SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE SOP 433

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1. SCOPE

This document details the application of SOP 433 (Applicable to ABSDs with porcelain insulators) issued by the Energy Networks Association.

2. ISSUE RECORD

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7. **SOP DETAILS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE Overhead line pole mounted ABSDs up to 33kV (all

manufacturer types) with porcelain insulators, and low-level

handles or HV earth at the base of the pole.

ORIGINATING COMPANY SP Energy Networks

DATE 21st April 2023

NUMBER INSTALLED IN

ENERGY NETWORKS NORTH

Uncertain

NUMBER INSTALLED IN **ENERGY NETWORKS SOUTH** Uncertain

REASON SOP 432 issued by ENA relating to failure of porcelain insulator

on Morris Line RXL ABSD. SPEN have reviewed SOP 432 and other related SOPs and decided to issue new SOP to cover all overhead line pole mounted ABSDs with porcelain insulators.

STATUS IN INITIATING **COMPANY**

No live operation of overhead line pole mounted ABSDs with:

Porcelain insulators and low-level handle

Porcelain insulators and HV earth to base of pole

SOP will not be applied to Gevea or Allied Insulator ABSDs, or Morris Line ABSDs commissioned in 2019 or later, as these

have polymeric insulators.

SPEN APPLICATION As above

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Use of affected ABSDs as a point of isolation is permitted,

following a visual examination to ensure an adequate isolation

distance is achieved.

UPDATE N/A

REMEDIAL ACTION SOP 433 can be removed following visual inspection by

authorised person on site, confirming ABSD does not have:

Porcelain insulators and low-level handle

Porcelain insulators with HV earth to base of pole

11kV ABSDs with low level handle, or on a pole with an HV earth running to the base of the pole shall be prioritised for

replacement / relocation.

Any ABSD with visibly damaged porcelain insulators shall be

replaced at the earliest opportunity.

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8. SOP HEADER

Field Name	Field Value		Field Size
Name (SOPXXX) *	SOP433		6
The reason for the * Operational Restriction	Failure of porcelain insulator		30
Nature of the * Operational Restriction	No Live operation		50
Comments *	This SOP is applicable to overhead line, pole mounted ABSDs up to 33kV, which have: 1. Porcelain insulators and low-level handle 2. Porcelain insulators and HV earth to base of pole		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		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 *	SE_ABSD NOT Gevea NOT Allied NOT Morris Line commissioned i	n 2019 or later	N/A

^{*} This denotes a Mandatory Field