

Document Reference:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
<b>Version:-</b> 5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	1	of	22

# NPS/003/010 - Technical Specification for 400V PSC-Assemblies (LVAC Boards) Utilised in Major Substations

# 1. Purpose

This document is the technical specification for 400V LVAC PSC-Assemblies for use in major substations on Northern Powergrid's distribution network.

This document supersedes the following documents, all copies of which should be destroyed.

Reference	Version	Date	Title
NPS/003/010	4.0 Oct 2018	Technical Specification for 400V PSC-Assemblies (LVAC Boards) utilised in	
NF3/003/010	4.0	000 2018	Major Substations

# 2. Scope

This specification covers the technical requirements for 400V AC PSC-Assemblies (LVAC Boards) used to control LV auxiliary supplies in Major substations on Northern Powergrid's distribution network. It has been created using IEC/TR 61439-0 as a basis in accordance with best practice.

Specific requirements are listed in the included Appendices and in the drawings referenced.

The following appendices form part of this technical specification:

- Appendix 1 Addendum to Supplier Requirements regarding verification, delivery and handling
- Appendix 2- Table C.1 user requirements from IEC/TR 61439-0 and cross referenced to BS EN 61439 parts 1 & 2
- Appendix 3 Additional General Technical requirements.
- Appendix 4 Self Certification Conformance declaration to be completed by the supplier.
- Appendix 5 Technical Information Check List
- Appendix 6 Primary Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly
- Appendix 7 Grid Supply Point Indoor LVAC Assembly (1 or 2 Incomers)
- Appendix 8 Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly Type 1
- Appendix 9 Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly Type 2
- Appendix 10 Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly Type 3



Document Reference	e:- NPS/003/0	10	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:- 5.	Da	te of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	2	of	22

# 2.1. Contents

1. 2. 2		ose e Contents	. 1
3.		nical Requirements General	
3	.1.1.	Primary Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly (Appendix 6)	. 3
3	.1.2.	Grid Supply Point Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly (Appendix 7)	. 3
3	.1.3.	Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assemblies Types 1 – 3 (Appendices 8-10)	. 3
3	.1.3.1.	Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 1 (Appendix 8)	. 3
3	.1.3.2.	Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 2 (Appendix 9)	. 4
3	.1.3.3.	Generation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 3 (Appendix 10)	. 4
3	.2.	Indoor Assemblies	. 4
3	.3.	Outdoor Assemblies	. 5
4.	Refe	rences	. 6
4	.1.	External Documentation	. 6
4	.2.	Internal Documentation	. 6
4	.3.	Amendments from Previous Version	. 6
5.		nitions	
6. c	Auth .1.	ority for Issue CDS Assurance	
	.1.	Author	
-			
	.3.	Technical Assurance	
	.4.	Authorisation	
		1 – Addendum to Supplier Requirements 2: BS EN 61439 Specification Guidance – Indoor Assemblies	
		3: Additional General Technical Requirements	
		4 - SELF CERTIFICATION CONFORMANCE DECLARATION	
		5 – Technical Information Check List	
		6 – PRIMARY SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY (1 or 2 Transformers)	
		7 – GRID SUPPLY POINT INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY (1 or 2 Incomers)	
•••		8 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 1	
		9 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 2 10 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 3	
νhh	enuix	TO - OFISEIVATION JODSTATION INDOON EVAC ASSENDET TYPE S	۲۲



Document Reference:-		NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	3	of	22

# 3. Technical Requirements

# 3.1. General

The majority of Assemblies shall be 3 phase 400V modular construction complying with BS EN 61439 Parts 1 and 2. Requirement to comply to ENA TS 37-1 issue 4. Internal separation shall be Form 4b (busbars, each functional unit and each set of terminals all in separate compartments). There is rare occasional need for a 230V Single Phase supplied assembly in remote Generation sites where it is not financially practical to convert an existing Single phase HV network to a three phase supply. The full details of those requirements will be confirmed on a project basis so are not included within this specification.

Assemblies shall be suitable for terminating PVC insulated and sheathed, armoured multicore cables in a range of sizes to match the rating of the associated circuit (120mm<sup>2</sup> copper XLPE max. on incomers) using compression type glands.

Northern Powergrid requires three standard arrangements of assembly. These are further detailed in the Appendices with the following being a general guide as to the application and use of each of the arrangements on particular sites.

## 3.1.1. Primary Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly (Appendix 6)

A Primary Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly is fed through two dedicated 50kVA Tank Mounted Auxiliary Transformer incomers located within the curtilage of the substation and controlled via an automatic changeover arrangement which shall include a Manual "Test" switch to force a changeover from the normal incomer to the reserve when operated. The two incomers are typically associated with each of the Primary Transformers. There are a total of six outgoing supplies from the LVAC board out of which two are dedicated to each of the Primary Transformer Marshalling Kiosks and four outgoings supplies are dedicated to specific load types i.e. Substation Equipment, Heating, Lighting, Battery Charger etc. of the primary substation. The details of the circuits associated with these distribution boards are included in Appendix 6.

## 3.1.2. Grid Supply Point Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly (Appendix 7)

A typical Grid Supply Point Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly is fed through two 200kVA Earthing Auxiliary Transformer (EAT) incomers located within the curtilage of the substation and controlled via an automatic changeover arrangement which shall include a Manual "Test" switch to force a changeover from the normal incomer to the reserve when operated. The two incomers are typically associated with the EAT of the Grid Transformers. There are a total of six distribution boards out of which two are dedicated to supplying power to the respective Grid Transformer Marshalling Kiosks and four outgoing supplies are dedicated to specific load types i.e. Substation Equipment, Heating, Lighting, Battery Charger etc. of the Grid Supply Point Substation. The details of the circuits associated with these distribution boards are included in Appendix 7.

## 3.1.3. Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assemblies Types 1 – 3 (Appendices 8-10)

Generation Substation Assemblies are categorized into three different types.

### 3.1.3.1. Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 1 (Appendix 8)

A Generation LVAC Board - Type 1 is typically associated with 33kV / 66kV Generation Substations fed via two incomers and controlled via an automatic changeover arrangement which shall include a Manual "Test" switch to force a changeover from the normal incomer to the reserve when operated. One of the incomers is sourced from the NPg network (via PMT or a UDE), and the other is sourced from a metered customer supply with the LVAC board normally being fed from the customer's side. The maximum import power of this type of board is limited to 50kVA. There are a total of four outgoing supplies from this type of LVAC Assembly; one of which is dedicated to supplying the customer in an event of loss of power at their end (only to be used for their essentials i.e. charging batteries, emergency lighting), and three others dedicated for specific load types i.e. Substation Equipment, Heating, Lighting,



Document Reference:	- NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
<b>Version:-</b> 5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	4	of	22

Battery Charger etc. of the Generation Substation. The details of circuits associated with these distribution boards are included in Appendix 8.

### 3.1.3.2. Generation Substation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 2 (Appendix 9)

A Generation LVAC Board - Type 2 is typically associated with a 132kV Generation Substation (with Grid Transformer) fed via three incomers controlled via two automatic changeover arrangements which shall include a Manual "Test" switches to force a changeover from the normal incomer and each subsequent reserve when operated. One of the incomers is sourced from the NPg network (via PMT or a UDE). A second is sourced from a metered customer supply with the LVAC board normally being fed from the customer's side on to a changeover terminal. The third incomer is sourced from the EAT associated with the Grid Transformer at the substation. The maximum import power of this type of board is limited to 200kVA. There are a total of five outgoing supplies from this type of LVAC board out of which, one is dedicated to supplying the customer in an event of loss of power at their end (only to be used for their essentials i.e. charging batteries, emergency lighting) and other four are dedicated for specific load types i.e. Grid Transformer Marshalling Kiosk, Substation Equipment, Heating, Lighting, Battery Charger etc. of the Generation Substation. The details of circuits associated with these distribution boards are included in Appendix 9.

### 3.1.3.3. Generation Indoor LVAC Assembly – Type 3 (Appendix 10)

A Generation LVAC Board – Type 3 is typically associated with a 132kV Generation Substation (without Grid Transformer) and fed via two incomers controlled via an automatic changeover arrangement which shall include a Manual "Test" switches to force a changeover from the normal incomer and each subsequent reserve when operated One of the incomers is sourced from the NPg network (via PMT or a UDE) and the other is sourced from a metered customer supply with the LVAC board normally being fed from the customer's side. The maximum import power of this type of board is limited to 200kVA. There are a total of four outgoing supplies from this type of LVAC board out of which one is dedicated to supplying the customer in an event of loss of power at their end (only to be used for their essentials i.e. charging batteries, emergency lighting), and three other outgoing supplies are dedicated for specific load types i.e. Substation Equipment, Heating, Lighting, Battery Charger etc. of the Generation Substation. The details of circuits associated with these distribution boards are included in Appendix 10.

### **3.2.** Indoor Assemblies

Indoor assemblies shall typically comprise two or three incoming units, two outgoing units and up to four distribution boards. The functional sources and destination (load) of these will be as follows:

Arrangement Type	Primary	Grid Supply	Generation	Generation	Generation
Source /	Substation	Point	Substation	Substation	Substation Type
Destination		Substation	Type 1	Type 2	3
Incomer 1	Auxiliary TX 1	Auxiliary TX 1	Customer	Customer	Customer Aux
			Aux Supply 1	Aux Supply 1	Supply 1
Incomer 2	Auxiliary TX 2	Auxiliary TX 2	NPg Aux	NPg Aux	NPg Aux Supply
			Supply	Supply 1	1
Incomer 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	NPg Aux	N/A
				Supply 2	
Generator Incomer	Generator 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outgoing 1	TX 1	Grid TX 1	Customer	Customer	Customer Supply
	Marshalling	Marshalling	Supply CB in	Supply CB in	CB in series with
			series with	series with	Customer Supply
			Customer	Customer	Fuse
			Supply Fuse	Supply Fuse	
Outgoing 2	TX 2 MK	Grid TX 2 MK	N/A	Grid Tx MK	N/A
	Supply	Supply		Supply	



<b>Document Reference:-</b>		NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	5	of	22

Dist Board 1	Heating	Heating	Heating,	Heating,	Heating, Lighting
	_	_	Lighting &	Lighting &	& Power
			Power	Power	
Dist. Board 2	Lighting &	Lighting &	Substation	Substation	Substation
	Power	Power	Equipment	Equipment	Equipment
Dist. Board 3	Substation	Substation	110VAC	110VAC	110VAC Supplies
	Auxiliaries (inc	Auxiliaries (inc	Supplies	Supplies	
	230/110 Tx)	230/110 Tx)			
Dist Board 4	110VAC	110VAC	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Supplies	Supplies			
NPg Drawings	C1017575	C1083403	C1083404	C1083405	C1083406

Where specified, there shall be a mechanical changeover switch between Incomer 1 and the Generator incomer so that a generator can be connected to maintain supplies in the event of loss of normal supplies.

An auto-changeover shall be provided between Incomer 1 and Incomer 2 to ensure supplies are maintained to all outgoing circuits. The auto-changeover is biased to Incomer 1 which is usually taken from Transformer or Supply 1 and shall include a Manual "Test" switches to force a changeover from the normal incomer to the reserve when operated.

At substations with three transformers there shall be an additional incoming way and a second auto changeover facility with manual Test switch.

The 230/110V transformer shall be rated 2kVA and centre earth tapped on the LV side 230/55-0-55V. This shall supply Distribution Board 3 OR 4 – 110V supplies depending on type of site.

MCBs shall comply with BS EN 60898-1 and be rated and tested as a point of isolation. Instantaneous tripping shall be Type C (7.5 x MCB rating) and Type D (12 x MCB rating).

## 3.3. Outdoor Assemblies

Outdoor assemblies will only be required in exceptional circumstances (when the distance between the auxiliary transformer and the indoor assembly is greater than 100m.) In these situations the specific clauses and requirements resulting from the change of environment will be established and confirmed.



Document Reference:- NPS/003/010		Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	6	of	22

# 4. References

# 4.1. External Documentation

The products described within this specification shall comply with all current versions of the relevant International Standards, British Standard Specifications and all relevant Energy Networks Association Technical Specifications (ENATS) current at the time of supply in this respect the following documents are particularly relevant.

Reference	Title
IEC/TR 61439-0:2022	Low voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies
	Part 0: Guidance to specifying assemblies
BS EN IEC 61439-1:2021	Low voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies: Part 1: General rules
BS EN 61439-2:2021	Low voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies: Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies
BS EN 60529:1992+A2:2013	Degree of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)
BS EN 60898-1:2019	Circuit Breakers for overcurrent protection for households and similar Installations
BS EN 60947-2:2017	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear Part 2: Circuit-breakers
BS HD 60269-2 : 2010 + a2 2022,	Low-voltage fuses. Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application). Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to J
ENA TS 37-1 issue 4 to Clause	

# 4.2. Internal Documentation

Reference	Title
C1017575	Drawing – Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Primary Substations
C1083403	Drawing – Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Grid Supply Point Substations
C1083404	Drawing – Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 1
C1083405	Drawing – Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 2
C1083406	Drawing – Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 3

# 4.3. Amendments from Previous Version

Clause	Amendments
All	Format updated to current standard
2.1	Table inserted
3.1	Additional clarification / expansion on types with creation of sub sections.
3.2	Added Table for clarification
3.3	Added text.
4.1	Text added and table updated
4.2	Expanded table to reflect added drawings and Arrangement drawing has been made obsolete
4.3	Insert of new table
5	Updated and expanded
Appendix 1	New added content. Old Appendix 1 now appendix 2
Appendix 2	Updated to current version
Appendix 3	Old Appendix 2 – Details expanded and updated
Appendix 4	Old Appendix 3 – Format and details updated
Appendix 5	New Added
Appendix 6	Old Appendix 5 – Title updated
Appendices 7-10	New tables added

# Information Classification – PUBLIC

# CAUTION! - This document may be out of date if printed



Document Refer	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	7	of	22

# 5. Definitions

Reference	Title
Circuit Breaker	Air Circuit Breaker (ACB) or Mould Case Circuit Breaker (MCCB)
EHV	Extra High Voltage.
	All assets with a nominal operating voltage of 33kV or 66kV, including the 33kV or 66kV circuit breaker(s) at a 400 or 275kV/EHV, 132kV/EHV or EHV/HV substation.
Grid Supply Point	A Grid Supply Point, or GSP, is a Systems Connection Point at which the Transmission System is connected to a Distribution System.
	The substation will transform an incoming voltage (typically 400 or 275kV) to lower voltages used on the Distribution System (typically 132 or 66kV).
HV	High Voltage.
	All assets with a nominal operating voltage between 1kV and 22kV, including the HV circuit breaker at EHV to HV substations and HV switchgear and HV to LV transformer at HV substations.
Major Substation	A major substation forms part of the Primary Distribution System.
	This includes typically, but not exclusively, Grid Supply point (GSP), Supply point (SP), Primary Substation, EHV switching station, Large EHV / HV* load customers and Large EHV/HV* generation substations.
	* HV connected means directly to the HV busbar at a primary substation, and does not include any HV load/generation customer connected to the Secondary Distribution System.
МК	Marshalling Kiosk
PMT	Pole Mounted Transformer
Primary Substation	Substation to transform 132kV or EHV voltage to HV.
	Part of the Primary Distribution System.
	A Primary Substation is a Connection Point at which the Primary Distribution System is connected to the Secondary Distribution System.
PSC-Assembly	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly used to distribute and control energy for all
·	types of loads, intended for industrial, commercial and similar applications where operation by
	ordinary persons is not intended (formerly an Assembly / LVAC Board).
Supply Point	Substation to transform 132kV voltage to EHV.
UDE	Unit Distribution Equipment



٦

Document Referen	nce:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:- 5	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	8	of	22

# 6. Authority for Issue

#### 6.1. **CDS** Assurance

I sign to confirm that I have completed and checked this document and I am satisfied with its content and submit it for approval and authorisation. Data

		Date
Liz Beat	Governance Administrator	11/03/2024

#### 6.2. Author

I sign to confirm that I have completed and checked this document and I am satisfied with its content and submit it for approval and authorisation.

**Review Period** - This document should be reviewed within the following time period.

Standard CDS review of 3 years?	Non Standard Review Period & Reason			
No	Period: 5 Years or any significant changes in the specification or documents referenced			
Should this document be displayed on the Northern Powergrid external website?				Yes
				Date
Paul McAdoo	Lead Policy & St	andards Engineer		03/04/2024

#### 6.3. **Technical Assurance**

I sign to confirm that I am satisfied with all aspects of the content and preparation of this document and submit it for approval and authorisation.

		Date
Alan MacDonald	Policy and Standards Engineer	Date
Joe Helm	Lead Policy & Standards Engineer	12/03/2024

#### 6.4. Authorisation

Authorisation is granted for publication of this document.

		Date
Paul Black	Head of System Engineering	25/03/2024



Document Reference:	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
<b>Version:-</b> 5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	9	of	22

# Appendix 1 – Addendum to Supplier Requirements

Items to be supplied with each and every assembly

### Copies of routine verification procedures and results:

These shall include a listing of the results of micro-ohmmeter tests of the resistance between the incoming transformer or generator side, busbars and each of the outgoing contacts. This test shall be done at the end of all production procedures, but before any over voltage tests.

One copy to be supplied as a weatherproof, durable, hard copy attached to the unit being supplied and one copy to be supplied electronically.

### Handling Instructions and delivery:

A weatherproof, durable, permanently fixed label with lifting/slinging arrangements with and without packaging shall be attached to the ASSEMBLY.

This label shall include, at least: gross weight, attachment/lifting points, recommended slinging arrangements and indication of centre of gravity.

If appropriate this label shall be repeated on the outside of the packaging.

Deliveries shall be made direct to substation sites within the Northern Powergrid area. Proposals for the off-loading of the assembly on site shall be supplied. It should be noted that risk assessments and method statements will be required prior to delivery and that if a crane delivery is proposed, trained operators and slingers will be required who should provide proof of competence (CITB certificates etc).



Document Refer	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra	ctice		
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	10	of	22

# Appendix 2: BS EN 61439 Specification Guidance – Indoor Assemblies

Characteristics	IEC/TR 61439-0 Annex C.1	BS EN 61439-1:2021 / BS EN 61439-2:2011	User Requirements
Electrical System	5		
Earthing system	5.2	5.6, 8.4, 3.1, 8.4.3.2.3, 8.6.2, 10.5, 11.4	TN-S
Nominal Voltage (V)	5.3	3.8.9.1, 5.2.1, 8.5.3	400V +10%, -6% 3 phase
Transient overvoltages	5.4, 5.5	5.2.4, 8.5.3, 9.1, Annex G	Cat IV
Temporary overvoltages	5.5	9.1	As above
Rated frequency $f_n$ (Hz)	5.6	3.8.12, 5.5, 8.5.3, 10.10.3.2, 10.11.5.4	50Hz
Additional onsite testing requirements: wiring, operational performances and function	5.7	11.10	Not required
Short-circuit withstand capability	6		
Prospective short-circuit current at supply terminals <i>I</i> <sub>cp</sub> (kA)	6.2	3.8.7	35kA for 1 sec
Prospective short-circuit current on the neutral	6.3	10.11.5.3.5	60%
Prospective short-circuit current in the protection	6.4	10.11.5.6	60%
SCPD in the incoming functional unit	6.5	9.3.2	Not required
Co-ordination of short-circuit protective devices including external short-circuit protective device details	6.6	9.3.4	Supplier to determine
Data associated with loads likely to contribute to the short-circuit current	6.7	9.3.2	Not applicable
Protection of persons against electric shock in accordance with IEC 60364-4-41	7		
Protection against electric shock – basic protection	7.2	8.4.2	Barriers or enclosures
Protection against electric shock – fault protection	7.3	8.4.3	To comply with 7.3.2
Installation environment	8		
Location type	8.2	3.6, 8.1.4, 8.2	Indoor
Protection against ingress of solid foreign bodies and ingress of water	8.3	8.2.2, 8.2.3	IP41D
Protection after removal of withdrawable part	8.3	8.2.101	Not applicable
External mechanical impact (IK)	8.4	8.2.1, 10.2.6	Not applicable
Resistance to UV radiation	8.5	10.2.4	Not applicable
Resistance to corrosion	8.6	10.2.2	Severity A
Ambient air temperature – Lower limit	8.7	7.1.1	-5° C



Document Reference:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type	- Code of Practice
Version:- 5.0	Date of Issue:		Page:- 11 of 22
		[ / lp · · · = • = ·	
Ambient air temperature – Upp	er 8.7	7.1.1	40°C
limit			
Ambient air temperature – Daily	y 8.7	7.1.1, 9.2	35° C
average maximum	-	, -	
Maximum relative humidity	8.8	7.1.1	50% at 40°C
	0.0	,	90% at 20°C
Pollution degree	8.9	7.1.2	Pollution degree 3
Altitude	8.10	7.1.1	Not applicable
EMC environment	8.11	9.4, 10.12, Annex J	Environment A
Special service conditions	8.12	7.2, 8.5.4, 9.3.3, Table	None
Special service conditions	0.12	7.2, 6.5.4, 9.5.5, Table	None
Installation method	9	/	
	9.2	3.3, 5.6	Mounted over a cable trench
Туре	9.2	5.5, 5.0	and bolted to the wall
	0.2	2.5	
Portability	9.3	3.5	Stationary
Maximum overall dimensions an	nd 9.4	5.6, 6.2.1	Assemblies shall be sized and
weight			constructed to satisfy the
			performance requirements
			specified, but within the
			minimum size and weight as
<b>F</b>	0.5		possible.
External conductor type	9.5	8.8	Cable
Direction of external conductors		8.8	Bottom
External conductor material	9.7	8.8	Copper
External phase conductor, cross	9.8	8.8	4 core - 95mm <sup>2</sup> OR 120mm <sup>2</sup>
sections and terminations			copper
External PE, N, PEN conductor	9.9	8.8	Neutral same size as phases
cross sections, and terminations			
Special terminal identification	9.10	8.8	None
requirements			
Storage and handling	10	6 3 3 40 3 5	Nese
Maximum dimensions and weig	ht 10.2	6.2.2, 10.2.5	None
of transport units	:6: 40.2		
Methods of transport (e.g. forkl	ift, 10.3	6.2.2, 8.1.6	None
crane)			
Environmental conditions differ	ent 10.4	7.3	None
from the service conditions			
Packing details	10.5	6.2.2	None
Operating arrangements	11		
Access to manually operated	11.2	8.4	Authorised Person
devices			T 1 11 11 0
Location of manually operated	11.2	8.5.5	To comply with 11.2
devices			
Isolation of load installation		8.4.2, 8.4.3.3, 8.4.6.2	Separate compartment for each
equipment items.			functional unit
Maintenance and upgrade	12		
capabilities			
Requirements related to	12	8.4.6.2.2	Not applicable
accessibility for inspection and			
similar operations			
Requirements related to	12.2	8.4.6.2.3	Inspection.
accessibility for maintenance in			Replacement of fuses and
service by authorized persons			lamps. Fault location on
			internal circuits and outgoing
			circuits.



<b>Document Reference:-</b>	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
<b>Version:-</b> 5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	12	of	22

Requirements related to accessibility for extension in	12.3	8.4.5.2.3	Access to isolated functional units
service authorized persons			
Requirements related to	12.4	8.4.6.2.4	Not required
accessibility for extension in			
service by authorised persons			
Method of functional units	12.6	8.5.1, 8.5.2	F - fixed connections
connection			
Protection against direct contact	12.5	8.4	Protection required to prevent
with hazardous live internal parts			access to live parts
during maintenance or upgrade			
Gangways	12.7	8.4.6.2.101	Not required
Method of functional unit's		8.5.101	F - fixed connections
connection NOTE This refers to the capability of			
removal and re-insertion of			
functional units.			
Form of separation	12.8, Table B.1	8.101	Form 4b
Capability to test individual	12.2	3.1.102, 3.2.102,	Yes
operation of the auxiliary circuits		3.2.103, 8.5.101, Table	
relating to specified circuits while		103	
the functional unit is isolated.			
Current carrying capability	13		
Rated current of the assembly $I_{nA}$	13.2	3.8.10.1, 5.3, 8.4.3.2.3,	Up to 300A depending on
(A)		8.5.3, 8.8, 10.10.2,	arrangement
		10.10.3, 10.11.5,	
		Annex E	
Rated current of circuits Inc (A)	13.3	5.3.2	See drawings applicable to each
			type
Rated diversity factor	13.3	5.3.3, 10.10.2.3, Annex	No diversity
		E	
Ratio of cross-section of the	13.4	8.6.1	100%
neutral conductor to phase			
conductors			



Document Reference:-		NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	13	of	22

# **Appendix 3: Additional General Technical Requirements**

	Substation	LVAC Assembly Specification
	Unit	Requirement
Fuse Specification		BS HD 60269-2 : 2010 + a2 2022
Miniature Circuit Breaker		BS EN 60898 or 60947-1 as appropriate,. But shall be suitable for
Specification		isolation
Contactors and timers		Suitable for 300V overvoltage
Gland plate: Min height above	mm	450
ground level.		
Space below gland plate		Must be enclosed and vermin proof
Access: Installation		Front
Access: Operation		Front
Access: Maintenance		Front
Locking Arrangements		Isolators/switch fuses shall be suitable for locking-off with
		padlocks with a 5mm diameter shackle in the ON and OFF
		position.
Door stays		All access covers must be fitted with door stays
Testing lamp facility		Incoming terminals should have access for testing without the
		need to remove covers (suitable for use typically with
		Drummond or Cyclim test lamps).

The typical requirements may need to be altered for specific project based applications by Primary Engineering Projects.

### A3.1 Mounting

LVAC assemblies shall be suitable for mounting across two parallel flange channels (PFC) over a concrete cable trench for bottom cable entry. Indoor boards shall be suitable for mounting against and fixing to a wall.

## A3.2 Drawings

The following drawings showing typical arrangements for the circuits on the assembly shall be provided separately as their size restricts usable inclusion within this specification.

C1017575	Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Primary Substations
C1083403	Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Grid Supply Point Substations
C1083404	Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 1
C1083405	Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 2
C1083406	Plant Standard Indoor LVAC Switchboard for Generation Substations Type 3



Document Reference:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	- Code of Practice			
<b>Version:-</b> 5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	10	of	14

# **Appendix 4 - SELF CERTIFICATION CONFORMANCE DECLARATION**

LVAC Assemblies shall comply with the latest issues of the relevant national and international standards, including, IEC/TR 61439-0:2013 and BS EN 61439 Parts 1 & 2.. Additionally this technical specification is intended to amplify and/or clarify the requirements of elements of these Standards.

This self-declaration sheet identifies the clauses of the aforementioned standards relevant to Fuseboards, Fusepillars, Fusecabinets and Circuit Breakers (CB's) for use on Northern Powergrid distribution network. The manufacturer shall declare conformance or otherwise, clause by clause, using the following levels of conformance declaration codes

Conformance declaration codes

- N/A = Clause is not applicable/ appropriate to the product
- Cs1 = The product conforms fully with the requirements of this clause
- **Cs2** = The product **conforms partially** with the requirements of this clause
- **Cs3** = The product **does not conform** to the requirements of this clause
- **Cs4** = The product **does not currently conform** to the requirements of this clause, but the manufacturer proposes to modify and test the product in order to conform.

### Manufacturer:

**Product Reference:** 

Related ASSEMBLY type(s):

Name and position/role (block capitals):

Signature & Date:

### Instructions for Completion

- When Cs1 code is entered:
  - (i) State the reference of test reports, etc. that support this declaration <u>AND</u>
  - (ii) A summary of the compliance.
- When any other code is entered: state the reference of the test report(s), etc. that support this declaration <u>AND</u> a summary of the reason for non-conformance.
- Prefix each remark with the relevant 'BS EN' 'IEC' or 'ENATS' as appropriate to indicate which specification the comment is made against

**NOTE:** A separate self-declaration shall be completed for each item or variant submitted, <u>OR</u> the products can be grouped together and a group declaration made for each group IF every self-declaration states clearly the range of products to which it applies.



Docume	nt Reference:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	10	of	14

	Major Subs	stations	
ltem	Clause / Requirements	Conformance Code	Remarks / Comments
Supply Voltage	400v +10% -6% / 230v +10% -6%		
No of Phases	3 (Single Phase in remote locations where existing networks are not 3 Phase) State.		
Frequency	50 Hz		
Internal Separation	Form 4b		
Incomers: Fuse Switch / ACB	100A / 300A		
Outgoing Circuits: Fuse Switch / ACB	63A		
Busbar Normal Current Rating	Up to 300A, Depending on LVAC Board Type as Specified in Appendix 6, 7 & 8		
Fuses	BS HD 60269-2 : 2010 + a2 2022,		
MCB's	BS EN 60898-1 / BS EN 60947-2		
	Suitable for Point of Isolation & Lockable		
Fault break duty or prospective current?	35kA		
Rated Short Time Withstand Current.	35kA		
Rated Time Duration	1 Sec		
Contactors and Timers	Suitable for 300V		
Incomer Cable	Bottom Entry		
Feeder Cable	Bottom Entry		
Gland plate	Min 450mm above Ground / Floor level		
Space below the gland plate	Enclosed and vermin proof. State method of enclosure.		
Installation	Suitable for mounting against wall		
Operation	From Front		
Maintenance	From Front		



Docume	nt Reference:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	ype:- Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	10	of	14

Major Substations								
Item	Clause / Requirements	Conformance Code	Remarks / Comments					
Incoming and outgoing isolators	Lockable with a padlock with a 5mm							
/ switch fuses	diameter shackle							
Minimum Degree Protection of	Indoor Boards: IP41D							
Enclosures: Indoor Boards.								
Door stays	Required							
Test lamp facilities	Testing access to incoming terminals without							
	the need to remove covers – (typically							
	Drummond or Cyclim test lamps).							
EMC requirements	EMC compatible with requirements of BS EN							
	61439 and CE marked							



<b>Document Reference:-</b>		NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	17	of	22

# Appendix 5 – Technical Information Check List

The Following information shall be provided by the supplier for technical review by Northern Powergrid. Additional information shall be provided if required.

Requirements	Provided (Yes / No)
Full product descriptions, drawings and part/reference numbers. Including:	
A general arrangement drawing detailing the depth, height and length and the position of the main components of the assembly.	
A single line diagram detailing the power and control circuits	
A drawing showing the detail of fixing arrangements.	
Full technical details of the main components of the assembly; including manufacturer and load/fault ratings	
Appendix 4 - Completed self-certification conformance declaration	
Type verification evidence – copies of test certificates, reports, etc. are required to support the self-declaration in Appendix 4	
Routine test Plan (sample)	
Packaging/delivery information	



Document Refer	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	18	of	22

# **Appendix 6 – PRIMARY SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY (1 or 2 Transformers)**

Way Designation (label in bold)	Туре	<u>Switch</u> Rating	<u>Fuse</u> Rating	<u>Other</u>
Incomer 1 Incomer 2 Generator	4 Pole Isolator	100A		Glanding/termination of incoming cable to be in a separate cubicle on the assembly with shrouded links. Access required to allow phase checks between incomers. Suitable for cable cores up to 95mm <sup>2</sup> Cu.
Generator/Incomer 1 changeover switch	4 Pole changeover switch	100A		Manual changeover between Incomer 1 and Generator.
Auto Changeover Arrangement		100A		Changeover contactors required between Generator/Incomer 1 & Incomer 2. On loss of supply from Incomer 1, there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 2. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays required on Incomer 1, Incomer 2 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Transformer 1	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to transformer 1 marshalling kiosk
Transformer 2	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to transformer 2 marshalling kiosk
Distribution Board 1 – Heating	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>5 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 32A lockable MCBs, each set controlled by a contactor (one for control room, one for switch room). 9 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 16A</li> <li>3 x 6A (two ways controlling contactors and timers with connections for remote thermostats)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 2 – Lighting and Power	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>9 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 32A lockable MCBs:</li> <li>21 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 32A</li> <li>3 x 16A</li> <li>12 x 6A</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 3 – Substation Auxiliaries	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>7 x 3ph ways (all Type D MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>1 x 3ph 32A ways</li> <li>1 x 3ph 16A way</li> <li>15 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>3 x 32A</li> <li>6 x 16A (one way controlling a 230/110 transformer</li> <li>6 x 6A (one way controlling a contactor for remote 110V indications)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 4 – 110V Supplies	DP Switch disconnector	32A		6 x 6A double pole lockable MCBs (two ways controlled by a contactor and remote switch)



Document Referen	nce:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:- 5	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	19	of	22

# Appendix 7 – GRID SUPPLY POINT INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY (1 or 2 Incomers)

Way Designation (label in bold)	<u>Type</u>	<u>Switch</u> Rating	<u>Fuse</u> Rating	<u>Other</u>
Incomer 1 : NPg Aux TX 1 Supply Incomer 2: NPg Aux TX 2 Supply	4 Pole Isolator	300A		Glanding/termination of incoming cable to be in a separate cubicle on the assembly with shrouded links. Access required to allow phase checks between incomers. Suitable for cable cores up to 120mm <sup>2</sup> Cu. XLPE
Auto Changeover Arrangement	4 Pole Auto Changeover Switch	300A		Changeover contactors required between Generator/Incomer 1 & Incomer 2. On loss of supply from Incomer 1 there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 2. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays (PFRs) required on Incomer 1, Incomer 2 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Grid Transformer 1: Cooler and Tapchanger Supply	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Grid Transformer 1 marshalling kiosk.
Grid Transformer 2: Cooler and Tapchanger Supply	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Grid Transformer 2 marshalling kiosk.
Distribution Board 1 – Heating	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>5 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 32A lockable MCBs, each set controlled by a contactor (one for control room, one for switch room).</li> <li>9 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 16A</li> <li>3 x 6A (two ways controlling contactors and timers with connections for remote thermostats)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 2 – Lighting and Power	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	9 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:         2 three pole 32A lockable MCBs:         21 single pole lockable MCBs:         6 x 32A         3 x 16A         12 x 6A
Distribution Board 3 – Substation Auxiliaries	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>7 x 3ph ways (all Type D MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>1 x 3ph 32A way</li> <li>1 x 3ph 16A way</li> <li>15 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>3 x 32A</li> <li>6 x 16A (one way controlling a 230/110 2kVA Transformer)</li> <li>6 x 6A (one way controlling a contactor for remote 110V</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 4 – 110V Supplies	DP Switch disconnector	32A		indications) 6 x 6A double pole lockable MCBs (two ways controlled by a contactor and remote switch)



Document Refer	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	20	of	22

# **Appendix 8 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 1**

Way Designation	Type	Switch	Fuse	Other
(label in bold)		Rating	<b>Rating</b>	
Incomer 1 :Customer Aux Supply Incomer 2: NPg Aux Supply	4 Pole Isolator	100A		Glanding/termination of incoming cable to be in a separate cubicle on the assembly with shrouded links. Access required to allow phase checks between incomers. Suitable for cable cores up to 95mm <sup>2</sup> Cu.
Auto Changeover Arrangement	4 Pole Auto Changeover Switch	100A		Changeover contactors required between Incomer 1 & Incomer 2. On loss of supply from Incomer 1 there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 2. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays required on Incomer 1, Incomer 2 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Customer Supply Breaker <u>in series with</u> Customer Supply Fuse	Circuit Breaker <i>plus</i> TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Remote Customer LVAC Board
Distribution Board 1 – Heating, Lighting and Power	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>9 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 16A lockable MCBs, each set controlled by a contactor (one for control room, one for switch room).</li> <li>21 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>3 x 32A</li> <li>6 x 16A</li> <li>10 x 6A</li> <li>2 x 6A (two ways controlling contactors and timers with connections for remote thermostats)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 2 – Substation Equipment	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>3 x 3ph ways (all Type D MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>9 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 16A (One way controlling a 230/110 transformer)</li> <li>3 x 6A (One way controlling a contact for remote switch)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 3 – 110V Supplies	DP Switch disconnector	32A		6 x 6A double pole lockable MCBs (two ways controlled by a contactor and remote switch)



Document Refer	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Pra			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	21	of	22

# **Appendix 9 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 2**

Way Designation (label in bold)	Type	<u>Switch</u> Rating	<u>Fuse</u> Rating	<u>Other</u>
Incomer 1 : Customer Auxiliary Supply Incomer 2: NPg Auxiliary Supply (PMT/UDE) Incomer 3: NPg Auxiliary Supply (EAT Supply)	4 Pole Isolator	300A		Glanding/termination of incoming cable to be in a separate cubicle on the assembly with shrouded links. Access required to allow phase checks between incomers. Suitable for cable cores up to 120 mm <sup>2</sup> Cu.
Auto Changeover Arrangement 1		300A		Changeover contactors required between Incomer 1 & Incomer 2. On loss of supply from Incomer 1 there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 2. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays required on Incomer 1, Incomer 2 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Auto Changeover Arrangement 2		300A		Changeover contactors required between Auto Changeover 1 & Incomer 3. On loss of output from Auto Changeover 1, there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 3. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays required on output of Auto Changeover 1, Incomer 3 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Customer Supply Breaker <u>in series with</u> Customer Supply Fuse	Circuit Breaker <u>plus</u> TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Remote Customer LVAC Board.
Grid Transformer Cooler and Tapchanger Supply	TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Grid Transformer 1 marshalling kiosk.
Distribution Board 1: Heating, Lighting and Power	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>9 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 16A lockable MCBs, each set controlled by a contactor (one for control room, one for switch room).</li> <li>21 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>3 x 32A</li> <li>6 x 16A</li> <li>10 x 6A</li> <li>2 x 6A (two ways controlling contactors and timers with connections for remote thermostats)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 2: Substation Equipment	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>3 x 3ph ways (all Type D MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>9 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 16A (One way controlling a 230/110 transformer)</li> <li>3 x 6A (One way controlling a contact for remote switch)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 3: 110V Supplies	DP Switch disconnector	32A		6 x 6A double pole lockable MCBs (two ways controlled by a contactor and remote switch)



Document Refere	ence:-	NPS/003/010	Document Type:-	Code of Practice			
Version:-	5.0	Date of Issue:-	April 2024	Page:-	22	of	22

# Appendix 10 – GENERATION SUBSTATION INDOOR LVAC ASSEMBLY Type 3

Way Designation	Toma	Switch	Fuse	Other
(label in bold)	<u>Түре</u>	<b>Rating</b>	Rating	
Incomer 1: Customer Auxiliary Supply Incomer 2: NPg Auxiliary Supply (PMT/UDE)	4 Pole Isolator	300A		Glanding/termination of incoming cable to be in a separate cubicle on the assembly with shrouded links. Access required to allow phase checks between incomers. Suitable for cable cores up to 120 mm <sup>2</sup> Cu.
Auto Changeover Arrangement	4 Pole Auto Changeover Switch	300A		Changeover contactors required between Incomer 1 & Incomer 2. On loss of supply from Incomer 1 there should be automatic changeover to Incomer 2. Indicator lights should show status of incoming circuits. Phase failure relays required on Incomer 1, Incomer 2 and main busbars with contacts for remote alarms.
Customer Supply Breaker <u>in series with</u> Customer Supply Fuse	Circuit Breaker <u>plus</u> TP+N Switch fuse	63A	63A	Supply to Remote Customer LVAC Board.
Distribution Board 1: Heating, Lighting and Power	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>9 x 3ph ways (all Type C MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>2 three pole 16A lockable MCBs, each set controlled by a contactor (one for control room, one for switch room).</li> <li>21 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>3 x 32A</li> <li>6 x 16A</li> <li>10 x 6A</li> <li>2 x 6A (two ways controlling contactors and timers with connections for remote thermostats)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 2: Substation Equipment	TP+N Switch Fuse	63A	63A	<ul> <li>3 x 3ph ways (all Type D MCBs) as follows:</li> <li>9 single pole lockable MCBs:</li> <li>6 x 16A (One way controlling a 230/110 transformer)</li> <li>3 x 6A (One way controlling a contact for remote switch)</li> </ul>
Distribution Board 3: 110V Supplies	DP Switch disconnector	32A		6 x 6A double pole lockable MCBs (two ways controlled by a contactor and remote switch)