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## INTRODUCTION

Deterministic networking technologies enable applications that require bounded communication delays regardless of network load or reconfiguration. They allow traffic of different time-criticality to share the same physical medium. Deterministic network technologies are based on the pre-allocation of resources using for example scheduling, traffic shaping and the pre-emption of low priority messages to guarantee the timely delivery of high-priority traffic.

Power automation and control is an industry domain where deterministic networking is needed to support existing use cases and applications (requiring real-time communication), and to enable new developments. This networking is currently being provided by SDH networks or dedicated (for protection communications) Ethernet networks; however significant drives (economic and political) are now emerging to use "converged" Ethernet networks.

In this document the term WAN is used for the inter-substation communication networks, with the driving force usually being the desire of a utility to use the same network infrastructure for IT as well as for operational tasks such as inter-substation protection communications.

The term LAN is used for the intra-substation communication networks. Converged networks are those supporting mixed traffic (e.g. process data, configuration management, voice and video surveillance data) in the same network being used for critical power automation applications. In the same way that using public transportation to get from A to B in a timely (deterministic) manner requires the ability to be guaranteed a seat at a particular time, using a communication network for the deterministic delivery of data also requires the guarantee of access at a particular time. This document identifies, describes, and discusses the known technologies to address this determinism issue.

### Summary:

Clause 5 describes the problem (with non-deterministic networks);

Clause 6 provides use cases;

Clause 7 lists deterministic networking technologies;

Clause 8 discusses interoperability issues;

Clause 9 suggests changes to the IEC 61850 standards needed to support determinism;

Annex A lists some related works and liaisons.

# COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY AUTOMATION –

## Part 90-13: Deterministic Networking Technologies

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850, which is a Technical Report, provides information, use cases, and guidance on whether and how to use deterministic networking technologies. Furthermore, this document comprises technology descriptions, provides guidance how to achieve compatibility and interoperability with existing technologies, and lays out migration paths. It will separate the problem statement from the possible solutions.

### 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.

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IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

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