



Design Policy Update webinar

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Electricity North West Planning Policy

EPD283 Use of 300mm² cable



Policy change – Use of 300mm² cable



Policy was changed in April 2020 mandating the use of 300mm² low voltage cable in most situations.
The following documents were changed:

CP226

Distribution Network
Design – Low Voltage

ES213

Design of New
Connections for
Housing Developments

ES281

Company Specific
Appendices to G81
(Parts 1, 2 & 5)

In most situations 300mm² cable must be used as standard
This applies to all new network to be owned by Electricity North West – with some exceptions
It does not apply to IDNO networks

These are defined on the next slide



300mm² cable shall be used as standard for **all future works except**

Fault repair or minors works up to 30 metres in length where the existing conductor size is equivalent or smaller

Rising and lateral mains where it is impractical to install 300mm²

Service cables feeding termination equipment rated **less than 400A**
for example a 95mm² cable may be used to supply a 200A distribution board

Feeders from transformers of 200kVA or less

Terminations where it is not possible to connect 300mm² SAC, for example wall boxes

Mains extensions for service cables longer than 30m

Examples where smaller cable may be used



Cost



Installation



Logistics



Losses

transition joints may be required to connect 300mm² to small section cables

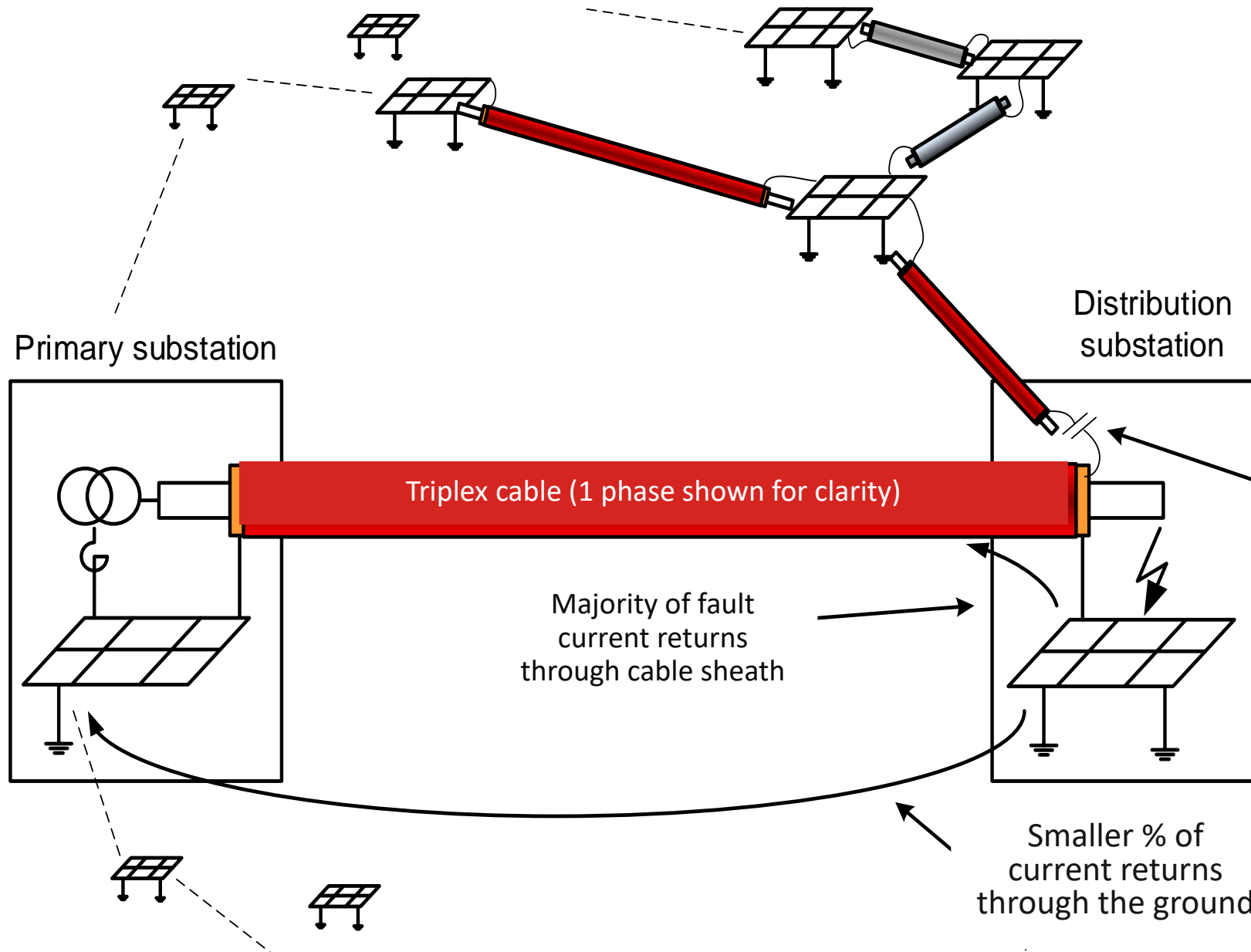
Implementation is from 1st September 2020

Any design submissions approved before this date may use previous policy

Electricity North West Planning Policy

CP333 Distribution Substation Earthing Design





CP333 Has been amended to clarify Earth Potential Rise (EPR) calculations

In particular Rules for Ground Mounted Substations (section 5.2) clarified



There are four fundamental rules for ground mounted substations earthing design



The substation shall be safe in terms of touch potential



HV earth shall not exceed 10Ω unless special circumstances



The substation shall be Cold where reasonably practical



The EPR must not exceed 3kV

Calculations may include different elements of the earth system
The policy change clarifies which elements may be used for each rule



Rule	Design Requirement	Allowed to rely on:			
		Substation Electrode	Electrode effect of supplying cable	Parallel fault current path	Network contribution (Intact network)
1	Substation must be safe in terms of touch	✓	✓	✓	✗
2	The resistance of the HV electrode system in isolation of the network shall not, exceed 10 Ω unless special circumstances require.	✓	✓	✓	✗
3	The substation shall be designed to Cold where reasonably practicable, i.e. its EPR must not exceed 430V.	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	The EPR must not exceed 3kV	✓	✓	✓	✓

Implementation of G5/5





Engineering Recommendation G5

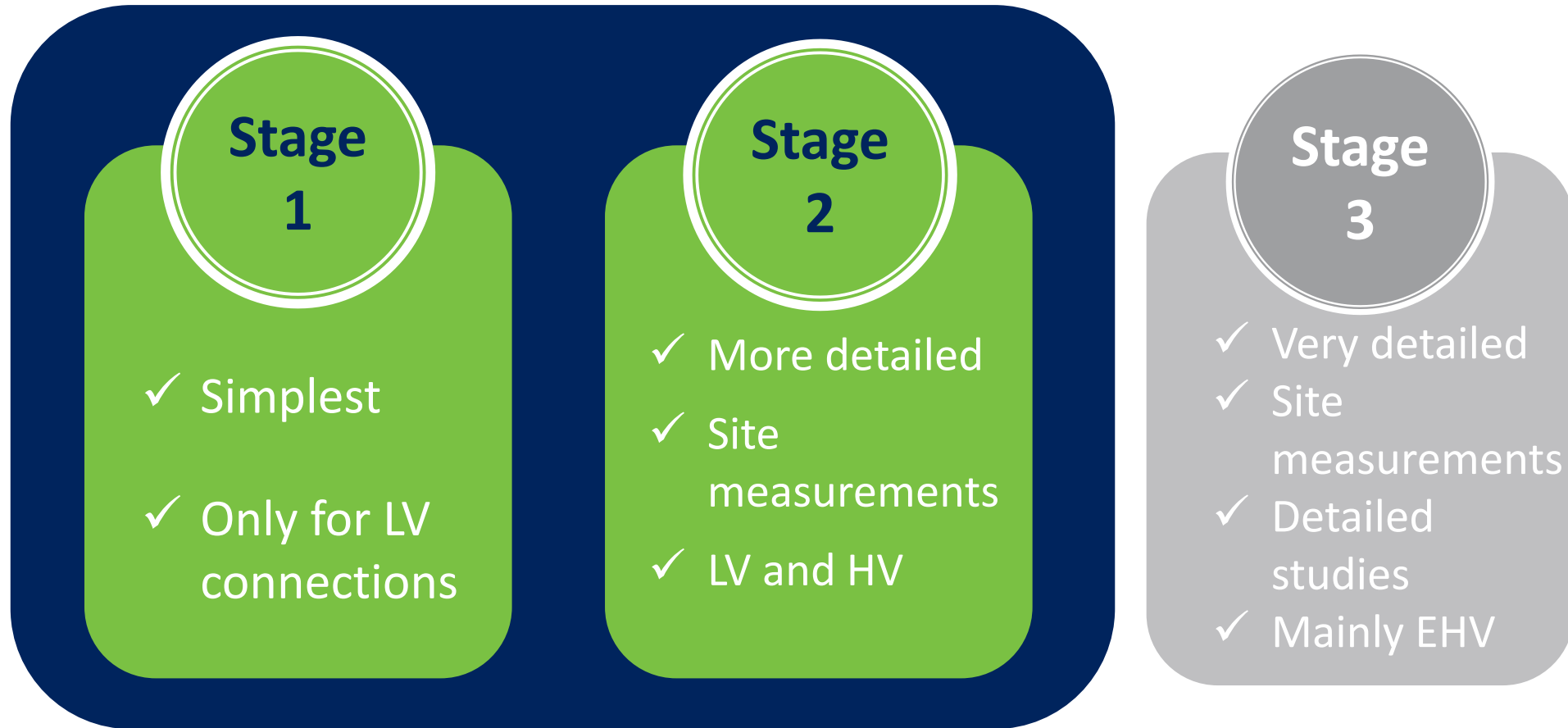
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Harmonic voltage distortion and the connection of harmonic sources and/or resonant plant to transmission systems and distribution networks in the United Kingdom

Implementation – 17th June 2020

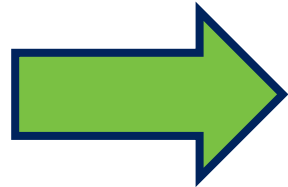
There are major changes affecting Electricity North West and our customers

Reminder: G5 assessment have 3 Stages:



**** Today's webinar considers Stage 1 and Stage 2 only ****

It gives an overview and summarises information required. It is not intended to demonstrate the detailed workings of G5



Stage 1 and 2 split into substages

Up to 100th Harmonic

Generic equipment type introduced

Other G5/4 requirements remain

Stage 1- new process



LV only

Substages 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D

ONLY:

3-phase 6-pulse
converters

3-phase active-
front-end
converters

3-phase 12-pulse
converters

Single-phase
rectifiers

1A

Assessment by
compliance with
IEC 61000-3-2
Less than 16Amps

1B

Assessment by
compliance with
IEC 61000-3-12
Less than 75Amps

1C

Assessment based
on aggregate
equipment rated
power, short-circuit
power at the PCC
and technology
type

1D

Assessment based
on aggregate
equipment rated
power, short-
circuit power at
the PCC,
technology type
and background
harmonic level



Stage 1A information

- Declaration of conformity with BS EN 61000-3-2
- Unconditional connection – no network information needed
- Applies to equipment <16A

Stage 1B information

Declaration of conformity with IEC 61000-3-12, either:

1. 'Compliant with IEC 61000-3-12', or
2. 'Compliant with IEC 61000-3-12 if short circuit power $S_{sc\ pcc}$ is greater or equal to xx'

Conditional connection – needs assessment

This is not new – this approach has been used for many years



Stage 1C information

Confirmation of equipment type:

- 3 phase 6 pulse converter
- 3 phase active front end converter
- 3 phase 12 pulse converter
- Single phase rectifiers

Assessment is based on **equipment type** rather than harmonic current emissions of each device

Stage 1D information

- Very similar to Stage 1C
- Based on the same equipment type categories
- Uses **measured background harmonic voltages** rather than assumed

Stage 2



Substages 2A, 2B and 2C

HV and those connections failing to
comply via Stage 1

2A

Assessment based on
aggregate equipment rated
power, short-circuit power
at the PCC and technology
type

2B

Assessment based on
aggregate equipment rated
power, short-circuit power
at the PCC, technology type
and measured background
harmonic levels

2C

Prediction of the harmonic
voltage distortion post-
connection based on current
emissions and a simple
reactance model for the
source with a multiplication
factor to allow for any low-
order harmonic resonance



Stage	Substage	Information required	Site Background measurements?	Voltage
1	1A	Compliance statement IEC61000-3-2	✗	LV
	1B	Compliance statement IEC61000-3-12	✗	LV
	1C	Equipment Type (3 phase 6 pulse etc)	✗	LV
	1D	Equipment Type	✓	LV
2	2A	Equipment Type	✗	HV
	2B	Equipment Type	✓	HV
	2C	Harmonic current emissions	✓	LV & HV
3	-	Impedance profile, limits for incremental harmonic voltages and total harmonic voltages	✓	EHV

Planning and Compatibility Limits simplified table



Planning and Compatibility limits are now defined using voltages aligned to GB system

For us...	THD Planning Limit %FDN	Comment on G5/5 planning limits
LV	5%	Slight increase to some higher orders
HV: 11kV & 6.6kV	4.5% (previously 4%)	Slight increase to some higher orders

There have been some increases in planning and compatibility limits to match international standards. G5/ 5 now allows assessment up to the 100th harmonic:
Electricity North West will only use up to the 50th of stage 1 and 2.