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## PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS — POWER CONDITIONERS — PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING EFFICIENCY

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#### NATIONAL FOREWORD

This Indian Standard which is identical with IEC 61683 : 1999 'Photovoltaic systems — Power conditioners — Procedure for measuring efficiency' issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the recommendation of the Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems Sectional Committee and approval of the Electrotechnical Division Council.

The text of the IEC Standard has been approved as suitable for publication as an Indian Standard without deviations. Certain conventions are, however, not identical to those used in Indian Standards. Attention is particularly drawn to the following:

- a) Wherever the words 'International Standard' appear referring to this standard, they should be read as 'Indian Standard'.
- b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker in the International Standard while in Indian Standards, the current practice is to use a point (.) as the decimal marker.

The technical committee has reviewed the provision of the following International Standard referred in this adopted standard and has decided that it is acceptable for use in conjunction with this standard:

International	Standard	Title
IEC 60146-1-1	: 1991	Semiconductor convertors — General requirements and line commutated
		convertors — Part 1-1: Specifications of basic requirements

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be same as that of the specified value in this standard.

### Indian Standard

## PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS — POWER CONDITIONERS — PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING EFFICIENCY

#### 1 Scope

This standard describes guidelines for measuring the efficiency of power conditioners used in stand-alone and utility-interactive photovoltaic systems, where the output of the power conditioner is a stable a.c. voltage of constant frequency or a stable d.c. voltage. The efficiency is calculated from a direct measurement of input and output power in the factory. An isolation transformer is included where it is applicable.

#### 2 Normative reference

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

**IEC 60146-1-1:1991,** Semiconductor convertors - General requirements and line commutated convertors - Part 1-1: Specifications of basic requirements

#### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply. All efficiency definitions are applied to electric power conversion alone and do not consider any heat production. The above normative references contain other definitions.

In annex A, the definition of power conditioner is given. Power efficiency and conversion factor are explained in annex B.

3.1

rated output efficiency

ratio of output power to input power when the power conditioner is operating at its rated output

3.2

partial output efficiency ratio of output power to input power when the power conditioner is operating below its rated output

3.3 energy efficiency ratio of output energy to input energy during an identified period

#### 3.4

#### efficiency tolerance

permissible tolerance between the manufacturer's specified efficiency and the measured efficiency

#### 3.5

#### PV array simulator

simulator which has I-V characteristics equivalent to a PV array

#### 3.6

no-load loss

input power of the power conditioner when its load is disconnected or its output power is zero

#### 3.7

#### standby loss

for a utility interactive power conditioner, power drawn from the utility grid when the power conditioner is in standby mode. For a stand-alone power conditioner, d.c. input power when the power conditioner is in standby mode

#### 3.8

#### maximum power point tracking (MPPT)

control strategy whereby the power conditioner input voltage is always at or near the maximum power point of the PV array

#### 4 Efficiency measurement conditions

Efficiency shall be measured under the matrix of conditions as described in the following clauses and table 1. Specific conditions may be excluded by mutual agreement when those conditions are outside the manufacturer's allowable operating range. The resulting data shall be presented in tabular form and may also be presented graphically.

NOTE For example, stand-alone power conditioners are typically designed to handle short-term overload significantly above the rated power. The test at 120 % of rated capacity is included to give an indication of the performance of the power conditioner under these conditions. Some power conditioners are not designed to provide more than their rated output and might be damaged if operated at 120 % of rated capacity. In such cases, test documentation shall note that the test was excluded due to limitation in the power conditioner.

#### 4.1 DC power source for testing

For power conditioners operating with fixed input voltage, the d.c. power source shall be a storage battery or constant voltage power source to maintain the input voltage.

For power conditioners that employ maximum power point tracking (MPPT) and shunt-type power conditioners, either a photovoltaic array or a photovoltaic array simulator shall be utilized.

#### 4.2 Temperature

All measurements are to be made at an ambient temperature of 25 °C  $\pm$  2 °C. Other ambient temperatures may be allowed by mutual agreement. However, the temperature used must be clearly stated in all documentation.

#### 4.3 Output voltage and frequency

The output voltage and frequency shall be maintained at the manufacturer's stated nominal values.

Total	oad, % of rated VA	5	10	25	50	75	100	120
Grid-connected	Resistive load	_	0*	()	0	()	0	()
Stand-alone	Resistive load	0	0	0	()	0	0	()
······································	Reactive load							
	PF = 0,25 or minimum	-	-	0	0	-	0	-
	PF = 0,50 (> minimum)		-	0	0	-	0	- 1
	PF = 0,75 (> minimum)	-	-	0	0	-	0	-
	Non-linear load							
	NL = 25 % of rated VA	-	-	0	0	-	0	-
	NL = 50 % of rated VA	-	-	İ –	0	-	0	-
	Complex load	- 1	-		0	-	0	-

#### Table 1 - Efficiency recording sheet

(± V)

Input voltage:

Input voltage

4.4

Measurements performed in each of the following tests shall be repeated at three power conditioner input voltages:

#### a) manufacturer's minimum rated input voltage;

- b) the inverter's nominal voltage or the average of its rated input range;
- c) 90 % of the inverter's maximum input voltage.

In the case where a power conditioner is to be connected with a battery at its input terminals, only the nominal or rated input voltage may be applied.

#### 4.5 **Ripple and distortion**

Record input voltage and current ripple for each measurement. Also record output voltage and current distortion (if a.c.) or ripple (if d.c.). Ensure that these measurements remain within the manufacturer's specified values. Note that ripple and distortion may not be specified at low power levels, but readings shall be recorded.

#### 4.6 **Resistive loads/utility grid**

At unity power factor, or at the intrinsic power factor of grid-connected inverters without power factor adjustment, measure the efficiency for power levels of 10 %, 25 %, 50 %, 75 %, 100 % and 120 % of the inverter's rating. Stand-alone inverters shall also be measured at a power level of 5 % of rated. The power conditioner test should be conducted with a specified resistive and reactive grid impedance.

#### 4.7 **Reactive loads**

For stand-alone inverters, measure the efficiency with a load which provides a power factor equal to the manufacturer's specified minimum level (or 0,25, whichever is greater) and at power levels of 25 %, 50 % and 100 % of rated VA. Repeat for power factors of 0,5 and 0,75 (do not go below the manufacturer's specified minimum PF) and power levels of 25 %, 50 %, and 100 % of rated VA.

#### 4.8 Resistive plus non-linear loads

For stand-alone inverters, measure the efficiency with a fixed non-linear load (total harmonic distortion (THD) =  $(80 \pm 5)$  %) equal to  $(25 \pm 5)$  % of the inverter's rated VA plus sufficient resistive load in parallel to achieve a total load of 25 %, 50 % and 100 % of rated VA. Repeat the measurements with a fixed non-linear load equivalent to  $(50 \pm 5)$  % of the inverter's rated VA plus sufficient resistive load in parallel to achieve a total load of 50 % and 100 % of rated VA. The type of non-linear load must be clearly stated in all documentation.

#### 4.9 Complex loads

When a non-linear plus a sufficient reactive load condition is specified for stand-alone inverters, measure the efficiency with a fixed non-linear load (THD =  $(80 \pm 5)$  %) equal to  $(50 \pm 5)$  % of the inverter's rated VA plus a sufficient reactive load (PF = 0,5) in parallel to achieve a total load of 50 % and 100 % of rated VA. The type of complex load shall be clearly stated in all documentation.

#### 5 Efficiency calculations

#### 5.1 Rated output efficiency

Rated output efficiency shall be calculated from measured data as follows:

$$\eta_{\rm R} = (P_{\rm o} / P_{\rm i}) \times 100 \tag{1}$$

where

 $\eta_{\mathsf{R}}$  is the rated output efficiency (%);

 $P_{o}$  is the rated output power from power conditioner (kW);

 $P_i$  is the input power to power conditioner at rated output (kW).

NOTE Any auxiliary input power (kW), such as for the inverter's control system (or gate driver) shall be included in Pi in equation (1).

#### 5.2 Partial output efficiency

Partial output efficiency shall be calculated from measured data as follows:

$$\eta_{\text{par}} = (P_{\text{op}} / P_{\text{ip}}) \times 100 \tag{2}$$

where

 $\eta_{\rm par}$  is the partial output efficiency (%);

 $P_{op}$  is the partial output power from power conditioner (kW);

 $P_{io}$  is the input power to power conditioner at partial output (kW).

NOTE Any auxiliary input power (kW) such as for the inverter's control system (or gate driver) shall be included into Pi in equation (2).

#### 5.3 Energy efficiency

Energy efficiency shall be calculated from measured data as follows:

$$\eta_{\rm E} = (W_{\rm o} / W_{\rm i}) \times 100$$
 (3)

where

 $\eta_{\rm F}$  is the energy efficiency (%);

 $W_{o}$  is the output energy during a specified operating period (kWh);

 $W_i$  is the input energy during a specified operating period (kWh).

NOTE 1 The operating period and the load profile shall be determined by mutual agreement between user and manufacturer.

NOTE 2 Some auxiliary input energy (kWh) such as for the inverter's control system (or gate driver) shall be included in  $W_t$  in equation (3).

NOTE 3 See annex C for an explanation of weighted-average energy efficiency  $\eta_{wt}$  which can supplant the energy efficiency.

#### 5.4 Efficiency tolerances

When an efficiency value has been guaranteed, the tolerance of this value shall be within the value at rated conditions indicated in table 2.

#### Table 2 - Efficiency tolerances

Item	Tolerance	Remarks
Efficiency of power conditioner	$-0.2(1 - \eta)\eta(\%)$	$\eta$ : guaranteed efficiency
NOTE The efficiency tolerance is a	terived in annex D. See 4.3 of IEC 6	0146-1-1. The tolerance corresponds

NOTE The efficiency tolerance is derived in annex D. See 4.3 of IEC 60146-1-1. The tolerance corresponds to +0,2 per unit of the losses with a minimum efficiency tolerance of -0,002 per unit.

#### 6 Efficiency test circuits

#### 6.1 Test circuits

Figure 1 shows recommended test circuits for power conditioners which have a single-phase a.c. output or d.c. output. It can as well be regarded as a single-phase representation of a test set-up for multiphase power conditioners.

Figures 1a and 1b shall be applied to stand-alone and utility-interactive power conditioners respectively.

The proposed test circuits in figure 1 are not mandatory, but together with the test descriptions, are intended to establish a base for mutual agreement between user and manufacturer.

The type of power source shall be indicated on all tests and shall adhere to the requirements of 4.1.

#### 6.2 Measurement procedure

- a) Efficiency is calculated with equation (1) or (2) using measured P<sub>i</sub>, P<sub>o</sub> or P<sub>ip</sub>, P<sub>op</sub>. DC input power P<sub>i</sub>, P<sub>ip</sub> can be measured by wattmeter W<sub>1</sub>, or determined by multiplying the d.c. voltmeter V<sub>1</sub> and d.c. ammeter A<sub>1</sub> readings. Output power P<sub>o</sub>, P<sub>op</sub> is measured with wattmeter W<sub>2</sub>.
- b) DC input voltage, which is measured by d.c. voltmeter V<sub>1</sub>, shall be varied in the defined range where the output current, which is measured with a.c. ammeter A<sub>2</sub>, is varied from low output to the rated output.
- c) An average indicating instrument shall be used for the d.c. voltmeter and d.c. ammeter. A true r.m.s. type of indicating instrument shall be used for the a.c. voltmeter and a.c. ammeter. The d.c. wattmeter W<sub>1</sub> shall be a d.c. measuring type. The wattmeter W<sub>2</sub> shall be an a.c. or d.c. measuring type according to the output.
- d) Power factor (*PF* in per cent) can be measured by a power factor meter PF, or calculated from the readings of V<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, W<sub>2</sub> and as follows:

$$PF_{=} (W_2/(V_2 \times A_2)) \times 100 \tag{4}$$

- e) Each meter may be an analogue type or a digital type. The measurement accuracy shall be better than  $\pm 0.5$  % of the full-scale value for each power measured. Digital power instruments for W<sub>1</sub> and W<sub>2</sub> are also recommended.
- f) An MPPT dynamically adjusts the input voltage so as to maximize the output power. In principle, the monitoring equipment shall sample all of the electrical parameters, such as input voltage and current, output power and current, within the update period of the MPPT. If the MPPT and input source (PV array or PV array simulator) interact in such a way that the input voltage varies by less than 5 %, then averaging of readings is acceptable. The averaging period shall be 30 s or longer.

#### 7 Loss measurement

#### 7.1 No-load loss

No-load loss shall be measured as follows.

If the power conditioner is a stand-alone type, the reading of d.c. input voltage, output voltage and frequency is given with meters  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and F respectively in figure 1a, and shall be adjusted to the rated values.

The no-load loss is thus the indicated value of d.c. input wattmeter,  $W_1$ , when the load is disconnected from the power conditioner.

If the power conditioner is a utility-interactive type, the reading of d.c. input voltmeter  $V_1$ , a.c. output voltmeter  $V_2$  and frequency meter F in figure 1b shall be adjusted to meet the specified voltages and frequency.

No-load loss is thus the indicated value of d.c. input wattmeter,  $W_1$ , when a.c. wattmeter,  $W_2$ , indicates a zero value. For the measurement, allow the power conditioner time to transfer to its no-load operating state, if applicable.

#### 7.2 Standby loss

Standby loss shall be measured as follows.

If the power conditioner is a utility-interactive type, standby loss is defined as the consumption of utility power when the power conditioner is not operating but is under standby condition. Standby loss is indicated with a.c. wattmeter,  $W_2$  in figure 1b at the rated a.c. output voltage.

If the power conditioner is a stand-alone type, standby loss is defined as the consumption from the d.c. source when the power conditioner is not operating but is under standby condition. Standby loss is indicated with d.c. wattmeter,  $W_1$  in figure 1a (without a.c. or d.c. output voltage).



Figure 1a - Stand-alone type



Figure 1b - Utility-interactive type

- PC power conditioner
- L load

F

frequency meter

V<sub>2</sub> AC or d.c. voltmeter

PF power factor meter

V<sub>1</sub> DC voltmeter

- PS variable voltage-current d.c. power supply
- A<sub>1</sub> DC ammeter
- A<sub>2</sub> AC or d.c. ammeter
- W<sub>1</sub> DC wattmeter
- W<sub>2</sub> AC or d.c. wattmeter
- NOTE 1 The d.c. input voltage or current ripple will vary according to the d.c. power supply's internal impedance, and should be defined by mutual agreement between user and manufacturer. For example, the impedance might be selected as the current-voltage ratio  $\Delta V/\Delta I$  at the operating point on the PV array I-V curve. When the power conditioner includes the MPPT, a PV array simulator is recommended as the d.c. power source.

NOTE 2 Frequency meter F\* and power factor meter PF\* are ignored in the case of d.c. output.

#### Figure 1 - Power conditioner test circuits

#### Annex A (informative)

#### Power conditioner description

A power conditioner is defined in IEC 61277.

Some types of photovoltaic system configurations relate to their purpose and size. Figure A.1 shows the generic system configuration proposed in IEC 61277. In figure A.1, the power conditioner (PC) is inside the dotted line. The power conditioner may consist of one or more of the following: d.c. conditioner, d.c./d.c. interface, inverter, a.c./a.c. interface, a.c. utility interface, and a part of master control and monitoring (MCM) subsystem. The power flows are indicated by the arrows. When a PV system has a d.c. storage subsystem, it is assumed that the storage is connected to the input of the power conditioner in parallel with the array (see figures A.2 and A.3).

Under normal conditions, the power conditioner a.c. output voltage and frequency are constant value when the system is connected to the utility grid (in a utility-interactive type) or to the a.c. loads (in a stand-alone type). However, when a.c. loads consist of pumps or blowers with variable speed induction motors, the a.c. voltage and frequency may be variable.

In this standard, systems with a constant a.c. output voltage and frequency as well as systems with a d.c. output are discussed. Figures A.2 and A.3 show the configuration of the PV system and the power conditioner described in this standard.



Figure A.1 - Major subsystems and power flow diagram for a PV system



Figure A.2 - Power conditioner configuration with a.c. output assumed for the efficiency measurement



Figure A.3 - Power conditioner configuration with d.c. output assumed for the efficiency measurement

## Annex B (informative)

#### Power efficiency and conversion factor

There are two types of efficiencies shown in IEC 60146-2; one is a power efficiency, the other is a conversion factor. Power efficiency is defined as the ratio of active output power and active input power. Conversion factor is the ratio between output and input fundamental power levels. The formulae for these two parameters:

$$\eta_{\rm P} = (P_{\rm aAC}/P_{\rm aDC}) \times 100 \quad (\%)$$
$$\eta_{\rm C} = (P_{\rm fAC}/P_{\rm fDC}) \times 100 \quad (\%)$$

where

 $\eta_{\mathsf{P}}$  is the power efficiency;

 $P_{aAC}$  is the a.c. active power;

 $P_{aDC}$  is the d.c. active power;

 $\eta_{\rm C}$  is the conversion factor;

P<sub>fAC</sub> is the a.c. fundamental power;

 $P_{fDC}$  is the d.c. mean power (mean voltage x mean current).

Active power Pa is calculated as

$$P_{a} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} v(t) i(t) dt \text{ or } = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} p(t) dt$$

where

- v(t) is the time-varying voltage;
- p(t) is the time-varying power;
- i(t) is the time-varying current;
- $\mathcal{T}$  is the duration of one cycle.

The difference between the above two efficiencies is due to the evaluation of the harmonic components. IEC 60146 unifies them into power efficiency. Their differences depend on their voltage and current waveforms as shown in table B.1 and are only meaningful in case 5. Considering the purpose of IEC standards and the illustration in table B.1, the power efficiency is used as the efficiency of power conditioners.

As shown in table B.1, case 1 or case 4, the difference between  $\eta_{\rm C}$  and  $\eta_{\rm P}$  is only 0,1% when the d.c. voltage and current ripple are 10 %<sub>pp</sub>, or when a.c. 5th r.m.s. voltage content is 2 % and the 5th current content is 5 %. This means that the conversion factor is practically the same as the power efficiency. It shall, however, be noted that in the case of a square wave, as in case 5, the power efficiency shall be used because the difference is large, i.e.,  $\eta_{\rm C}/\eta_{\rm P} = 0.81$ .

The integration time (duration of one cycle) T shall be 30 s or more and the resultant mean power efficiency value shall be used as the efficiency of the power conditioner.

Table B.1 - Variation of power efficiency  $\eta p$  and conversion factor  $\eta_c$  by difference of voltage or current waveforms

Example	DC input (case 1)	DC input (case 2)	AC output (case 3)	AC output (case 4)	AC output (case 5)
Voltage waveform		0 N			
Current waveform					
Condition	Voltage has no ripple components	Voltage and current have same ripple (10 % <sub>pp</sub> ) with reversed phase	Voltage: sinusoidal Current: square wave (50 % duty cycle)	Harmonic component: Voltage: 5th, 2 % r.m.s. Current: 5th, 5 % r.m.s. in-phase	Voltage and current are both a 50 % duty cycle square wave
PIAC / PAAC	1,0	1,0	1,0	$1/(1+0.02 \times 0.05) = 0.999$	$(4/\pi^2)/0.5 = 0.81$
PfDc / PaDc	1,0	$1/[1-(0,1/2\sqrt{2})^2] = 1,001$	1,0	1,0	1,0
n <sub>c</sub> /n <sub>P</sub>	1,0	0,999	. 1,0	0,999	0,81
Comparison	$\eta_{\rm C} = \eta_{\rm P}$	η <sub>C</sub> ≤ η <sub>P</sub>	$\eta_{\rm C} = \eta_{\rm P}$	$\eta_{C} \leq \eta_{P}$	$\eta_{\rm C} < \eta_{\rm P}$
NOTE $\eta_{\rm C} = P_{\rm fAC}/l$	$P_{\rm IDC}$ , $\eta_{\rm P} = P_{\rm aAC}/P_{\rm aDC}$ , $\eta_{\rm C}/\eta_{\rm P}$	$= (P_{\rm fAC}/P_{\rm aAc})/(P_{\rm fDC}/P_{\rm aDC}).$			

#### Annex C

(informative)

#### Weighted-average energy efficiency

The energy of a power conditioner depends on both the irradiance profile and the load profile. The energy efficiency of a power conditioner shall be calculated by the ratio of the output to the input energy actually measured over a certain period (such as a month or a year).

For reference, a method of estimating the energy efficiency using a weighted-average energy efficiency is described.

The weighted-average energy efficiency,  $\eta_{WT}$  is calculated as the sum of the products of each power level efficiency and related weighting coefficient.

When the system is a utility-interactive type without a storage subsystem, the weighting coefficients depend on a regional irradiance duration curve.

When the system is a stand-alone type with a storage subsystem, the weighting coefficients depend on the load duration curve.

Clauses C.1 and C.2 show the calculation procedures for for utility-interactive systems and stand-alone systems.

#### C.1 $\eta_{WT}$ of power conditioner for utility-interactive PV systems

Utility-interactive PV systems, which have no storage and for which, reverse-power flow is accepted, are described. In this case, d.c. power generated by the PV array is supplied direct into the power conditioner (PC). Almost all of the input power to the PC is converted to a.c. power. A part of it is dissipated as the PC loss.

The weighted-average energy efficiency,  $\eta_{WT}$ , is an index to evaluate annual energy efficiency in which a weighting coefficient,  $K_i$ , is used for each input power level. Here, the irradiance is divided into several discrete levels. By using a duration time  $T_i$ , d.c. input power level,  $P_{1i}$ , output power level,  $P_{0i}$ , and PC efficiency,  $\eta_i$ , for each level i,  $\eta_{WT}$  is defined as follows:

$$\eta_{WT} = \frac{\sum_{i} P_{0i} \cdot T_{i}}{\sum_{i} P_{1i} \cdot T_{i}} = \frac{P_{11} \cdot \eta_{1} \cdot T_{1} + \dots + P_{1n} \cdot \eta_{n} \cdot T_{n}}{P_{11} \cdot T_{1} + \dots + P_{1n} \cdot T_{n}}$$

$$= K_{1} \cdot \eta_{1} + K_{2} \cdot \eta_{2} + \dots + K_{n} - \eta_{n}$$
(C.1)

where

$$K_{i} = P_{i} \cdot T_{i} / \sum P_{i} \cdot T_{i}$$

and

$$\sum K_i = 1$$
 and  $i = 1, 2, 3.....$ 

If the irradiance duration curve is given as shown in figure C.1, equation (C.1) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\eta_{WT} = \frac{1T_1}{T_{WT}} \eta_{1/4} + \frac{2T_2}{T_{WT}} \eta_{2/4} + \frac{3T_3}{T_{WT}} \eta_{3/4} + \frac{4T_4}{T_{WT}} \eta_{4/4} \ge \eta_{ER}$$
(C.2)  
$$T_{WT} = 1T_1 + 2T_2 + 3T_3 + 4T_4$$

where  $\eta_{\text{ER}}$  is the specified energy efficiency;

 $\eta_{1/4}$ , ... is the power conditioner efficiency when its d.c. input power is 1/4,... of the rated value respectively.



Figure C.1 - An example of an irradiance duration curve

#### C.2 nWT of power conditioner for stand-alone PV systems

In stand-alone PV systems with a storage subsystem, power generated from the PV array is stored and stabilized by the batteries. DC power is converted into regulated d.c. power or constant-voltage and constant-frequency a.c. power by a power conditioner (PC) and supplied to the load. In this case, some fraction of the generated power is dissipated as a loss in the batteries and power conditioner.

The calculation of the weighted-average energy efficiency,  $\eta_{WT}$ , for stand-alone PV systems requires weighting coefficients for respective load levels.

By using a load duration time  $T_i$ , d.c. input power  $P_{li}$ , a.c. output power  $P_{Oi}$  and PC efficiency for respective load level  $\eta_i$ ,  $\eta_{WT}$  is defined as follows:

$$\eta_{\text{WT}} = \frac{\sum P_{\text{Oi}} \cdot T_{\text{i}}}{\sum P_{\text{Ii}} \cdot T_{\text{i}}} = \frac{\sum P_{\text{O1}} \cdot T_{1} + \dots + P_{\text{On}} \cdot T_{n}}{P_{\text{I0}} \cdot T_{0} + P_{\text{O1}} \cdot T_{1}/\eta_{1} + P_{\text{On}} \cdot T_{n}/\eta_{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{K_{0} + K_{1}/\eta_{1} + \dots + K_{n}/\eta_{n}}$$
(C.3)

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$$K_{0} = P_{0} \cdot T_{0} / \sum (P_{0i} \cdot T_{i})$$

$$K_{i} = P_{0i} \cdot T_{i} / \sum (P_{0i} \cdot T_{i}), \sum K_{i} = 1$$
(C.4)

where

#### P<sub>10</sub> is the no-load loss.

If the load profile and its duration curve are given as shown in figures C.2 and C.3, equation (C.3) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\eta_{\text{WT}} = \frac{1}{K_0 + 1T_1 / T_{\text{WT}} / \eta_{1/4} + 2T_2 / T_{\text{WT}} / \eta_{2/4} + 3T_3 / T_{\text{WT}} / \eta_{3/4} + 4T_4 / T_{\text{WT}} / \eta_{4/4}} \ge \eta_{\text{ER}}$$
(C.5)

where

- $\eta_{\mathsf{ER}}$  is the specified energy efficiency;
- $\eta_{1/4}$ , ...is the power conditioner efficiency when the load is 1/4,... of the rated value respectively.



Figure C.2 - An example of a load profile



Figure C.3 - An example of a load duration curve

#### Annex D (informative)

### Derivation of efficiency tolerance in table 2

The guaranteed efficiency,  $\eta,$  is

$$\eta = \frac{P_{\rm R}}{P_{\rm R} + P_{\rm L}}$$

where

 $P_{R}$  is the rated output power;

 ${\it P}_{\rm L}$  is the guaranteed loss.

From IEC 60146-1-1, 4.3.3, loss,  $P_{L_1}$  the allowance shall be +0,2 per unit. In this case, the efficiency,  $\eta'$ , is given by:

$$\eta' = \frac{P_{\rm R}}{P_{\rm R} + 1.2P_{\rm L}}$$

Therefore, the tolerance  $\eta' - \eta$  is derived as:

$$\eta' - \eta = \frac{P_{\rm R}}{P_{\rm R} + 1,2P_{\rm L}} - \eta = \frac{P_{\rm R}}{P_{\rm R} + 1,2(1/\eta - 1)P_{\rm R}} - \eta = \frac{1}{1 + 1,2(1/\eta - 1)} - \eta$$
$$= \frac{\eta}{\eta + 1,2(1-\eta)} - \eta = \eta \left[\frac{1}{\eta + 1,2(1-\eta)} - 1\right] = \eta \left[\frac{1}{-0,2\eta + 1,2} - 1\right]$$
$$= \eta \frac{-0,2 + 0,2\eta}{-0,2\eta + 1,2} = \eta \frac{-1+\eta}{-\eta + 6}$$
$$\ge -\eta (1-\eta)/5 (\because \eta \le 1).$$

Finally, the tolerance is given by the following equation:

$$\eta' - \eta = -0.2 (1 - \eta) \eta$$
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