

1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 384 (Applicable to Air Break Switch Disconnectors with LEL interrupter heads at all voltages) issued by the Energy Networks Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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3. ISSUE AUTHORITY

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4. REVIEW

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7. SOP DETAILS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	All ABSDs with LEL interrupter heads at all voltages (see 11kV example below).
ORIGINATING COMPANY	SPEN
DATE	29 th January 2013
NUMBER INSTALLED IN ENERGY NETWORKS NORTH	Uncertain
NUMBER INSTALLED IN ENERGY NETWORKS SOUTH	Uncertain
REASON	Isolation gap compromised on a 33kV ABSD with an LEL interrupter head causing damage to a Test Van.
STATUS IN INITIATING COMPANY	No ABSD, at any system voltage, with an LEL interrupter head shall be used as a Point of Isolation.
SPEN APPLICATION	As above.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	None
UPDATE	Change in maintenance policy for OHL ABSD has moved to a 3-year operational check cycle established in 2020, this 3-year cycle should ensure all LEL interrupter heads are identified and removed from the OHL network. However, LEL Interrupter heads are also installed in S/S.
REMEDIAL ACTION	Remove the interrupter heads (and update ABSD category) or replace the entire ABSD unit.





8. SOP HEADER

Field Name		Field Value		Field Size
Name (SOP 384)	*	SOP384 All ABSDs with LEL inte	61	
The reason for the Operational Restriction	Jere and the second sec		30	
Nature of the Operational Restriction	* Do not use as Point of Isolation		50	
Comments	*	Faulty interrupter heads can compromise the isolation gap on any ABSD due to the inherent geometry of the design. The age and condition of these heads contributes to the risk.		200
Restricted Access to Substation Flag	*		Ν	1
SOP Impact Code (highlight or underline the appropriate code)	*	0 Temporary/Impact under assessme 1 Very minor operational/network impact 2 Moderate operational/network impact 3 Significant impact on system perf./r 4 Inoperable without intervention 5 Inoperable – no cost-effective solut	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	*	No search available for LEL interrupter heads		N/A

* This denotes a Mandatory Field