

PJM DESIGNATED ENTITY DESIGN STANDARDS

1.0 PURPOSE

These standards represent the minimum criteria by which a competitively solicited facility must be designed by the Designated Entity unless more stringent requirements are specified in the Problem Statement and Requirements Document (PSRD). These standards facilitate the design of transmission line facilities in a manner that is compliant with NERC requirements and PJM criteria; are consistent with Good Utility Practice, as defined in the PJM Tariff; and are consistent with current industry standards specified herein, such as NESC, IEEE, ASCE, CIGRE, and ANSI, at the time the PSRD is issued.

2.0 SCOPE

This document sets forth the minimum requirements for the design of overhead electric transmission line facilities rated 69kV and above for projects solicited through the PJM competitive process. These minimum design standards do not apply to projects that are not associated with the PJM competitive process. [These standards also do not apply to the design of underbuilt facilities attached to competitive solutions. However, the competitive transmission structure supporting these underbuilt facilities shall have sufficient strength to support the these underbuilt facilities when subjected to the loading requirements defined herein.](#)

3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The design of all transmission lines shall meet or exceed the requirements of this document, the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI/IEEE C-2) [NESC] in effect at the time of the project design, and all additional legislated requirements as adopted by the governmental authority having jurisdiction, including but not limited to environmental and FAA regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Designated Entity to identify all additional legislated requirements. In the event of conflicts between documents, the most stringent requirement shall apply.

4.0 CONDUCTOR

The Designated Entity shall determine normal and emergency ratings for both summer and winter seasons using an appropriate facility rating methodology.

The loss of strength of the conductor shall be limited to 10% of its initial rated breaking strength for an assumed 40 year life. Conductor connectors and accessories shall have mechanical strength and thermal capabilities compatible with the conductor.

The damaging effects of Aeolian vibration shall be appropriately mitigated. Mitigation measures may include lower design tensions, mechanical vibration dampers, and spacer dampers for bundled conductor.

Comment [TDP1]: FE1: Can transmission lines be designed with distribution underbuild? (My thoughts – yes, but the minimum design requirements would only pertain to the transmission facilities)

Response: There was agreement on the last call that distribution could be underbuilt, but no discussion as to whether the underbuilt lines, either distribution or joint use, would be subject to this standard. (The structure obviously is). Is the preference to include the underbuilt facilities, or exclude? Either way, we should probably make a statement.

Resolution: Exclude the underbuilt facilities from meeting these requirements, however, the transmission structure shall support the loads from the underbuilt facilities calculated using these requirements.

Comment [KDR2]: My preference is to not prevent underbuilds. But the underbuild design shouldn't be dictated here. Only the transmission facilities and structure.

5.0 LOADING AND STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS

Transmission Line Facilities shall have sufficient strength to resist the individual and cumulative effects of all load cases defined in Section 5.1, including all subsections. The applied loads shall be adjusted by the Load Factors defined in the subsections of Section 5.1, and the material strengths shall be adjusted by the material strength reduction factors specified by the applicable governing industry publications referenced in Section 5.2.

Transmission Line Facilities include all supporting structures, conductors and other wires, insulators, hardware, and foundations.

5.1 Design Load Requirements

All Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to withstand the independent load cases defined in Sections 5.1.1 through 5.1.7. The effects of gravity, wind, ice, wire tension, construction, and maintenance loads shall be included as applicable.

5.1.1 Legislated Loads

5.1.1.1 Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to resist the loading conditions defined in Rules 250B, 250C, and 250D of the NESC. For Rule 250B, the provisions of Grade B construction and the Heavy loading district shall be applied. The load factors shall be in accordance with NESC Rule 253.

The provision of Rules 250C and 250D permitting the exclusion of structures less than 60 feet in height shall not apply.

5.1.1.2 The Designated Entity shall identify and design to all additional legislated requirements as adopted by the governmental authority having jurisdiction.

5.1.2 Extreme Wind

Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to resist the wind loads corresponding to a 100 year return period (RP) as defined in the latest edition of ASCE Manual of Practice (MOP) 74.

Wind pressures shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures of the latest edition of ASCE MOP 74, properly adjusted for structure shape, gust, and height. The Load Factor applied shall be a minimum of 1.0.

Wind loads shall be applied in the direction producing the maximum loading effect.

All wires shall be assumed intact.

5.1.3 Ice with Concurrent Wind

Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to resist the ice loads resulting from freezing rain corresponding to a 100 year return period and the associated concurrent wind loads as defined in the latest edition of ASCE MOP 74.

Wind pressures shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures of the latest edition of the ASCE MOP 74, properly adjusted for structure shape, gust, and height. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.0.

Wind loads shall be applied in the direction producing the maximum loading effect. The weight of ice shall be considered 57 pounds per cubic foot. The temperature used shall be either the values specified or 32°F. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.0.

All wires shall be assumed intact.

5.1.4 Heavy Ice

Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to resist ice loads resulting from freezing rain, snow, and in-cloud icing as defined in Sections 5.1.4.1 through 5.1.4.4.

In each case, the weight of ice shall be considered 57 pounds per cubic foot, the temperature 0°F, and the wind speed 0 mph. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.0. All wires shall be assumed intact.

5.1.4.1 Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to resist the effects of a minimum of 1.0 inch radial ice resulting from freezing rain applied to all wires. Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater shall also meet the requirements defined in Sections 5.1.4.2, 5.1.4.3, and 5.1.4.4.

5.1.4.2 Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater and constructed in the following states/districts or portions thereof, shall be designed to resist the effects of a minimum of 1.5 inches radial ice resulting from freezing rain applied to all wires.

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania, within 100 miles of the coast of the Atlantic Ocean
- Delaware, within 75 miles of the coast of the Atlantic Ocean
- Maryland, within 75 miles of the coast of the Atlantic Ocean

5.1.4.3 Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater and constructed in regions with a ground elevation greater than 1500 feet and less than 3000 feet above mean sea level shall be designed to resist the effects of a minimum of 1.25 inch radial ice resulting from freezing rain applied to all wires. Greater values shall be considered in areas known to accumulate larger amounts of ice resulting from freezing rain, or are prone to in-cloud icing or accumulation of snow, and when indicated by historical weather data or site-specific ice studies.

5.1.4.4 Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater and constructed in regions with a ground elevation greater than 3000 feet above mean sea level shall be designed to resist the effects of a minimum of 1.5 inch radial ice resulting from freezing rain applied to all wires. Greater values shall be considered in areas known to accumulate larger amounts of ice resulting from freezing rain, or are prone to in-cloud icing or accumulation of snow, and when indicated by historical weather data or site-specific ice studies.

5.1.5 Unbalanced Longitudinal Load Cases

Except as described in Section 5.1.5.1 and 5.2.2, Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater shall be designed to withstand longitudinal loads due to broken wire and differential ice conditions as described in Sections 5.1.5.2 and 5.1.5.3.

Except as described in Section 5.1.5.1 and 5.2.2, Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages less than 230kV may be designed to withstand longitudinal loads due to broken wire and differential ice conditions as described in Sections 5.1.5.2 and 5.1.5.3.

5.1.5.1 These unbalanced load cases do not apply to insulators; however, insulators must be designed such that they do not detach from the supporting structure.

5.1.5.2 Broken Wire Loading

For single conductor phase configurations of both single and multiple circuit structures, only one conductor or one shield wire shall be considered broken in each load case. Each wire shall be broken individually to ensure the maximum loading effect is determined for each component. For the design of suspension structures, the conductor tensions may be reduced by the effects of longitudinal insulator displacement.

For phase configurations with more than one sub-conductor of both single and multiple circuit structures, a minimum of one sub-conductor or one static wire shall be considered broken. Each phase shall be evaluated with one broken sub-conductor to ensure the maximum loading effect is determined for each component. For the design of suspension structures, the conductor tensions may be reduced by the effects of longitudinal insulator displacement.

The minimum environmental load condition shall be 0.5 inch of ice, 40 mph wind, and 32°F. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.0.

5.1.5.3. Differential Ice Loading

With all wires assumed intact, each conductor and shield wire on one side of the structure shall be loaded with 0.5 inch of radial ice and 40 mph wind at a temperature of 32°F. All conductors and shield wires on the other side of the structure shall be loaded with the specified wind only. The weight of ice shall be

considered 57 pounds per cubic foot. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.0.

For the design of suspension structures, the conductor tensions may be reduced by the effects of longitudinal insulator displacement.

5.1.6 Construction and Maintenance Loads

Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to facilitate construction and maintenance activities as defined in Sections 5.1.6.1 through 5.1.6.3.

5.1.6.1 Bound Stringing Block

Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages 230kV and greater shall be designed to resist longitudinal loads simulating a bound stringing block.

Transmission Line Facilities designed for voltages less than 230kV may be designed to resist longitudinal loads simulating a bound stringing block.

5.1.6.2 Climbing and Working Loads

In areas where climbing or work activities are reasonably anticipated, members of structures shall be designed to support a point load of 250 pounds. The Load Factor shall be a minimum of 1.5.

5.1.6.3 Fall Protection

Transmission Line Facilities shall be designed to facilitate compliance with OSHA requirements related to fall protection.

5.1.7. Foundation Loading

Foundation reactions shall be determined from the load cases presented in Section 5.1.

5.2 Strength Requirements

Transmission Line facilities shall meet the strength requirements specified in Sections 5.2.1 through 5.2.4.

5.2.1 Strength Design Standards & Guides

Structures and foundations shall be designed to the requirements of the applicable publications:

- *ASCE Standard No. 10, Design of Latticed Steel Transmission Structures*
- *ASCE Standard No. 48, Design of Steel Transmission Pole Structures*

Comment [TDP3]: LSP6: This section references "ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary". This should be removed as it is not applicable to typical foundations for transmission lines – see Section 1.4 of ACI 318 (Applicability) and more specifically Section 1.4.6.

Response: Although true, ACI 318 is typically adopted and used in part to design reinforced concrete foundations and anchorages for transmission and substation structures.

Resolution: Leave reference and added exceptions.

Comment [TDP4]: FE3:
• Remove IEEE Std. 751 (inactive or withdrawn)
• Add ASCE Manual No. 111 Reliability Based Design of Utility Pole Structures

Response: Added P751 and ASCE 111. Will discuss further at the April DEDSTF meeting.

Comment [KDR5]: I'm not familiar with P751. Others in my group had pointed out the 751 was inactive. As for the comment regarding ACSE No. 111 being more of a design manual, aren't others also more of a design manual. The section is about Design Standards and Guides – if we don't want design manuals, should we eliminate the section?

- ASCE Manual No. 91, *Design of Guyed Electrical Transmission Structures*
- ASCE Manual No. 74, *Guidelines for Electric Transmission Structural Loading*
- [ASCE Manual No. 104, Recommended Practice for Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Products for Overhead Utility Line Structures](#)
- [ASCE Manual No. 111, Reliability-Based Design of Utility Pole Structures](#)
- ASCE Manual No. 123, *Prestressed Concrete Transmission Pole Structures*
- ANSI 05-1, *Specifications and Dimensions for Wood Poles*
- IEEE Std. 691, *Guide for Transmission Structure Foundation Design and Testing*
- [IEEE Std. P751, ~~Trial-Use Design~~ Guide for Wood Transmission Structures](#)
- National Electric Safety Code C2
- [ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary](#)
[Exception: The ultimate compressive concrete strength shall not be less than 3500 pounds/square foot.](#)

5.2.2 Line Cascading Mitigation

To avoid cascading failures, structures shall be designed to withstand the unbalanced longitudinal load cases of Section 5.1.5, or an anti-cascading structure with full dead end load capability shall be placed every 5 miles.

5.2.3 Substation Structure Strength

Where Transmission Line Facilities terminate in substations owned by others, the Designated Entity shall coordinate with these owners to ensure adequate strength is provided for each station line terminal structure.

5.2.3 Geotechnical Requirements

A geotechnical investigation shall be the basis of the final foundation design parameters.

6.0 ELECTRICAL DESIGN PARAMETERS

Conductor selection and configuration, including conductor size and the number of sub-conductors, shall consider electrical system performance parameters such as voltage, stability, losses, impedance, corona, electric and magnetic fields, audible noise, and television and radio interference. To correct for voltage imbalance, the phases may be transposed.

The estimated levels of audible noise and EMF values shall not exceed those required by the governmental authority having jurisdiction. These estimated values shall be determined by calculations specific to the proposed transmission facility.

7.0 RIGHT-OF-WAY

Rights of way shall be proportioned so that NESC horizontal clearances to buildings are maintained at the edges. Widths shall be calculated with the wires displaced from rest by a 6 psf wind at 60°F with no ice and at final sag. Deflection of flexible structures and insulator swing shall be considered where appropriate.

Consideration shall be given to acquiring uniform right of way widths.

8.0 INSULATION, LIGHTNING PERFORMANCE, & GROUNDING

Insulation, grounding, and shielding of the transmission system (line and station) shall be coordinated between the Designated Entity and the Transmission Owner(s) to which the project interconnects to promote acceptable facility performance. The resulting design shall approach the targeted lightning performance defined below.

- Voltages 345kV and greater – 1 Outage/100 circuit miles/Year
- 230kV – 2 Outage/100 circuit miles/Year
- 138/115kV – 3 Outage/100 circuit miles/Year
- 69kV – 4 Outage/100 circuit miles/Year

Surge arresters, if installed, shall be applied in a manner that reduces the likelihood that the arrester or any of its associated hardware will interfere with reliable normal operation of the line in the event of surge arrester electrical or mechanical failure.

9.0 CLEARANCES

9.1 General

Unless otherwise stated, all clearances shall meet or exceed those defined in the NESC.

Clearances shall be maintained applying the maximum operating voltages defined in PJM Manual 3, "Baseline Voltage Limits", Exhibit 3, Section 3.3.1. The circuit transient overvoltage (TOV) shall be used when considering the alternate clearances permitted by NESC Rules 232D, 233C3, 234H, 235B3.

When a proposed transmission line crosses over an existing supply or communication line, the position of the lower wire shall be determined by a straight line between attachment points, unless specific sag/tension information for the lower wires are known. When the sag/tension characteristics of the lower wires are known, the requirements of the NESC rules may be applied.

9.2 Live Line Maintenance Requirements

Adequate clearances shall be provided when live-line maintenance requirements are proposed by the Designated Entity for a line design for any of the following maintenance activities:

- Climbing inspection
- Hot stick maintenance for the specified line components
- Live line maintenance for the specified line components using specified lift equipment
- Helicopter live line maintenance for the specified line components using the specified helicopter

All live line maintenance clearances shall be determined using the OSHA calculation methods for the specified circuit TOV, breaker design, and maintenance program.

9.3 Vertical Clearances

The vertical conductor clearances of Section 23 of the NESC shall be maintained at the NESC stated conditions. All terrain points under the conductors shall be considered to be traversable by vehicles. The buffers defined in Section 9.5 shall be applied.

9.4 Horizontal Clearances

The horizontal conductor clearances of Section 23 of the NESC shall be maintained at the NESC stated conditions. The buffers defined in Section 9.5 shall be applied.

9.5 Clearance Buffers

Due to uncertainties and inaccuracies in surveying and installation of foundations, structures and conductors, the calculated position of the conductors shall be increased as specified in Sections 9.5.1 and 9.5.2 to ensure that NESC requirements are met.

9.5.1 Vertical Clearance Buffer

The vertical clearance buffer shall be 3'-0".

9.5.2 Horizontal Clearance Buffers

The horizontal clearance buffer shall be 2'-0" to other obstructions. This buffer does not apply to clearances to the supporting structure.

9.6 Electrostatic Clearance

The short circuit current discharge requirements of NESC Rule 232D3(c) shall be met.

9.7 Clearances over Waters of the United States

Clearances over the waters of the United States shall be the larger of the NESC requirements in Rule 232, or the clearance determined by the Army Corps of Engineers, plus the buffer defined in Section 9.5.

9.8 Galloping

9.8.1 General

Lines shall be designed to limit the likelihood that conductor/shield wire galloping will result in a circuit momentary operation. Galloping shall be addressed by one or a combination of the following methods:

- Providing conductor clearances at the structure which produce the in-span conductor clearances defined in Section 9.8.3.
- Install in-span interphase insulators or anti-galloping devices designed to reduce the possibility and/or severity of conductor galloping.
- Install twisted pair conductor.

9.8.2 Galloping Ellipse Calculations

Conductor galloping ellipses shall be developed using the A.E. Davison method for single loop galloping and the L.W. Toye method for double loop galloping, or the CIGRE method as described in Bulletin 322.

9.8.3 Galloping Clearances

Clearances of the calculated galloping ellipses shall meet the requirements of Sections 9.8.3.1 and 9.8.3.2.

9.8.3.1 Single Loop Galloping

The position of the calculated galloping ellipses shall overlap no more than 10%.

9.8.3.2 Double Loop Galloping

The calculated positions of the galloping ellipses shall not overlap.

9.9 Avian Considerations

The Designated Entity shall comply with all project-specified requirements established by the governmental authority having jurisdiction. The guidelines of the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee shall be considered in the design of Transmission Line Facilities.

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