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With the advent of AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) systems, several meter manufacturers have introduced residential meters with a built in service switch. The current ANSI standards do not adequately cover these types of meters. This technical report provides a testing basis to these types of meters with the intention to lead to a standardized method for testing electricity meters with an integral service switch.

Sections specific to ANSI C12.1-2008 have been referenced within the various tests of this document.

This technical report was developed within a working group under the guidance of ANSI C12 Subcommittee 1 with the intention for it to be used in conjunction with the ANSI C12.1-2008 standard. The use of both will help facilitate proper testing of meters with integral service switches.

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1 Scope

This technical report identifies test requirements for meters containing a Service Switch. Most of the tests included in this report are tailored to fit Service Switch type meters and originate from the ANSI C12.1-2008 standard. Sections within the ANSI standard have been referenced within these tests where applicable. The intent is to use this technical report in conjunction with C12.1-2008. Other tests that are specific to the Service Switch have been added for completeness.

2 References

This technical report shall be used in conjunction with the following standard.

ANSI C12.1-2008	<i>Code for Electricity Metering</i>
IEC 60068-2-6:2012	<i>Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)</i>
IEC 60068-2-27:2008	<i>Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock</i>
IEC 61000-4-4:2012	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test</i>
IEEE C37.90.1-2002	<i>IEEE Standard Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for Relays and Relay Systems Associated with Electric Power Apparatus</i>

International Safe Transit Association, Test Procedure 1A, Performance Test for Individual Packaged - Products Weighing 150 lb. (68 kg) or Less, (revision date: 2001), Vibration and Shock

3 Definitions

For additional definitions, see ANSI C12.1.

Service Switch

A built-in switch that allows the electric utility to remotely disconnect/reconnect all phases of the electric service at a customer location by isolating the line side terminals of the meter from the load side terminals. Also referred to as a Remote Connect/Disconnect Switch.

Service Switch Check

A verification of the operation of the Service Switch by performing a Service Switch Cycle.

Service Switch Cycle

One open and one close operation of the Service Switch.

State, Closed

A state of the Service Switch, whereby current can flow through all phases of the Service Switch.