

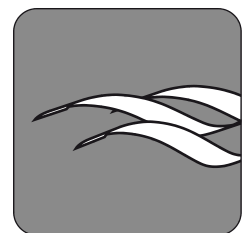
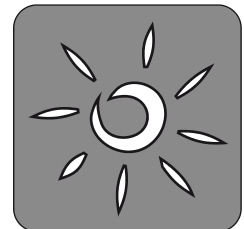
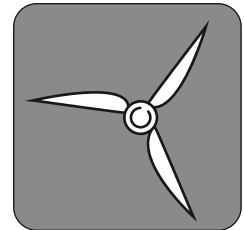
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**Following Parts of FGW Technical Guidelines are available:**

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**Part 2:** Determination of Power Curves and Standardised Energy Yields

**Part 3:** Determination of the Electrical Characteristics of Power Generating Units and Systems in Medium-, High-, and Extra-High Voltage Grids

**Part 4:** Demands on Modelling and Validating Simulation Models of the Electrical Characteristics of Power Generating Units and Systems

**Part 5:** Determination and Application of Reference Yield

**Part 6:** Determination of Wind Potential and Energy Yield

**Part 7:** Operation and Maintenance of Power Plants for Renewable Energy

**Category A:** Miscellaneous Section

**Category B3:** Specialist Application Notes for Monitoring and Testing Foundations and Supporting Structures for Wind Turbines

**Category D2:** State-Event-Cause Code for Power Generating Units (Zustands-Ereignis-Ursachen-Schlüssel, ZEUS)

**Category D3:** Global Service Protocol (GSP)

**Category D3 – Annex A:** XML-Schema Documentation

**Part 8:** Certification of the Electrical Characteristics of Power Generating Units and Systems in the Medium-, High- and Extra-High Voltage Grids

**Part 9:** Determination of High Frequency Emissions from Renewable Power Generating Units

## Foreword

The preparation of these Technical Guidelines for Wind Turbines (also known, since 1998, as FGW Guidelines) began in 1992 with the objective of presenting measuring methods allowing determination of reliable and comparable data for wind turbines (WTs) based on state-of-the-art technology. The measurements from the three fields of power curve, noise emissions and electrical characteristics should serve as the foundation for assessment of WTs, e.g. in permit issues, when assessing grid connection options or for reliable yield calculations.

In the meantime, the individual Technical Guidelines and the test reports compiled by independent measuring institutes are increasingly recognised in their fields. Power curves form the basis for purchase agreements and finance commitments, measured noise emission values are applied both for sales contracts and are used in the course of approval procedures. Measurements of electrical characteristics in accordance with these Technical Guidelines are required by the transmission system operators for the purpose of calculations with regard to connections to their grids.

With the publication of the BDEW guideline 'Generating plants connected to the medium-voltage network' (in short: BDEW MV guideline) [1] in June 2008, the requirements for power generating units and systems were formalised. The BDEW MV guideline is aimed at any type of generating unit, i.e. including photovoltaic systems or cogeneration plants, beside wind turbines. Verification for the generating units and systems must be provided in the form of unit or system certificates.

With the BDEW MV guideline, the Renewable Energy Sources Act [2] and the Ordinance on System Services by Wind Energy Plants (in short: SDLWindV) [3] a framework of requirements was created for the electrical characteristics of WTs connected to the medium-voltage grid, which has been modified again and again in the years after 2009 by supplements, revisions and amendments. For the corresponding requirements and in terms of the high- and extra-high voltage levels, SDLWindV refers to the Transmission Code 2007 (in short: TC 2007) [4] and defines a number of specifications. These requirements resulting from the EEG generally apply to all new systems. The VDE application guide VDE-AR-N 4120 (in short: TCC High-Voltage) [5] came into force on 01/01/2015, the requirements of which may be met by newly commissioned infeeders by 01/01/2017 and must be met after that date. The scope of the TCC High-Voltage aims to override the TC 2007 and Chapters 3 and 5 concerning grid connections at the high-voltage level of the VDN Guideline 'EEG-Erzeugungsanlagen am Hoch- und Höchstspannungsnetz' of 2004 [6].

These guidelines provide a framework for the corresponding certification procedures and specifications which has been agreed jointly by manufacturers, system and grid operators, testing institutes and certification bodies, electrical planners and installers.

This guideline is an english translation of a prior german version. In any case of distinction between both revisions of TG 8 the german version is valid. In case of the use of non-gender neutral language, it is not the aim of the technical committee to discriminate against any gender.

### Compilation of these guidelines

The contents of the Technical Guidelines are the responsibility of the respective technical committees and working groups. The following bodies were involved in the compilation of these guidelines by the working groups: independent measuring institutes, emission protection agencies of the Federal Republic of Germany, manufacturers and certification bodies of power generating units and their components, grid operators, institutes and universities, engineering consultancies and FGW e.V. - Fördergesellschaft Windenergie und andere Erneuerbare Energien (FGW e.V.).



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## Abbreviations used

AC	Alternating Current
BDEW	Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft e.V.
BDEW MV guideline	BDEW medium-voltage guideline 'Generating plants connected to the medium-voltage network' [1]
BMS	Battery management system
CE	Combustion engines
CGP	Cogeneration plant
CISPR	Comité International Spécial Des Perturbations Radioélectriques
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V. (German Institute for Standardisation)
EEG	Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz (Renewable Energy Sources Act) [2]
EHV grid	Extra-high voltage grid
EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility
EN	European norm/standard
FACTS	Flexible AC Transmission System
FGW	FGW e.V.-Fördergesellschaft Windenergie und andere Erneuerbare Energien
FNN	Forum network technology/network operation in the VDE
FRT	Fault ride-through
GCP	Grid connection point
GCR	Grid connection regulations
GenSet	Combination of generator and prime mover, used for CEs
GO	Grid operator
HV grid	High-voltage grid
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
ISO	International Organisation for Standardization
LV	Low voltage
LVRT	Low voltage ride-through
MV	Medium voltage
MV grid	Medium-voltage grid
PCC	Point of Common Coupling
PGS	Power generating systems (in accordance with BDEW MV guideline)
PGU	Power generating units: individual units for generating electrical energy (in accordance with BDEW MV guideline)
PVS	Photovoltaic system
SDLWindV	Ordinance on System Services by Wind Energy Plants [3]
SMT	Standardized Manufacturer Tests

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SS	Busbar
STATCOM	Static Synchronous Compensator
SVC	Static Var Compensator
TC 2007	Transmission Code from 2007 [4]
TCC	Technical Connection Conditions
TCC High-Voltage	Technical requirements for the connection and operation of customer installations to the high-voltage network (VDE-AR-N 4120) [5]
TG	Technical Guidelines
TG 3	Technical Guidelines 3 by FGW [7]
TG 4	Technical Guidelines 4 by FGW [8]
THC	Total Harmonic Current Distortion
TS	Transformer substation
VDE FNN	Forum network technology / network operation in the VDE (FNN)
VDN	Association of German Power Transmission System Operators (Verband der Netzbetreiber e.V.)
WT	Wind turbine
ZVEI	German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association