

1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 300 issued by the Electricity Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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3. ISSUE AUTHORITY

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4. SOP DETAILS

TYPE : Yorkshire Switchgear type YSF6 11kV and 22kV circuit breakers

ORIGINATING DNO : Amey
(operators of part of the Network Rail distribution system)

DATE : 7 February 2003

NO. INSTALLED IN POWER SYSTEMS NORTH: 159

NO. INSTALLED IN POWER SYSTEMS SOUTH: 0

STATUS : No restriction to access or operation within PowerSystems.

REASON: This SOP relates to loss of SF₆ gas pressure due to deterioration of a flexible Nitrile rubber hose connecting the main circuit breaker tank to the gas filling valve. Deterioration has been noted in a very small number of YSF6 units.

YSF6 units in PowerSystems have a low gas pressure alarm switch that will indicate a possible instance of hose deterioration. All YSF6 units have a low gas pressure lockout switch that will fail-safe by locking-out the circuit breaker in case of loss of gas pressure.

Furthermore, tests have proved that the YSF6 breaker, with SF₆ at atmospheric pressure, will safely interrupt a fault current of 12.5kA.

This has led to the decision not to impose any restriction under this SOP.

UPDATE:

REMEDIAL ACTION: