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- a) content has been added to address the requirements of the other components of the generator circuit breaker system;
- b) requirements for the application of generator circuit-breakers in power plants with multiple generators connected to one step-up transformer have been added;
- c) requirements for testing and application of Tee-OFF generator circuit-breakers have been added;
- d) requirements for application of generator circuit-breakers in power plants with doubly-fed induction machines, pumped-storage power plants, and wind farms have been added;
- e) the clause numbering has been aligned with the numbering in IEC 62271-1:2017;
- f) the topic of reference mechanical characteristics has been revised to improve clarity;
- g) the modifying effects of capacitors on the prospective TRVs for out-of-phase and load current switching has been addressed in Annex M and in Annex N with use of the tool named "GenCB TRV calculator". This tool provides the values of  $K_{E2}$ ,  $RRRV_0$ ,  $K_{RRRV-U}$ ,  $K_{RRRV-I}$ ,  $t_{d0}$ ,  $K_{td-U}$ ,  $K_{td-I}$ , as well as the values of the parameters of the prospective TRV modified by the capacitors of the generator circuit-breaker.

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## HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 37-013: Alternating current generator circuit-breakers

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to three-phase AC high-voltage generator circuit-breakers, hereafter called generator circuit-breakers, designed for indoor or outdoor installation and for operation at frequencies of 50 Hz and 60 Hz on systems having voltages above 1 kV and up to 38 kV.

It is applicable to generator circuit-breakers that are installed between the generator and the transformer terminals. Requirements relative to generator circuit-breakers intended for use with generators and transformers rated 10 MVA or more are covered specifically. Generator circuits rated less than 10 MVA and pumped-storage installations are considered special applications, and their requirements are not completely covered by this document.

This document is also applicable to the operating mechanisms of generator circuit-breakers and to their auxiliary equipment.

#### 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.

If not otherwise specified throughout this document, the relevant IEC or IEEE standards for the particular components or functions of a generator circuit-breaker system apply.

IEC 60050-441, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60071-1:2019, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definition, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2:2018, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 2: Application guidelines*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications – Mineral insulating oils for electrical equipment*

IEC 60480, *Specifications for the re-use of sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and its mixtures in electrical equipment*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation co-ordination for equipment within low-voltage supply systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62271-1, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

IEC IEEE 62271-37-082, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 37-082: Standard practice for the measurement of sound pressure levels on alternating current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62271-100:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 100: Alternating current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62271-101:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 101: Synthetic testing*

IEC 62271-102:2018, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches*

IEC TR 62271-306, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 306: Guide to IEC 62271-100, IEC 62271-1 and other IEC standards related to alternating current circuit-breakers*

IEEE Std C37.011™, *IEEE Guide for the Application of Transient Recovery Voltage for AC High-Voltage Circuit Breakers with Rated Maximum Voltage above 1000 V<sup>2</sup>*

IEEE Std C37.59™, *IEEE Standard Requirements for Conversion of Power Switchgear Equipment*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEEE Standards Online Dictionary: available at <http://dictionary.ieee.org>

NOTE Additional definitions are classified to be aligned with the classification used in IEC 60050-441.

#### 3.1 General terms and definitions

##### 3.1.101

##### **switchgear and controlgear**

general term covering switching devices and their combination with associated control, measuring, protective and regulating equipment, also assemblies of such devices and equipment with associated interconnections, accessories, enclosures and supporting structures

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-11-01]

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