

Technical Quality of Service Regulation in Portugal

Study visit



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Electricity sector organization

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Before 1996, the Portuguese electricity sector was:

Vertically integrated

State ownership

Monopoly

Consumers pay a full tariff with no choice



Electricity sector organization: unbundled sector



From 1996, the Portuguese electricity sector was:





Mainland Portugal





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Quality of Service Code (QSC)

Electricity sector

Gas sector



The QSC have the same approach but some specificities considering the sectors and the systems.



Electricity quality of service regulation in Portugal



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Quality of service dimensions

Commercial quality

- Duties of the supplier and the network operator: Communication, problem solving, contractual issues
- Technical quality
 - Continuity of supply:
 - Number and duration of interruptions
 - Power quality:
 - Voltage dips, swells, frequency, flicker, harmonic distortion

ERSE's regulation contributes to the quality of service



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Definition of interruption:

A condition in which the voltage at the supply is lower than 5% of the declared voltage

Long Interruption versus Short Interruption

- Long: interruption with duration greater than 3 min.
- Short: interruption with duration equal or above than 1 second and equal or below than 3 min.



Long Interruption



Voltage



Interruption type

> Unplanned interruption:

Interruption without notice (due to faults in the electrical network)

Planned interruption:

Notice in advance by the network operator to allow the TSO/DSO to carry out scheduled work on the network

Planned interruptions aim to ensure the high performance of the networks









Interruption type

- > Planned Interruptions Impact in terms of quality of service:
 - interruptions to carry out maintenance work on the networks in order to improve the quality of service
 - the maximum number of interruptions is 5 per year and per affected customer and each interruption can only have a duration of less than or equal to 8 hours
 - the communication to customers is made at least 36 hours in advance, by individual notice or by means of social communication, to mitigate the impact of its occurrence



Planned interruption

Communication of planned interruptions by the network operator

Oceano

Notícias

Interrupções Programadas: 31 de Janeiro

O Início Interrupção Programada Coimbra/Cantanhede Agendada para 31/01/2021 União das 08:00 às Frequesias de 15:00 Cantanhede e Pocarica Localidade: Cantanhede - Lra. Conselheiro Ferreira Freire, Lrg. do Romal, R. Conselheiro Carvalho, R. S. João, Trav. Lrg. do Romal. Conservação e Reparação de Infraestruturas de Rede Lisboa/Cascais Google

27/01/2021 - 06:24

A EDP Distribuição-Energia, SA informa que para garantir a qualidade de serviço vai efetuar trabalhos localizados na sua rede de distribuição, sendo para tal necessário proceder à interrupção pontual da alimentação de energia elétrica no dia 31 de Janeiro de 2021 (domingo), nos concelhos de Cantanhede e Cascais.

Consulte aqui os locais afetados e respetivos períodos de interrupção.





Continuity of supply indicators





Continuity of supply indicators

Quality characterization/quantification

- Properties that indicators must have:
 - Simple: ...to understand, ...to determine, ...to implement
 - Reliable: the data used for its calculation must be objective and its collection must be highly reliable
 - Auditable: possibility to check the data used in its calculation, as well as the calculations performed





General	Quantity	Duration	Syst	tem
indicators	Quantity	Duration	Transmission	Distribution
SAI F I	✓ (F – frequency)		\checkmark	\checkmark
SAI D I		✓ (D – duration)	\checkmark	\checkmark
MAIFI	✓ (F – frequency)		\checkmark	\checkmark
AIT			\checkmark	
TIEPI				\checkmark
ENS			\checkmark	
END				\checkmark

- System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)
- System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)
- Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index (MAIFI)
- Average Interruption Time (AIT)
- Equivalent Interruption Time of Installed Power (TIEPI)

- Energy Non Supplied (ENS)
- Energy Non Distributed (END)

Continuity of supply: general indicators



Individual indicators:

o Number of interruptions

o Duration of interruptions







SAIFI: average number of "long" ($D_i > 3$ min) interruptions per customer per year

$$SAIDI = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} N_i D_i}{N_{tot}}$$

SAIDI: average duration of interruption per customer per year

$$MAIFI = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} N_i}{N_{tot}}$$

MAIFI as SAIFI, but for short ("momentary", 1 sec $< D_i < 3$ min) interruptions

$$AIT = \frac{ENS}{P_{me}}$$

 $P_{me} = \frac{ENS + ES}{T}$

AIT: relation between Energy Non Supplied (ENS) and expected average power (Pme), if no interruptions had been recorded



Exercise – Annual Interruptions reported by TSO:

Code of interruption	Code of Substation	Date	Interruption type	Causes	Duration (minutes)	ENS (MWh)
1/2021	SA	26/03/21 11:13:12	Unplanned	Human	0.4	0.3
2/2021	SB	21/04/21 07:44:31	Unplanned	Technical equipment	4.1	3.5
3/2021	SC	03/07/21 03:50:28	Unplanned	Human	3.0	1.4
4/2021	SD	13/10/21 09:20:28	Planned	Service reasons	5.9	8.7
5/2021	SE	13/12/21 19:05:07	Unplanned	Technical equipment	8.0	10.1

Addictional data: Total substations = 86 | Energy Supplied = 49 528 527 MWh | T= 365 x 24 x 60 = 525 600 minutes





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Continuity of supply: individual indicators

- The customer is only interested in having information regarding the interruptions that occurred in his installation
- Individual Indicators:
 - Number of interruptions: total number of interruptions experienced by each consumer
 - **Duration of interruptions**: total duration of interruptions experienced by each consumer



- Interruptions to consider: Long (interruptions greater than 3 minutes)
- Calculation periodicity: Yearly

Evolution of the duration of all interruptions in low voltage



In all interruptions (planned and unplanned) experienced by LV customers, there is a strong convergence of Portugal's general indicator with the European average.

Quality of service zones

- Quality of service zone → set of installation with equal characteristics related to quality of service
- The QSC considers 3 different Quality of Service Zones:
 - Zone A Places with more than 25000 customers (urban areas);
 Zone B Places with customers number between 2500 and 25000

(semi-urban areas);

- Zone C Other places (rural areas).
- Locations with higher customer density

More demanding quality levels



Number of customers per QS zone in mainland Portugal

QS Zone	N.º de customers
А	1 667 216
В	1 805 116
С	2 774 031



Continuity of supply standards

- Indicators determined taking into account unplanned interruptions
- Long interruptions, not covering interruptions due to <u>Exceptional Events</u>

Exceptional events are deemed to have all of the following characteristics:

- Low probability of the occurrence of the event or its consequences
- They cause a significant reduction in the quality of service provided
- It is not economically reasonable for the network operator to avoid all their consequences
- The event and its consequences are not attributable to the network operator
- An event is only considered exceptional after approval by ERSE, following a request from a network operator or supplier
- Classification as an exceptional event allows its consequences to be excluded when verifying compliance with standards for general and individual indicators



Continuity of supply standards

General standards applicable to long unplanned interruptions in MV and LV distribution networks, per year

Voltage level	Indicator	QS Zone	Standard
	SAIDI MT (hours)	A B C	3 4 7
MV		A	3
	SAIFI MT	В	5
	(interruption)	С	7
		А	3
	(hours)	В	5
L V	(nours)	С	8
LV		А	3
	SAIFIBI	В	5
	(interruption)	С	7

- Locations with higher customer density
- Higher voltage levels



More demanding quality levels

Individual standards applicable to long unplanned interruptions in HV, MV and LV distribution networks, per year and per customer

Voltage level	Indicator	QS Zone	Standard	
		А	6	
	Number of	В	6	
шу	interruptione	С	6 3 3	
ΠV	Duration of	А		
	interruptions	В	3	
	(hours)	С	Standard 6 6 3 3 3 3 3 12 18 4 8 12 18 2 10 15 22 6 10 17	
		А	8	
	Number of	В	12	
B#\/	Interruptions	С	18	
	Duration of	А	4	
	interruptions	В	8	
	(hours)	С	C 18 A 4 B 8 C 12 A 10 B 15	
		А	10	
	Number of	В	15	
L V	interruptions	С	22	
LV	Duration of	A	6	
	interruptions	В	10	
	(hours)	B C A B C A B C C	17	

Individual standards applicable to long unplanned interruptions in EHV transmission networks, per year and per customer

Voltage level	Indicator	Standard
EUV	Duration of interruptions (hours)	0.75
EHV	Number of interruptions	3



General standards

General standards and continuity of supply indicators by Zone (mainland Portugal)





Service Quality Improvement Plan

- Network operators must develop a plan to improve the quality of service when they identify difficulties in complying with power quality thresholds or general standards established in the Code.
- These plans are considered in the network development and investment plans (subject to ERSE's opinion, discussion in Parliament and approval by the Government).







Compensation for non-compliance with individual standards

- Right to compensation
 - Failure to comply with individual standards of continuity of service
- > Payment method
 - Automatic payment through the bill (no customer request required)
- > When?
 - On the invoice of the 1st quarter subsequent to the calendar year to which the compensation relates
- Compensation for non-compliance with individual standards: Number of interruptions and Duration of interruptions
- If, for a given customer, both standards are exceeded, the customer will only receive one compensation (the standard with higher compensation value)





Compensation for non-compliance with individual standards

 Compensation for non-compliance with the standard for the number of interruptions (NI)

$CN = [(NI - NI_p)] \times FC$

- CN amount of compensation, in €
- NI number of interruptions
- NI_p standard value associated with the number of interruptions
- FC unit value of compensation for the number of interruptions, in €

	LV	MV	HV and EHV
FC (€)	1.20	24.0	120.0
KC (€/kWh)	0.45	0.35	0.20

 Compensation for non-compliance with the standard for the duration of interruptions (DI)

$CD = [(DI - DI_p)] \times PC \times KC$

- CD amount of compensation, in €
- DI total duration of interruptions, in hours
- DI_p standard associated with the duration of interruptions
- PC average value of contracted power during the year, in kW
- KC unit value of compensation for the duration of interruptions, in €/kWh



Exercise: Compensation for non-compliance with individual standards

In 2021, the distribution network operator verified that **Customer A** was **interrupted** for **730 minutes** (12.17 hours).

Customer A, connected to the **low voltage** network, belongs to **Quality of Service Zone A** and has a **contracted power of 3.45 kVA**.

Calculate the amount of compensation:

- Individual standard for total duration of interruptions (DI_p): 6 hours (360 minutes)
- Compensation unit value (KC): 0.45 €/kWh

Applying the formula $CD = (DI - DI_P) \times PC \times KC$, results:

 $CD_{2021} = (12.17 - 6) \times 3.45 \times 0.45$

CD₂₀₂₁ = 9.58 € (total value of the compensation)

Incentive for TSO

- Incentive for the increasing of availability of network equipment
 - **Objective**: to promote the reliability of the transmission network, in order to improve the quality of service at the delivery points provided by this network
 - Applies to the transmission network operator in Extra High Voltage
 - The relevant indicator is the **combined average availability rate** (TCD), which results from the weight of the average availability rate of **line circuits** and **power transformers**

TCD =
$$\alpha \times Td_{cl}$$
 + (1 - α) × Td_{tp}

- **α**: Weighting factor calculated as the relation between the line circuits average thermal capacity and the sum of the line circuits average thermal capacity and the power transformers average power;
- Td_{cl}: Line circuits average availability rate, in %;
- Td_{tp}: Power transformers average availability rate, in %.









Incentive for the increasing of availability of network equipment



As the system is symmetric, the reward and the penalty have the same maximum value:

- | Idis_{max} |= | Idis_{min} |= 1,000,000 € (approx. 0.34% allowed revenues of the transmission activity)
- Target value: **Tcd_{REF}** = 97.5%
- $\Delta V = 0\%$ (no tolerance band)
- V_{dis} = 1,000,000 €
- **α** = 0.75

Parameters of the incentive:

 $\begin{aligned} Idis_{min}: Maximum penalty value, in €\\ Idis_{max}: Maximum reward value, in €\\ Tcd_{REF}: Reference value for the combined availability rate, in (%)\\ V_{dis}: Valorization of the combined average availability rate, in €\\ ±ΔV: Dead band, variation of Tcd_{ref}, in % \end{aligned}$



Combined availability rate and incentive amounts



Continuity of supply indicators are disaggregated by Regions, NUTS III (similar to districts) and National level



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> Characteristics of the voltage wave are defined in the standard NP EN 50160

Low voltage supply characteristics									
Disturbance	Limits	Evaluation range	Percentage of measurements within limits during the range						
Frequency	± 1%	Woor	99,5%						
Frequency	+ 4% / - 6%	year	100,0%						
Amplitudo	± 10%	Fach wook	95,0%						
Amplitude	+ 10% / - 15%		100,0%						
Flicker	P _{lt} < 1	Each week	95,0%						
Total harmonic distortion	THD < 8%	Each week	95,0%						

Voltage dips









- Power quality monitoring plans
 - Network operators must develop power quality monitoring plans to characterize the performance of the networks and verify compliance with the limits established for the different characteristics of the voltage waveform.
 - Power quality monitoring may be carried out through permanent monitoring or periodic campaigns. The selection of points to be monitored must consider a balanced geographical distribution and ensure the coverage of customers identified by the network operators as being more susceptible to variations in power quality.
 - The power quality monitoring plans have a **time horizon** of **two consecutive years** and must be sent to ERSE.

Power quality

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> Information available for customers



https://www.ren.pt/en-GB/o_que_fazemos/eletricidade/qualidade_de_energia_electrica



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Audits and Reports



Quality of Service Reports

- Network operators and suppliers must send to Portuguese Regulator by email and publish on their websites the quality of service report.
- The **Portuguese Regulator** annually publishes the quality of service **report** for the electricity sector.





Audits and Reports



> Audits to verify regulatory compliance

- The Portuguese Regulator may carry out audits to verify compliance with regulatory provisions.
- Audits may focus on all or part of the regulation's provisions.



Audits and Reports

Steps for on-site inspections

- 1. Planning
 - A. Choice of the company to be audited
 - B. Preparation of "check-list", according to specific situations
- 2. Formal decision for inspection

Approved by the Board and published in the website not identifying the companies

3. The week ahead: notification

The operator is notified on the date/place of the audit

- 4. During the audit:
 - A. Filling the check-list regarding operator business administration, procedures of interruptions management, telecontrol system, ...)
 - B. Random sampling interruptions to be checked
 - C. Final minutes of the audit operation

5. After the audit:

- A. Report of the audit communicated to the company
- B. Juridical cross-examination company is informed and can ask to be formally heared
- C. Final decision for approving or rejecting on the basis of indexes' levels

Data on technical quality of service

- Each quarter and year, TSO/DSO provide to ERSE the continuity of supply indicators, adequately splitted according to regulatory guidance
- For each interruption, the TSO/DSO must record the following data in the "interruption register":
 - o Type of interruption (planned/unplanned)
 - o Starting time
 - o Duration (for each group of customers with same duration)
 - o Number of customer affected
 - o Voltage level (EHV, HV, MV, LV)
 - o Code of the affected installation
 - o Cause of interruption (external damages, other)



• At the end of the year, an electronic copy of the **register is uploaded in the data collection system** of the regulator



> Data reported by the TSO to ERSE

	Content					
	Non-compliance with individual standards (number of interruptions)					
File #1	Non-compliance with individual standards (duration of interruptions)					
	List of Exceptional Events					
×	List of substations					

	Content	
File #2 Genera	l Indicators	
List of i	nterruptions	



List of substations

Code of substation	Name of	Location	Geog coord	raphic linates	Transformer	Uc	Transformation	No. of	Busbar	Year of	Year of last	Transf	ormers in service	Number of
	substation	(District)	Latitude	Longitude	power	(kV)	relation	busbars	arrangement	commissioning	renovation	on Number	Last replacement year	backup transformers
SAV	Alqueva Substation	Vidigueira	38.1859	-7.4981	340	60	400/60	2	2 bars	2007	n.a.	2	N/A	0
SBA	Bodiosa Substation	Bodiosa	40.7018	-7.9926	340	60	400/60	2	2 bars	2006	n.a.	2	2010	0
SBL	Batalha Substation	Batalha	39.6505	-8.7892	510	60	400/60	2	2 bars	1973	2006	3	2011	0

> List of interruptions

Code of	Data	Hour		Interruption		Duration	Equipament	Observations	ENS
interruption	Date	HOUI	Туре	Cause	Description	(min.)	Equipament	Observations	(MWh)
GI_23/2020	21-02-2020	05:38:01	Unplanned	Odd objects in the netwoks	Storks	1.9	TR 1 150/60 SOQ	n.a.	0.2
GI_48/2020	12-03-2020	13:36:03	Unplanned	Human	Errors in conservation, assemblies and tests	1.7	Bar II 60 SPN	n.a.	0.1
GI_136/2020	28-05-2020	10:30:15	Unplanned	Odd objects in the netwokrs	Other birds	6.5	TR 2 150/60 SER	n.a.	2.8



List of Exceptional Events

Code of incident	Voltage	Name of	Duration	Delivery points	Co	ntribution	to the gene	eral indicato	Exceptional event? (Yes/No)			
	level (kV)	substation	(min.)	, p	SAIFI	SAIDI (min)	MAIFI	TIE (min)	ENF (MWh)	Requested? (Y/N)	ERSE Classification (Y/N/Await)	
GI_23/2020	60	SOQ	1,9	1	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,00	0,2	Ν	-	
GI_136/2020	60	SER	6,5	1	0,01	0,08	0,00	0,03	2,8	Ν	-	

> Non-compliance with individual standards (number of interruptions)

	EHV										
Delivery Point	Compensation	Investment Fund									
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount							
	0	0	0	0							

Non-compliance with individual standards (duration of interruptions)

		EHV		
Delivery Point	Compensation	Investme	ent Fund	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	0	0	0	0



General Indicators

	Plar	nned in	terrupt	ions		Unplanned interruptions													Exceptional events										
Indicator	Public interest reasons	Service reasons	Other networks or installations	Total	Security reasons	Strikes	Extreme natural conditions	Odd objects in the netwokrs	Fire or flood	Vandalism	Third party	Atmospheric conditions	Maintenance	Network protections	Electric equipment	Technical reasons	Human intervention	Unknown reasons	External entities	Total	Security reasons	Strikes	Extreme natural condition	Odd objects in the netwokrs	Fire or flood	Vandalism	Third party	Total	TOTAL
SAIFI	0,01	0	0	0,01	0	0	0	0,01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,01
SAIDI (min.)	24,26	0	0	24,26	0	0	0	0,08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,08
MAIFI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,01	0	0	0,02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,02
TIE (min.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,03
ENF (MWh)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,8



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