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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) omission of the requirement to conduct mechanical tests at  $-25\text{ °C}$  when enclosures are made of a metallic material;
- b) addition of assumed loading factors generation supplies and electric vehicle charging applications;
- c) additional dielectric tests when a PENDA is used in a distribution substation with separate HV and LV earths;
- d) further clarification of representative samples for design verification.

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# LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

## Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks

### 1 Scope

This document defines the specific requirements for public electricity network distribution assemblies (PENDAs).

PENDAs have the following criteria:

- used for the distribution of electrical energy in three phase systems for which the rated voltage does not exceed 1 000 V AC (see Figure 101 for a typical distribution network) and DC systems not exceeding 1 500 V DC;
- stationary;
- open type assemblies are not covered by this document;
- suitable for installation in places where only skilled persons have access for their use, however, outdoor types can be installed in situations that are accessible to ordinary persons
  - intended for use in energy distribution in public power grids;
  - indoor use: assemblies for installation inside of electric power substations;
  - outdoor use: assemblies containing an enclosure suitable for open air installation.

The object of this document is to state the definitions and to specify the service conditions, construction requirements, technical characteristics and tests for PENDAs. Tests at higher performance level can be applicable with some network parameters.

PENDAs can also include control and or signalling devices associated with the distribution of electrical energy.

NOTE 1 Control and monitoring devices can be used in smart grid applications or the transmission of smart grid data.

This document applies to all PENDAs whether they are designed, manufactured on a one-off basis or fully standardised and manufactured in quantity.

The manufacture and/or assembly can be carried out other than by the original manufacturer (see 3.10.1 of IEC 61439-1:2020).

This document does not apply to individual devices and self-contained components, such as motor starters, fuse switches, electronic equipment, etc. which comply with the relevant product standards.

If the substation is owned or operated by a public distribution system operator (DSO), PENDAs which are used as LV distribution panels in transformer substations are within the scope of this document,

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