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c) a table has been added for bipolar excitation which shows the parameters of the IREQ radio interference excitation function;
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INTRODUCTION

Electric fields and magnetic fields are produced in the vicinity of a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) overhead transmission line. When the electric field at the conductor surface exceeds a critical value, known as the corona onset gradient, positive or negative free charges leave the conductor and interact with the surrounding air and ionization takes place in the layer of surrounding air, leading to the formation of corona discharges. The corona discharge will result in corona loss but also change the electro-magnetic properties around the HVDC overhead transmission lines.

The parameters used to describe the electromagnetic performance of an HVDC overhead transmission line mainly include the:

1) electric field,
2) ion current,
3) magnetic field,
4) radio interference,
5) audible noise.

To control these parameters in a reasonable and acceptable range, for years, a great deal of theoretical and experimental research was conducted in many countries, and relevant national standards or enterprise standards were developed. This document collects and records the status of study and progress of electric fields, ion current, magnetic fields, radio interference, and audible noise of HVDC overhead transmission lines. It is recognised that general technical discussion given in this document would be applicable for HVDC sub-stations as well; However, since layout of a station differs very differently, expressions given for HVDC overhead transmission line cannot be directly used as many assumptions would not hold good. Furthermore, an HVDC sub-station is not accessible to the general public, thus the numbers and limits given in this document are not applicable for HVDC sub-stations.