

SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE SOP 350

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1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 2008/0350/00 (Applicable to Yorkshire IVIO/F 11KV Oil Circuit Breakers including IVIO13, IVIO13K, IVIO14, IVIF13, IVIF13K and IVIF14) issued by the Energy Networks Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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			to local manual Opening

3. ISSUE AUTHORITY

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4. SOP DETAILS

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Yorkshire IVIO/F including IVIO, IVIO13, IVIO13K,

IVIO14, IVIF, IVIF13, IVIF13K and IVIF14

ORIGINATING DNO SP Power Systems Ltd

DATE: 17 July 2008

NUMBER INSTALLED IN 623

ENERGY NETWORKS NORTH:

NUMBER INSTALLED IN ENERGY NETWORKS SOUTH:

REASON:

Following the recent failure of an IVIF13 OCB, investigations have revealed that the cause was due to the breaker not being completely closed. This meant that the load current was being carried by the arcing contacts. This led to excessive erosion of the contacts, carbonisation of the oil and a build up of explosive gases.

STATUS IN INITIATING DNO:

- a) Following the closure of any IVIO/F Circuit Breaker, the mechanism shall be visually inspected to ensure that the "Hold-in catches" have latched the mechanism in the OCB closed or ON position.
- b) Prior to the local manual opening of any IVIO/F Circuit Breaker, the mechanism shall be visually inspected to ensure that the "Hold-in catches" are latching the mechanism fully in the OCB closed or ON position.

All IVIO/F Circuit Breaker mechanisms will be subject to an enhanced maintenance regime.

SOP applied by SPEN

N/A

SPEN APPLICATION:

UPDATE:

REMEDIAL ACTION:

Enhanced maintenance regime to be implemented. This will be detailed in a new additional requirement check sheet which will be added to the PSPMM.