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## INTRODUCTION

The effective management of power quality on the demand side (power consumer) is an essential activity to ensure the proper operation of the electrical equipment operating on the consumer site.

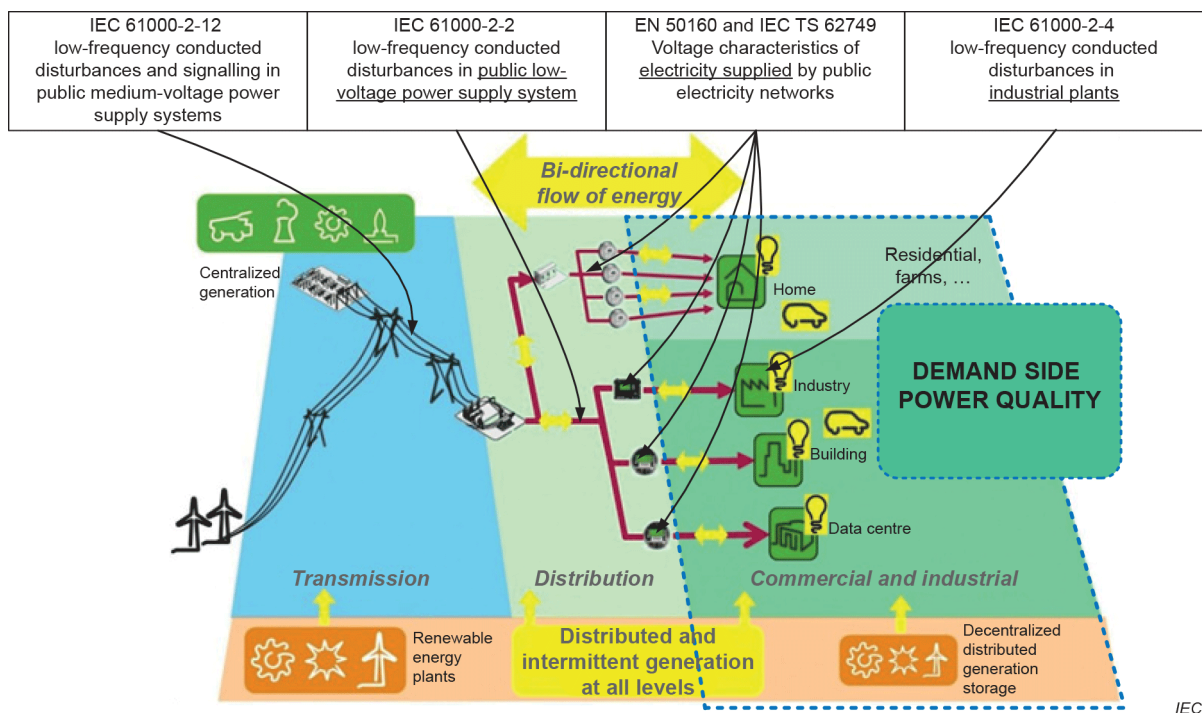
While the level of power quality present at the point of supply is generally monitored and managed by the power provider (utility), the actual level of power disturbances present on the consumer site can be significantly worse and can negatively impact the operation of the electrical equipment. The interaction between these loads and the voltage supply is often the cause of degraded power quality on the demand side.

One effective step in the prevention of the hindrances caused by inadequate power quality is the assessment of the level of power quality disturbance present on the demand side. However, proper measurements require adequate planning and understanding of the measurement systems and their results.

This document provides guidance on how to establish, implement, exploit, maintain and improve a demand-side power quality monitoring system. This document will also facilitate the tailoring of power quality monitoring concepts to the specific site where it will be deployed.

Disturbances in the electrical energy can have an important impact on the equipment, processes, organization's activities. Some electrical installations (industrial sites, data centres, hospitals, etc.) are particularly impacted by the poor quality of electrical energy.

The quality of the electrical energy has different origins, impacts and measurement indicators on the supply side and on the demand side – see Figure 1 presenting an overview of the electrical network from generation (supply side) to consumer (demand side).



**Figure 1 – Overview of electrical distribution system from supply side to demand side, with related standards**

While documents such as IEC TS 62749 and EN 50160 define the voltage characteristics provided by a public network (called power quality of the grid), this document gives guidance on qualifying the power quality in internal networks (called demand-side power quality).

In this document, power quality on the demand side, related to buildings, industrial and data centre applications is referred to as demand-side power quality (DSPQ).

See Annex A for a tool to report the ability to assess the power quality.

See Annex E for a general statement on demand-side power quality.

See Annex F for a discussion about grid evolution.

See Annex G for a list of standards related to demand-side power quality.

See Annex H for definition of electrical parameters.

It is assumed that users of this document possess a minimum knowledge of power quality phenomena.

# DEMAND-SIDE POWER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

## 1 Scope

This document specifies recommendations about power quality measurement and assessment within installations.

NOTE 1 Most standards address power quality at the delivery point between energy providers and customers.

This document outlines the various phases needed for the establishment of a demand-side power quality measurement plan for buildings and industry installations.

NOTE 2 The demand side refers to the electrical installation, beyond the PCC (point of common coupling), which is under the jurisdiction of facility managers.

Such a power quality measurement plan will enable the optimization of the energy availability and efficiency, improve the assets lifetime and facilitate the resolutions of power quality problems. A power quality measurement plan encompasses the following phases:

- definition of the context, objectives and constraints;
- assessment of the initial power quality situation;
- definition of an action plan for the improvement of the power quality situation;
- implementation of the power quality measuring system;
- exploitation of the measurement system for the improvement of the power quality situation;
- maintenance of the measurement system.

This document will also help facility managers tailor their measurement plan to the specific needs of the electrical system under their control. It addresses all the disturbances present in such networks, but does not cover the disturbances present in public electrical distribution networks (supply side) as they are governed by specific documents such as EN 50160 and IEC TS 62749.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.