SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE SOP 400

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1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 2015/0400/00 issued by the Energy Networks Association. This is applicable to a number of Hawker Siddeley Switchgear Falcon Beta RMUs.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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3. ISSUE AUTHORITY

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7. **SOP DETAILS**

Equipment Type: Hawker Siddeley Switchgear Falcon Beta RMUs

Originating organisation: Manx Electricity Authority

DATE: 17 November 2015

Number installed in SPEN (Scotland)

34

Number installed in **SPEN (England & Wales)** 182

Reason for SOP: Momentary energisation of outgoing cable terminals on the RMU

during an operation to remove the earth.

Status of SOP in

"Units in the affected range MUST have the RMU made dead prior to initiating organisation: the removal of the EARTH on the CB part of the unit. This can be

achieved by opening the gas switches on the affected unit to temporarily make the busbars dead whilst carrying out the operation. There is no requirement for the RMU to be made dead remotely."

SPEN application of

SOP:

Switching of the CB ESW (EARTH ON to EARTH OFF) is not

permitted whilst the BB is live. All other operations are permitted

and the CB Switch can still be used as a point of isolation

Updated from previous SOP limitation, "No circuit breaker manual **ADDITIONAL**

INFORMATION: switching shall be carried out with the RMU busbars live."

UPDATE: SOP restriction revised upon advice from Hawker Siddley prompted by

feedback from Operational staff that the original restriction applied was

not clear

REMEDIAL ACTION: Hawker Siddeley Switchgear have not offered a solution to cost

effectively repair the unit



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8. SOP HEADER

Field Name	Field Value		Field Size
Name (SOP)	SOP400 Hawker Siddeley Falcon RMU		61
The reason for the * Operational Restriction	CB mechanism fault		30
Nature of the * Operational Restriction	No CB ESW (ON->OFF) operation with RMU BB live		50
Comments *	Switching of the CB ESW (EARTH ON to EARTH OFF) is not permitted whilst the BB is live. All other operations are permitted and the CB Switch can still be used as a point of isolation		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./measurable business costs Inoperable without intervention Inoperable – no cost effective solution/must be replaced		4
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		02
Search Criteria *	Hawker Siddeley Switchgear Types Falcon and Falcon Beta		N/A

^{*} This denotes a Mandatory Field

Notes:

The SOP is associated with the RMU CB, the component type listed is the CB, it is essential that this restriction is visible in Power ON as a warning for switching action Earth ON to Earth OFF.