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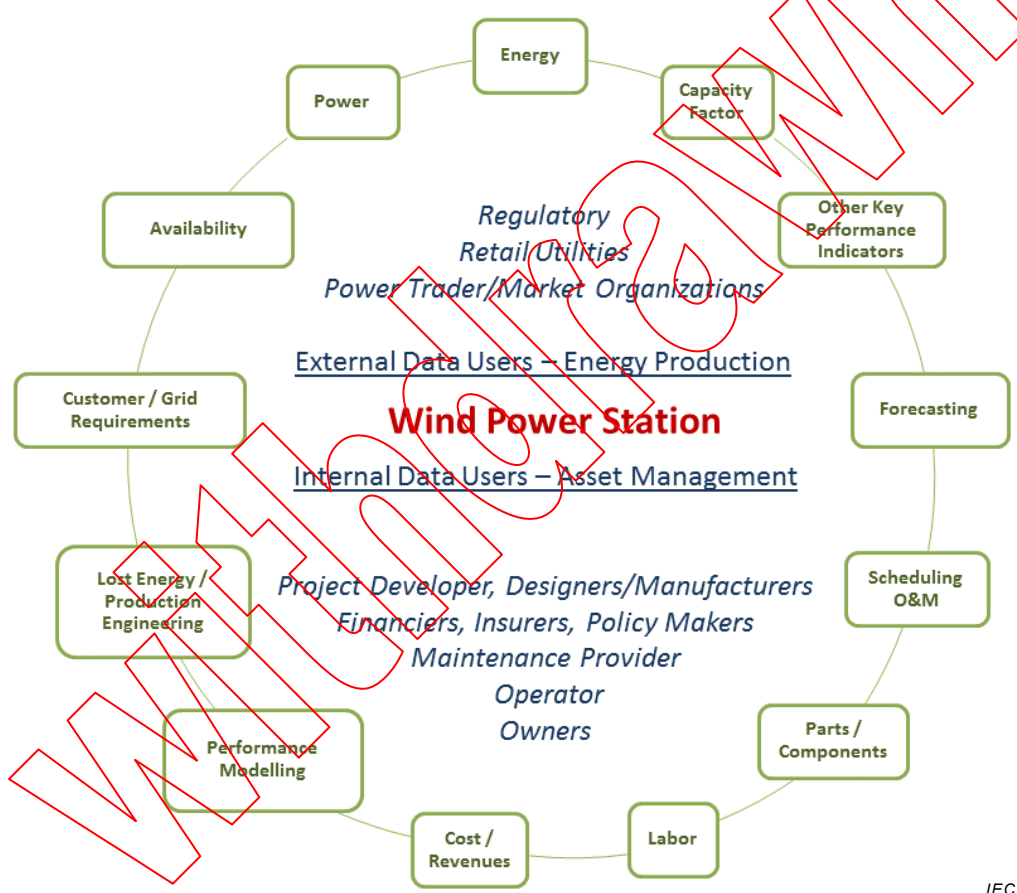
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## INTRODUCTION

The intention of this Technical Specification is to define a common basis for exchange of information on availability indicators between owners, utilities, lenders, operators, manufacturers, consultants, regulatory bodies, certification bodies, insurance companies and other stakeholders in the wind power generation business. From this diverse group of stakeholders a number of external and internal interfaces arise in the operation and delivery of power. Some of these are energy related and many are informational. Since the intention is for a common basis of informational exchange, many of these interfaces are illustrated in Figure 1, which identifies external and internal elements related to energy production and asset management and which also benefit from a defined set of terms. This is achieved by providing an information model specifying how time designations shall be split into information categories. The information model forms the basis for how to allocate time for reporting availability indicators.



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**Figure 1 – Data stakeholders for a wind power station**

This Technical Specification defines generic terms of wind turbine systems and environmental constraints in describing system and component availability, lifetime expectancy, repairs and criteria for determining overhaul intervals. The specification defines terminology and generic terms for reporting energy based generating unit availability measurement. A generating unit includes all equipment up to the point of interconnection<sup>1</sup>. Availability measurements are concerned with fractions of time and/or energy a unit is capable of providing service, taking environmental aspects into account. Environmental aspects will be wind and other weather conditions, as well as grid and substation conditions. The specification furthermore defines terminology and terms for reporting availability indicators based on energy production.

<sup>1</sup> Defined in IEC 60050-415:1999, 415-04-01.

The project scope is accomplished by separating the technical specification into three parts:

- 1) IEC TS 61400-26-1, which specifies terms for time based availability of a wind turbine generating system;
- 2) IEC TS 61400-26-2, which specifies terms for production based availability of a wind turbine generating system;
- 3) IEC TS 61400-26-3, which specifies terms for time based and production based availability and services of a wind power station.

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## WIND ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS –

### Part 26-3: Availability for wind power stations

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400, which is a technical specification, provides a framework from which time-based and production-based availability indicators of a wind power station can be derived. It unambiguously describes how data is categorised and provides examples of how the data can be used to derive availability indicators.

The approach is to apply the terms and definitions for the applied information models introduced in IEC TS 61400-26-1 and IEC TS 61400-26-2 to a wind power station.

The basic approach is based on the assumption that a wind power station may be modelled as one 'WTGS' representing a complete wind power station. The wind power station is made up of all WTGSs, functional services and balance of plant elements as seen from the point of common coupling.

It is not the intention of this specification to define how time-based and production-based availability shall be calculated. Nor is it the intention to form the basis for power curve performance measurements – which is the objective of IEC 61400-12. However, the annexes should be regarded as examples and guidelines for developing methods for calculation of availability indicators.

This document also includes informative annexes with:

- examples of how to expand the model to more services,
- examples of how to determine the information category for the wind power station,
- examples of how to expand the model to balance of plant elements,
- examples of determination of lost production,
- examples of availability algorithms for production based indicators,
- examples of other availability indicators,
- examples of application scenarios.

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IEC 60050-415, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 415 : Wind turbine generator systems* (available at <<http://www.electropedia.org/>>)

IEC TS 61400-26-1:2011, *Wind turbines – Part 26-1: Time-based availability for wind turbine generating systems*

IEC TS 61400-26-2:2014, *Wind turbines – Part 26-2: Production-based availability for wind turbines*

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