SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE SOP 278

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1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 278 (Applicable to GEC Alstom OX36 Circuit Breakers) issued by the Energy Networks Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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Issue Date	Issue No.	Author	Amendment Details
August 2002	1	David Naylor	Initial issue
May 2012	2	Mark Stewart	This document now supersedes OPSAF-14-072. SOP278 can now be removed after drive linkages have been inspected and are correctly connected.
August 2024	3	Stephen Batten	Re-format of document

3. ISSUE AUTHORITY

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4. REVIEW

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7. SOP DETAILS

EQUIPMENT TYPE: GEC Alstom – OX36 – Circuit Breaker

ORIGINATING COMPANY: 24seven Utility Services Ltd

DATE: 4th August 2001

NUMBER INSTALLED IN (ENERGY NETWORKS NORTH:

NUMBER INSTALLED IN 5 ENERGY NETWORKS SOUTH:

REASON: During routine switching a circuit breaker remained closed on

one phase after the circuit breaker was opened. Investigation by Alstom. Circuit breaker mechanism drives centre phase directly, outer phase contacts are driven by lever and extended drive rods. The left hand phase drive lever was noted to have

become detached from its contact drive shaft.

STATUS IN INITIATING

COMPANY:

The operating mechanism shall be inspected before and after operation of the circuit breaker to ensure that the drive linkages

are correctly attached.

SPEN APPLICATION: The operating mechanism shall be inspected before and after

operation of the circuit breaker to ensure that the drive linkages

are correctly attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: None

UPDATE: Update May 2012

SOP278 to be applied in SAP and System Diagram. If the drive

linkage is found to be correctly attached during the next

inspection SOP278 can be lifted permanently.

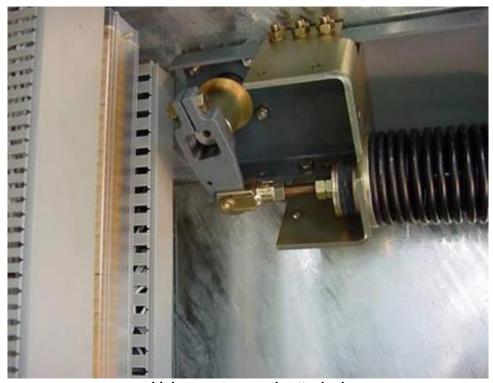
REMEDIAL ACTION: None



8. APPENDIX 1



Linkage correctly attached



Linkage not correctly attached

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9. SOP HEADER

Field Name		Field Value	Field Size
Name (SOPXXX)	*	SOP278	6
The reason for the * Operational Restriction		Detached drive linkage	30
Nature of the Operational Restriction	*	Inspection to ensure drive linkage is correctly attached.	50
Comments *		SOP278 to be applied in SAP and System Diagram. If the drive linkage is found to be correctly attached during the next inspection SOP278 can be lifted permanently.	200
Restricted Access to Substation Flag	*	<u>N</u>	1
SOP Impact Code * (highlight or underline the appropriate code)		Temporary/Impact under assessment Very minor operational/network impact Moderate operational/network impact Significant impact on system perf./measurable business costs Inoperable without intervention Inoperable – no cost effective solution/must be replaced	N/A
SOP component type * (highlight or underline the appropriate code)		01 Bushing only 02 Circuit Breaker 03 Fixed Portion only 04 Moving Portion only 05 Switch 06 RMU 07 Transformer only 08 Tap Changer only 09 Transformer & Bushing 10 Transformer & Tap Changer	N/A
Search Criteria	*	Manufacturer: GEC Alstom Model: OX36	N/A

^{*} This denotes a Mandatory Field