SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE SOP 344

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1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 344 (Applicable to Novexia Auguste Pole Mounted Switch (Soule)) issued by the Energy Networks Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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7. **SOP DETAILS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE Novexia Auguste Pole Mounted Switch (Soule).

ORIGINATING COMPANY SP PowerSystems Ltd

DATE 01 June 2007

NUMBER INSTALLED IN **ENERGY NETWORKS NORTH** **TBC**

NUMBER INSTALLED IN **ENERGY NETWORKS SOUTH** **TBC**

REASON

STATUS IN INITIATING **COMPANY**

Switches may not be used as a "point of isolation" until modified by replacement of the pin retained by circlips with an approved

alternative.

SOP initiated and applied in Energy Networks. (See Additional **SPEN APPLICATION**

Information below)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION The initial supply of "Hookstick" mechanisms with Novexia

Auguste (Soule) switches used a plain interlock pivot pin, retained by conventional external spring steel circlips. The pin had no machined grooves for circlip location, making dislocation of the circlips possible, and disabling the interlock function, which in turn might allow the switch to be closed using a "Hookstick", despite the "Safetylock" feature appearing to be

engaged.

There are three approved modifications. Newly supplied "Hookstick" mechanisms may have the pivot pin replaced by a similarly sized bolt with a nut and locknut, or may have a plain pin retained by split pins inserted through a cross-drilled hole. Units modified by ScottishPower stores have the pivot pin

replaced with a bolt and nut and lock nut.



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Units modified "in situ" will have the pivot pin replaced with a bolt and "nylock" nut.

UPDATE

REMEDIAL ACTION

Most modifications have already been completed any outstanding will have the SOP indicated on the ICOND diagram.

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8. SOP HEADER

Field Name		Field Value		Field Size
Name (SOPXXX) *		SOP344		6
The reason for the Operational Restriction	*	Dislocation of circlip		30
Nature of the * Operational Restriction		Do not use as POI until modified		50
Comments	*	Most modifications have already been completed any outstanding will have the SOP indicated on the ICOND diagram.		200
Restricted Access to Substation Flag	*		N	1
SOP Impact Code (highlight or underline the appropriate code)	*	O Temporary/Impact under assessment Very minor operational/network impact Moderate operational/network impact Significant impact on system perf./id Inoperable without intervention Inoperable – no cost effective solution	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	*	Novexia Auguste, Soule		N/A

^{*} This denotes a Mandatory Field