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INNOVATIVE GEN PRACTICE ANALYSIS TOWARDS CULPABILITY RECOGNITION IN EARTHING STRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT

Single wire earth return (SWER) frameworks are broadly utilized as a part of inadequately populated zones because of their ease. Nonetheless, identifying issues, particularly the open conductor issues, for SWER can be entirely troublesome. This paper proposes a novel answer for this issue. It includes the era, transmission and location of the force unsettling influence signals on the SWER conductor. Possibility of the proposed plan was confirmed through PC re-enactments. The effects of line length, stacking condition and establishing resistances are explored. The outcomes demonstrate that the proposed strategy is a straightforward and viable plan for recognizing open conductor shortcomings in SWER frameworks. Received on: 08th -June-2016 Revised on: 14^h-June-2016 Accepted on: 16th-June-2016 Published on: 15th-July-2016

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INTRODUCTION

Single wire earth return (SWER) frameworks are broadly utilized worldwide as a part of New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, India and North America for appropriating power to rustic zones, where the end clients are scattered inadequately with low populace thickness and light load necessities [1], [2]. Typical SWER system makes a solitary stage circuit by using only one current conveying transmitter and the earth as the present return way. This topology drives a noteworthy cost sparing contrasted with the ordinarily utilized three-stage and two-stage dispersion frameworks, at all the line equipment (conductor, shafts, separators, and so on.) or the insurance gadgets (wires, renearer, and so forth.) According to the joint report issued by the World Bank and NRECA universal, measurement results have demonstrated that almost 200,000 kilometers of SWER lines are in administration among the provincial zone of Australia, which have been bringing about 30% capital cost sparing contrasted with the traditional dissemination framework [3]. Therefore, SWER frameworks are exceptionally appealing in the provincial dispersion markets.

Disregarding the financial focal points of SWER framework, as the length of the single stage conductor could degree to many kilometers, open conductor shortcomings can be a genuine concern since they are not really discernible by customary insurance hardware [4]. What's more, such occurrence may take quite a while to wind up saw to service organizations since it is troublesome and tedious for the support staff to identify flaws among a boundless country range [5]. Besides, an open conveyor shortcoming does not just purpose electric blackout issue to the downstream client, it is likewise one of the pivotal dangers prompting bushfires as the broken transmitter may light the close-by venetians [6]. The disaster happened in Australia, specifically the Black Saturday, on Aug. 29, 2009 took 190 lives and cause 400 individuals harms. The most genuine bushfire that day, the Kilmore East fire, was created by a broken conductor from the nearby SWER framework [7]. In the event that a viable and solid open conductor flaw location plan have been produced and connected, it is conceivable to evade such deadly occurrence, or decline its misfortune. Be that as it may, little work has been done around there. Reference [4] has introduced a model open conductor discovery framework. The framework triggers a review by identifying a voltage hang occasion when the conductor is brought down. The identification sign is a high recurrence current infused into the framework by the coupled current transformer. This plan is substantial for a solitary or three stage appropriation framework where an unbiased conductor exists as the impartial goes about as the sign return way. Reference [8] proposed a broken conductor recognition plan taking into account the framework uneven level, which is not

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pertinent in the SWER framework. The electrical cable correspondence (PLC) technique is utilized to screen the SWER frameworks continuously [9]. Nonetheless, because of the critical reactance and induction of the SWER conductor, down to earth experience has demonstrated that the normal reverberation recurrence is framework subordinate [13]. The PLC sign is perhaps to be constricted drastically over separation. Another worry of this plan is the changing commotion on the PLC channels, which is additionally demonstrated by [10]. In outline, there is still no agreeable plan to tackle the open conductor shortcoming recognition trouble in SWER frameworks.

This paper shows a novel open conductor shortcoming location system by infusing two-way recognition signals through the SWEN line. The SWER conductor itself goes about as the sign transmission media. After distinguishing the infused signals, the SWER respectability can be perceived. The proposed system requires no additional specialized gadgets, which is essential in the rustic range where the general population correspondence system may not be accessible. Our discoveries have demonstrated that the proposed method is an exquisite and successful methodology for identifying open conductor deficiencies in various SWER frameworks.

DEPICTION ON PROJECTED SYSTEM

The structure of the proposed technique is depicted in **Figure-1**. A master unit is connected to the SWER line through a step down transformer (T2) near the re-closer, and one slave unit is installed at the secondary side of each customer service transformers (T3) as a regular residential appliance. The master unit monitors the SWER conductor current, and each slave unit monitors the customer side system voltage, respectively.



Fig: 1. Proposed scheme for the installation of master and slave units

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In this work, we propose to utilize a waveform unsettling influence going on the SWER line as the open conductor deficiency finding signal. Such power unsettling influence flagging procedure has been utilized effectively for programmed meter perusing [11] and DG islanding recognition [12]. The fundamental thought behind is to frame a two-way correspondence circle so that the expert unit occasionally asks for all slave units to report their status. Every slave unit sends back its input catching up a predecided correspondence convention, each one in turn sub-successively. In particular, in **Figure-1**, a thyristor portrayed as SCR1 in the expert unit is set off a few degrees before its voltage zero intersection, making a flashing short out heartbeat inside one cycle. SCR1 consequently kills when its current contrarily one-sided. The SWER transport voltage is misshaped by SCR1 terminating occasion. Such voltage contortion is used as a sign. Generally there is no waveform twisting and subsequently no sign. Since the SWER appropriation framework is an outspread system, such flag is capable shown outbound to all the downstream client branches, where the slave units are associated with. The proposed flagging plan contains an exceptional example: it is made each other cycle. The waveform contrast between two sequential cycles is used to recognize the presence of the sign. This plan enormously encourages the sign location process as the obstruction from the foundation enduring state sounds, which are exceptionally normal in the conveyance framework, is dispensed with. The fruitful business sector experience of TWACS [11] has demonstrated that the proposed flagging plan has insignificant effect on force quality.

Every slave unit continues "listening to" the framework voltage at the client site. By contrasting any two sequential cycles, the solicitation signal from the expert unit can be recognized. Slave unit's reaction sign is produced in a comparative way by terminating the thyristor SCR2, which makes an inbound current unsettling influence recognizable upstream. To show such correspondence circle, case flagging waveforms recorded at the expert unit and at one of the slave units required in are exhibited in **Figure-2** The terminating plots for the thyristors SCR1 and SCR2 in this illustration are both designed as 150 degrees. Notice that when SCR1 is let go, the framework voltage V_{bus} detected by the slave units encounters a brief voltage droop, appeared as ΔV_{bus} . Thus, a present aggravation



 ΔI_{bus} happens and can be observed by the expert unit if any slave unit works. Distinctive terminating edge might be set in the real execution to tune the sign quality legitimately to fit the particular SWER framework. The outbound and inbound sign attributes will be clarified in Section II.

Along these lines, the two-way correspondence circle is set up. In real usage, a dreary correspondence stages running for settled time interims are characterized as standard report exercises. Contingent upon the size of SWER framework, one open conductor investigation procedure could take up to 30 minutes or even less, which is much quicker than the time spent by utility work force to recognize this sort of issue.





Fig: 2. Example outbound and inbound signals at the master and slave units

SIGNAL GENERATION AND DETECTION SCHEME

The proposed open conductor location strategy incorporates two sorts of gadgets: one expert unit associated with the transport that shows outbound signs to all conveyed client branches intermittently, and a few slave units at the client branches that react such request utilizing inbound signs.

Outbound Gesture Cohort

Outbound sign is created by SCR1 terminating occasion at the expert unit. The outline of the outbound sign requires appropriate choice of the sign transformer T2 and the thyristor SCR1, to fulfill the sign quality and guarantee the hardware warming anxiety. The situation where the heaps are lumped at the remote end of the SWER line is appeared in **Figure-3**. This improved circuit is utilized to break down the outbound sign qualities and to decide the outline elements said above.







The steady-state voltage at the secondary side of the signal transformer 72 (phase-ground) is expressed as

$$V_{T2}(t) = -\sqrt{2V_N \sin wt} \qquad (1)$$

where V_N is the rated voltage at the secondary side of 72. During the firing event, it is equivalent to injecting a negative voltage source -vT2(t) between the secondary side of 72 and the ground, as depicted in the circuit analysis of **Figure-3**. In this figure, *LT*1 represents the isolation transformer inductance, *L*sys is the system inductance upstream *T*1, and *LT*2 is the signal transformer inductance.



Fig: 4. Sample thyristor waveform for generating the outbound signal

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During *SCR*1 firing event, all the loads downstream the master unit are neglected in the circuit analysis as their impacts on the outbound signal are minor, which is same as the loads are ignored in the regular single-phase-to-ground short-circuit calculation. The corresponding waveform illustrating the *SCR*1 operation is shown in **Figure-4**. Defining δ 1 is the angle ahead the zero-crossing point of the carrier voltage (*vT*2) in the after *SCR*1 turning on, the thyristor conduction period will be 2δ 1. In this way, the outbound signal can be derived as

$$V_{signal}(t) = \sqrt{2V_N} \frac{L_T}{L_T + L_{T2}} \sin wt, wt \in \left[-\delta_1, \delta_1\right]$$
(2)

where LT=Lsys+LT1.

The signal transformer *T*2 limits the short circuit current and reduces the bus voltage distortion level during the *SCR*1 firing period. The peak of *vsignal(t)* represents the strength of the outbound signal, which can be determined as:

$$V_{signal_peak} = \sqrt{2V_N} \frac{L_T}{L_T + L_{T2}} \sin \delta_1 \qquad (3)$$

The ratio of the outbound signal peak to its carrier voltage peak *koutbound* is another useful index to estimate the signal strength relatively, which is derived as the follows:

$$K_{outbound} = \frac{V_{signal_peak}}{V_{PG_pea}} = \frac{L_T Sin\delta_1}{L_T + L_{T2}} = \frac{X_T Sin\delta_1}{X_T + X_{T2}}$$
(4)

where X_{T1} and X_{T2} denote the transformer leaking reactance as:

 $X_{T1} = \omega L, X_{T2} = \omega L, X_{T1,Tsys} = X_{T1} + X_{T2}$

When designing the outbound signal, Eqn(4) can be used to adjust a proper signal strength. Other two important factors that need to be considered are the ratings of the thyristor *SCR*1 and the signal transformer *T*2. Based on the analysis above, the peak, average and RMS values of the thyristor current is calculated to guide the equipment selection as:

$$I_{peak} = \frac{\sqrt{2V_N}}{X_T + X_{T2}} (1 - \cos \delta_1)$$
 (5)

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_{peak}}{\sqrt{N_1}} \frac{1}{1 - \cos\delta_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\delta_1 \left(2 + \cos 2\delta_1\right) - 1.5 \sin 2\delta_1\right]}$$
(6)

$$I_{mean} = \frac{I_{peak}}{N_1} \frac{\sin \delta_1 - \delta_1 \cos \delta_1}{\pi (1 - \cos \delta_1)} \quad (7)$$



where *N*1 stands for the number of cycles that the outbound signal is generated one time. **Figure-2** illustrates the situation that *SCR*1 is operated once every two cycles, i.e. $N_{1=2}$. A larger value of N_{1} will release the heat dissipation stress both on the signal transformer *T*2 and the thyristor *SCR*1, with the tradeoff of the communication speed reduction.

Incoming Gesture Cohort

The inbound sign is created by the downstream slave unit thyristor SCR2 terminating occasion. In the genuine usage, the slave unit is a reduced and convenient gadget that can be connected to the low voltage framework as a general family machine. As presented in Section II, an individual slave unit sends back its status report just once per assessment arranges, the warming anxiety brought about by the thyristor SCR2 operation would not be a major concern. There is impedance associated in arrangement with SCR2 whose reason for existing is to constrain the inbound current.

Our viable experience has reasoned that an inductor (LSG in **Figure-3**) is the best choice from various points of view, for example, the size, the force rating and the expense so as to deliver sufficiently solid current heartbeat. The rearranged equal circuit when SCR2 is terminated can be found in **Figure-5**. Amid a terminating occasion that goes on for a few cycles (contingent upon the correspondence convention), the SWER channel current comprises of the inbound current sign drawn by a slave unit and the current from whatever remains of electrical loads additionally associated in the circuit. Since the operation of one slave unit has unimportant effect on different burdens, the heaps in parallel with the slave unit are dismissed.



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Similarly, the circuit analysis when the slave unit is fired is shown in Figure-5. δ_2 is defined as the angle between the trigger instant and the carrier voltage (vT) zero-crossing, the inbound current is determined by

$$i_{signal}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2V_N}}{Z_{sys} + X_{SG}} (\cos wt - \cos \delta_2), wt \in [-\delta_2, \delta_2]$$
(8)

where VN is the rated voltage at the secondary of the service transformer T_3 . Zsys represents the system impedance upstream the slave unit. $X_{SG} = \omega L_{SG}$. The peak, average and RMS values of the inbound current signal are calculated as the follows to guide the selection of thyristor SCR_2 and inductor L_{SG} as:

$$I_{peak_inbound} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V_N}{Z_{sys} + X_{SG}} (1 - \cos\delta_2) \quad (9)$$

$$I_{rms_inbound} = \frac{I_{peak_inbound}}{1 - \cos\delta_2} \sqrt{\frac{\delta_2 (2 + \cos 2\delta_2) - 1.5 \sin 2\delta_2}{2\pi N_2^2}} \quad (10)$$

$$I_{mean_inbound} = \frac{I_{peak_inbound}}{N_2} \frac{\sin\delta_2 - \delta_2 \cos\delta_2}{2\pi N_2^2} \quad (11)$$

Where N_2 stands for the number of cycles that the inbound signal is generated once. Since the slave unit is deployed at the low voltage side with relatively less firing frequency, we normally set N_2 =2 to speed up the report time.

Signal Detection Procedure

In Section II, the inbound and outbound sign era and extraction plans have been presented quickly. **Figure-6** demonstrates a case outbound sign waveform separated by the two-back to back cycle subtraction technique (signify as Δ Vsignal). Such waveform subtraction is controlled constantly at the expert unit. The test is to recognize if any of the Δ vsignal waveform undoubtedly contain the outbound sign. Hence, a solid and simple to-use signal location calculation is required. After one of expert unit terminating occasions, the outbound sign spreads along the SWER line. At the location side, a progression of motions



can be found. Such oscillatory example is valuable for the recognition calculation. In real usage, Δ Vsignal is handled by the Discrete Fast Fourier Transform (DFFT). The DFFT window, or the recognition window, is the length of half of 60 Hz cycle. It begins at 150° and closures at 330° of the bearer waveform. The identification window utilizes the zero intersection purpose of the bearer voltage as an including reference. As the location window width is 180°, just even request music are acquired.

In **Figure-6**, the SWER transport voltage goes about as the transporter. Then again, for the inbound sign, the conductor current is the bearer. As the terminating point in the proposed plot ordinarily equivalents to 150°, the greater part of the sign waveform (principle segment and the motions) will be caught by the recognition window.

Preferably, the consonant segments from the FFT consequences of Δ Vsignal could be utilized to register a record to demonstrate the sign presence. The sounds whose frequencies near the outbound sign recurrence are chosen. In any case, it is hard to foresee such frequencies as they are exceptionally framework subordinate. Existing field test results demonstrate that the characteristic frequencies for the North American circulation frameworks are in the scope of 200 Hz to 600 Hz [13].



Fig: 6. Signal detection and extraction scheme based on 180° window

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 Δ *linbound_h* is the *hth* harmonic current magnitude of the FFT results of Δ *isignal* from the inbound signal detection side. To illustrate the proposed detection algorithm, a representing outbound signal captured by the proposed signal detection window is presented in **Figure-7**. The SWER conductor length in this case is 100 km, the loads are with 0.95 power factor and 50% service transformer capacity (sparse load condition). The harmonic components of the signals up to 1080Hz computed by the 180° window FFT are also shown. It can be seen that the outbound signal exist in the detection window. The dominant harmonic components are included in the detection spectrum proposed detection algorithm as well. Similarly, one representing case demonstrating the inbound signal situation with the same system parameters is shown in **Figure-8**.



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The outbound signal or inbound signal is considered as existing only if the computed DT_{outbound} or DT_{inbound} index from Eqn (12) or Eqn (13) is higher than the preset threshold value, respectively. These two thresholds are independent and need to be determined in the field tests.

COMMUNIQUÉ SYSTEM

The solicitation summon from the expert unit and the criticism from the ointment units are known not other in view of a preset correspondence convention. A progression of force aggravations are utilized to speak to a grouping of computerized data. A case in Figure-9 demonstrates the utilization of thyristor SCR1 terminating in a succession to speak to computerized bits. Two cycles are expected to speak to one advanced piece, i.e. in the event that the subtraction of the two back to back cycles incorporates the infused voltage unsettling influence; it speaks to a bit '1'. The unmoving status, generally, speaks to '0'.



Fig: 9. Representing communication bits by a sequence of SCR1 firing pulses

An ordinary correspondence exchange is depicted as the accompanying strides: ordinarily, the slave units stay as the unmoving status, i.e. the open conductor shortcoming assessment is not empowered. They remain by unit accepting the summon from the expert unit. Commonly, three sorts of charge can be transmitted to the slave units: the investigation empower outline, the status demand outline, and the examination cripple outline. The proposed outline structure utilized by the expert unit to send order and by the ointment unit to report is shown in Figure-10. The aggregate number of the slave IDs relies on upon the size of the SWER framework. Taking a system containing 250 circulated load branches (250 slave unit establishments) as a case; it devours 40 cycles (60 Hz framework recurrence, N1=N2=2) to finish one correspondence outline (found in Figure-10). We characterize the time interim for producing a complete popularity as tF, where tF equivalents to roughly 667 ms.



Fig: 10. The communication frame structur

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A correspondence circle characterized by the proposed correspondence convention is exhibited in **Figure-11**. The expert unit actuates the status check by producing an examination empowers edge, to educate the slave units to exit from the unmoving status and get prepared for the approaching status check process. After a period interim of td (500 ms in current usage), the expert unit begins to send demand request downstream. Just the objective slave unit who's ID coordinate the ID portion contained in the casing, reacts the expert unit's request. Such ace slave handshakes are rehashed in a steady progression, one set at every time. The time interim of td exists between each two handshakes to guarantee the gadget operation completely finished. The status check procedure is done until all the slave units are recognized. Toward the end of a correspondence circle, one edge of review cripple summon is sent by the expert unit to recuperate all slave units to the unmoving status.



Fig: 11. The normal communication protocol for SWER line inspection.

As appeared in **Figure-11**, for a SWER system with M slave units introduced, the aggregate time expended to finish one effective correspondence circle will be:

As per Eqn (14), it is anything but difficult to figure that the aggregate time expected to run a 250 branch SWER framework conductor respectability review is roughly 10 minutes. Once the expert unit demand one of the slave units to report its status yet neglects to get its input inside te, a hazardous slave area is found. te is in any event as td+ tF. In current plan, te is set to 2 second. Two extra status check endeavors requiring this particular slave unit to input are produced to affirm the correspondence uprightness at this area (Figure-12). A conceivable open conductor deficiency area is distinguished after three endeavour disappointments and the expert unit will caution the operation focus promptly with respect to this matter.



Fig: 12. The communication protocol for suspicious open conductor fault.

SIMULATION AND ENDORSEMENT

To approve the possibility of the proposed procedure and assess its execution in various SWER frameworks, broad PC reproductions are performed on a delegate test framework by utilizing PSCAD/EMTDC. The SWER framework utilized as a part of the reproductions is from a real SWER framework given in [14]. Its topology is appeared in Figure-13 and the primary parameters of this framework are recorded as the takes after.

- The input of the test SWER system is coming from one phase out of a 22kV three-phase feeder. The conductor used is #6 ACSR; its default length is 150km.
- SWER overhead line is modelled by Carson's line model, with its self-impedance and shunt admittance computed according to the reference [15].

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- T1's capacity is 150kVA, step-down ratio is 22/12.7kV with 2.5% impedance and is grounded through a resistor R1=2 Ω. T2's capacity is 5kVA, step-down ratio is 12.7/0.6kV, solid grounded. T3 is 25kVA, step-down ratio is 12.7/0.12kV with 2.5% impedance and grounded through a resistor R2=10Ω.
- The firing angles of master unit and slave unit thyristors are all set to 150 degree ($\delta 1 = \delta 2 = 30^\circ$). A 10mH inductor is embedded in the slave unit, limiting the inbound signal pulse peak.
- SWER system is a radial network where lumped loads are connected at the remote end to represent the worst scenario for detecting the signal. The default loads consume half of the service transformer capacity with $R=2.4\Omega$ and L=19.6mH.

SWER overhead line's influence on signal broadcast

Numerous PC reenactments were done to assess the effect of single conductor length on the signs quality. Both the outbound sign and the inbound sign exhibitions are analyzed. The primary finding is that as the SWER line augments, both the outbound sign and the inbound sign don't weaken at the recognition side. The proposed calculation (as clarified in Section V) in light of the sign qualities saw at the era side can adequately perceive the signs. Variable line lengths are tried; the reproduction results for the situations when SWER line is 50 km and 200 km are displayed in **Figure-14**and **Figure-15**. In this investigation, the normal full cycle discovery window (180°) is utilized. The intention is to look at the time area signal waveforms and the recurrence space consonant segment extents between the era side and location side. In **Figure-14**, the outbound sign is measured at the sign transformer T2 essential ('era side' in **Figure-15**) and the administration transformer T3 essential ('discovery side' in **Figure-14**) where the voltage levels are same (transport voltage). In **Figure-15**, the inbound sign is measured at the essential of T3 ('era side' in **Figure-15**) and from the SWER line where the expert unit is associated ('discovery side' in **Figure-15**).

At the point when the SWER line is short, e. g. SWER is 50 km, the line length has minor effect to the sign quality. As the SWER line turns out to be longer, huge motions accompanies the sign era are found. It is a result of the expanded inductance and permission connected with the coupled overhead single stage line. In any case, the signs don't constrict, yet stays sufficiently solid to be effortlessly recognized. Such flag improvement is because of the common resounding of the SWER framework at a specific line length [2].



Fig: 14. Outbound signal performance affected by SWER line length

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Fig: 15. Inbound signal performance affected by SWER line length

Service transformer loading impact

In Section III, we assumed the customer side loads connected in parallel with the slave unit has negligible impact on the inbound signal. In this way, the slave unit at the customer side generates a constant current signal described by Eqn (9)-(11).

To verify the consistency of the inbound current at the two different locations, at the thyristor SCR2 branch and at the service transformer T_3 branch, different loading conditions are tested. The inbound signals when T_3 is loaded 70% are shown in **Figure-16** where the power factor remains at 0.95. The inbound signal is measured from the secondary of T3 to ensure comparison is made at the same current level. It can be seen in Figure-16 that the agreement is quite good. The small difference of the waveform is caused by the system impedance Zsys upstream the slave unit as Eqn(9), which drops the SCR2 branch voltage slightly.

Grounding resistance influence

The impacts of establishing resistance of administration transformer at the client side is observed to be negligible, regardless of the extensive variety of qualities utilized as a part of the study (R2=10 Ω , 20 Ω and 50 Ω). The transient reactions of the outbound sign at the recognition side (essential of the administration transformer) connected with the tried establishing resistance varieties are portrayed in Figure-17. Touchy studies in regards to the sign transient reaction in light of these reproduction results turn out that with the exception of the ling length, other delicate parameters have insignificant effect on the sign quality, yet the line length does not endanger but rather improve the viability of the proposed recognition calculation.

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Transformer Service at 70% Load

Fig: 16. Inbound signal affected by service transformer loading condition



Fig: 17. Outbound signal affected by customer side grounding resistance

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Fig: 18. Phase to Earth Network with resistance grounded neutral (Earth Fault Circuit)

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CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a novel and appealing approach solely intended to recognize open conduit flaw in the single wire-earth-return framework, which is a major test and a dire need to utility designers. The proposed plan depends on two-way control flagging method, the outline contemplations for the sign attributes and the gear determination are introduced. A succinct and simple to-use signal recognition calculation is presented. The proposed strategy has been connected to a test SWER framework and broad reproduction results have demonstrated its viability for identifying the open conductor shortcomings, in any case the single conductor length, the stacking conditions and the client establishing resistance. Such acceptances underscore the strength of the proposed plan, so it can be utilized with certainty to various SWER frameworks.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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