4.4.3 4.4.4	AC/DC breakers and switchgear	
	4.4.4 4.4.5	Control and protections	
	_	DC measurement instruments	
	4.4.6	Valve cooling system	
	4.4.7	Auxiliary power system	
_	4.4.8	nance	
5			
		aintenance policy	
	5.1.1	General	
	5.1.2	Corrective maintenance	
	5.1.3	Time-based maintenance (TBM)	34
	5.1.4	Condition-based maintenance (CBM)	35
	5.1.5	Reliability-centred maintenance (RCM)	35
	5.1.6	Maintenance programme	
		aintenance during operation	
	5.2.1	Routine maintenance for converter transformers	
	5.2.2	Maintenance for control and protections	
	5.2.3	Maintenance for DC measurements	
	5.2.4	Routine maintenance for valve cooling system	
		aintenance under outage	
	5.3.1	Converter valves	
	5.3.2	Converter transformers	
	5.3.3	AC/DC breakers and switchgear	
	5.3.4	AC/DC filters	
	5.3.5	DC measurements	40
	5.3.6	Valve cooling system	41
	5.3.7	AC/DC arresters	41

6	Fault	analysis and troubleshooting	42
	6.1	General	42
	6.2	System disturbances	42
	6.3	Station faults	43
	6.4	General information for fault analysis	43
	6.4.1	General	43
	6.4.2	Interpreting events and the TFR	43
	6.4.3	Checking plant circuit diagram and application software logics	43
	6.4.4	Analyzing the equipment status	43
	6.4.5	Simulation	44
	6.4.6	Site test	44
	6.4.7	Involving the HVDC supplier	44
7	Train	ing	44
	7.1	General	44
	7.2	Operator training program	44
	7.2.1	General	44
	7.2.2	Training courses	44
	7.2.3	Participation during installation and commissioning	45
	7.3	Maintenance training program	45
	7.3.1	General	45
	7.3.2	Training courses	45
	7.3.3	Training during equipment installation and testing	46
	7.3.4	3	
8	Spar	e parts	46
9	Tools	3	47
10	Docu	mentation	48
	10.1	General	48
	10.2 Documents to be provided by the supplier		
	10.3 Documents to be prepared by the operators		
	10.4	Statistics and analysis	
Bi	bliograp	phy	50
Ta	able 1 –	Basic tools needed for operation and maintenance of an HVDC converter	

# INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

# GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LINE COMMUTATED CONVERTER (LCC) HVDC CONVERTER STATION

## **FOREWORD**

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

The main task of IEC technical committees is to prepare International Standards. However, a technical committee may propose the publication of a technical report when it has collected data of a different kind from that which is normally published as an International Standard, for example "state of the art".

IEC TR 63065, which is a technical report, has been prepared by IEC technical committee 115: High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission for DC voltages above 100 kV.

The text of this technical report is based on the following documents:

Enquiry draft	Report on voting
115/153/DTR	115/163/RVDTR

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

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The pub.

The public of the pu A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

# GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LINE COMMUTATED CONVERTER (LCC) HVDC CONVERTER STATION

# 1 Scope

This Technical Report provides general guidance on basic principles and general proposals for the safe and economic operation and maintenance of an LCC converter station.

These guidelines are based on the operation and maintenance practices that have been used successfully during the last decades at HVDC converter stations all over the world, and can be referred to by new HVDC users to optimize operation and maintenance policy and assist in performing the operation and maintenance work.

This document focuses only on the operation and maintenance of the equipment inside an LCC converter station, including back-to-back HVDC systems. The operation and maintenance of HVDC overhead transmission lines, HVDC cables and voltage sourced converter (VSC) are not covered by this document.

NOTE Usually the agreement between the purchaser and the suppliers of the HVDC converter station includes specific requirements regarding contractual requirements of particular systems. Such specific requirements will supersede the general/typical description mentioned in this document and all functions mentioned in this document are not necessarily applicable for all systems.

# 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60633, Terminology for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission

IEC 60919 (all parts), Performance of high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems with line-commutated converters

IEC 61975, System tests for High-voltage direct current (HVDC) installations

IEC TS 62672-1, Reliability and availability evaluation of HVDC systems – Part 1: HVDC systems with line commutated converters

# 3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

# 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60633 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp