# **Investment Evaluation Summary (IES)**

# **Project Details:**



Project Name:	Replace AK Power sectionaliser with recloser	
Project ID:	00729	
Thread:	Overhead	
CAPEX/OPEX:	CAPEX	
Service Classification:	ndard Control	
Scope Type:		
Work Category Code:	EOHS	
Work Category Description:	Replace OH Switchgear	
Preferred Option Description:	Replace 2 defective AK Power Sectionalisers per year with reclosers, as needed.	
Preferred Option Estimate (Nominal Dollars):	\$3,248,230	

	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27
Unit (\$)	N/A									
Volume	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Estimate (\$)										
Total (\$)	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274	\$108,274

## **Governance:**

Project Initiator:	Jack Terry	Date:	27/03/2015
Thread Approved:	David Eccles	Date:	20/10/2015
Project Approver:	David Eccles	Date:	20/10/2015

## **Document Details:**

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IES Document	http://projectzone.tnad.tasnetworks.com.au/business-projects/nis-program/DD17SAM/Deliverables /Overhead%20Systems%20and%20Structures /REOHS%20and%20RERER%20-%20Other%20overhead%20SWGR%20works /Investment%20Evaluation%20Summary%20-%20Replace%20Reclosers%20and%20Sectionalisers%20R1.docx

## Section 1 (Gated Investment Step 1)

## 1. Background

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TasNetworks has a range of network switching devices, with different levels of functionality that are installed according to the specific requirements of the network location. These include air break switches, sectionalisers, load break switches, and automatic circuit reclosers. TasNetworks standard installation for all of these devices is now the NOJA OSM Automatic Circuit Recloser ("recloser"). This can be programmed with different settings, to be operated as a network disconnection device (load break switch), a single shot protection device (sectionaliser), or a multiple shot protection device (recloser).

Reclosers are pole mounted devices that operate to clear temporary faults in the medium voltage (MV) distribution network. When a recloser is exposed to a network fault downstream that is of sufficient magnitude, the recloser will immediately open the network to isolate the fault. Modern reclosers have a number of protection functions that include;

- directional over current protection;
- negative phase sequence protection;
- directional earth fault protection;
- frequency protection; and
- harmonic protection.

It will then make a number of pre-programmed attempts to re-energise the line. If the transient fault has been cleared, the auto-recloser will remained closed and normal operation of the line resumes, however, if the fault is a permanent fault, the auto-recloser will exhaust its count of re-energisation attempts and lock-out leaving the faulted line isolated. Reclosers are typically installed on rural overhead feeders, with poor reliability, and have remote control and monitoring facilities.

In recent years, Aurora Energy and TasNetworks have installed reclosers in groups as loop automation ("loop auto") schemes, to reconfigure the network in load conditions to automatically restore supply to network downstream of the fault. Typically implemented in rural areas with particularly poor reliability, loop auto schemes have provided improvements in the reliability in certain areas of the network.

#### 1.1 Investment Need

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The installation of reclosers in the MV network is supported by a number of investment drivers that are dependent on the location in the network, and the device (if any) that the recloser is replacing. The various investment drivers for the installation of reclosers are detailed in the points below.

- 1. Although the population of reclosers in the network is still relatively young, recloser failures still occur. Under some circumstances (eg. primary equipment failure) these devices will require full replacement with a new unit. It is therefore appropriate to include provision for the replacement of existing recloser devices with a new unit.
- 2. TasNetworks has approximately 57 expulsion dropout (EDO) type sectionalisers manufactured by AK power, installed in the distribution network. This population of units have been identified as unreliable, as the unit fail to operate on faults where they are required to. This results in the persistence of the fault, which may result in the operation of upstream protection, and/or the damage of distribution network assets. TasNetworks has a program in place to replace particular AK sectionalisers with a recloser, when a unit has been identified as defective.
- 3. Fuses and sectionalisers are cheap and effective methods for providing over current protection for large volumes of distribution feeder spurs. However, the necessity for field crews to be dispatched onsite for the fault restoration process incurs significant cost to the business. Additionally, while fuses, sectionalisers and load break switches are effective at providing single shot protection, their inability to reclose limits their capability to fault clearance, and not fault restoration.

The suitability of these network devices for the purpose of protecting a particular spur, is dependent on

- the magnitude of load that is connected to that spur; and
- the frequency with which the device operates.

Assuming that an appropriate device was selected at the time of installation, increases in either of these two parameters may be sufficient to justify the replacement of that device with a recloser.

#### 1.2 Customer Needs or Impact

The main impacts on the customer that are associated with this option are - cost impacts through implementation of the program; and - impact on reliability through planned/unplanned outages. The selected option finds an optimal balance between the cost incurred to the customer and the improvement in reliability through additional control capability.

## 1.3 Regulatory Considerations

This project will be ongoing to meet the ever changing needs of the distribution network with respect to network configuration and protection operation.

## 2. Project Objectives

The objective of this project is to install automatic circuit reclosers, where there is a demonstrable benefit to the network through an improvement in operational versatility, network reliability, or safety.

## 3. Strategic Alignment

#### 3.1 Business Objectives

Maintaining network service performance and achieving zero harm are key parts of enabling TasNetworks to achieve its strategic goal of taking care of its assets, delivering safe and reliable network services while transforming our business. This investment helps achieve this business objective, by reducing unnecessary outage durations, for network reconfigurations and load transfers, and providing effective protection of the network to isolate and clear network faults.

#### 3.2 Business Initiatives

TasNetworks continues to undertake consumer engagement as part of business as usual through the Voice of the Customer program. Customers have identified that into the future they believe that affordability, green, communicative, innovative, efficient and reliable services must be provided by TasNetworks. This project specifically provides improvements to consumers with respect to safety, restoration of faults/emergencies and supply reliability. Customers will continue to be consulted through routine TasNetworks processes, including the Voice of the customer program, the Annual Planning Review and ongoing regular customer liaison meetings.

#### 4. Current Risk Evaluation

#### 5 x 5 Risk Matrix

TasNetworks business risks are analysed utilising the 5x5 corporate risk matrix, as outlined in TasNetworks Risk Management Framework

Relevant strategic business risk factors that apply are follows:

Risk Category	Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
Financial				
Customer	Interruption of supply as a result of inadequate protection.	Likely	Negligible	Low
Regulatory Compliance				
Network Performance	Increases in load connected or fault frequency, will result in reduction of reliability (SAIDI and SAIFI).	Likely	Minor	Medium
Reputation	Negative impacts on image through unplanned outages	Unlikely	Negligible	Low
Environment and Community	Failure of AK power EDO <u>sectionalisers</u> to operate may result in bushfire.	Unlikely	Major	Medium
Safety and People				

#### 4.1 5x5 Risk Matrix

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Risk Category	Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
Customer	Interruption of supply as a result of insufficient protection.	Likely	Negligible	Low
Environment and Community	Inadequate protection may fail to clear faults as required, resulting in bushfire.	Unlikely	Major	Medium
Network Performance	Increases in load connected or fault frequency, may result in reduction of reliability (SAIDI and SAIFI).	Likely	Minor	Medium
Reputation	Negative impacts on image through unplanned outages	Unlikely	Negligible	Low

# Section 1 Approvals (Gated Investment Step 1)

Project Initiator:	Jack Terry	Date:	27/03/2015	
Line Manager:		Date:		
Manager (Network Projects) or Group/Business Manager (Non-network projects):		Date:		
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Actions		
CWP Project Manager commenced initiation:	Assigned CW Project Manager:	
PI notified project initiation commenced:	Actioned by:	

## Section 2 (Gated Investment Step 2)

## 5. Preferred Option:

Reclosers will be installed in targeted locations in the MV network to replace defective AK Power EDO type sectionaliser (two units per year).

#### 5.1 Scope

The scope of this work is to replace two AK Power, EDO type sectionalisers per year, with reclosers, to provide appropriate protection for that network section. The scope of this work does not include the installation of new reclosers for network augmentation, and for the purposes of general reliability improvement.

## 5.2 Expected outcomes and benefits

The expected outcome of this work is - Improvement in network reliability (SAIDI and SAIFI) through clearance of temporary MV faults; and - Reduction in operational expenditure required for sending crews on site to restore supply after temporary faults; and - Reduction in the risk of bushfire through the non-operation of AK power EDO type sectionalisers.

#### 5.3 Regulatory Test

## 6. Options Analysis

#### **Options Analysis**

Option No.	Option description
0.	Do nothing.
	- Do notreplace reclosers onfailure.
	<ul> <li>Do not remove AK power EDO sectionalisers from the network.</li> </ul>
	- Do notupgrade fuses and sectionalisers to reclosers.
1.	Installation of six reclosers per year in the MV network to
	<ul> <li>address risk of bushfire presented by AK power EDO type sectionalisers;</li> </ul>
	- replace reclosers that have failed;
	<ul> <li>maintain network reliability, where load or fault rate is increased, and current network protection device is no longer suitable.</li> </ul>

#### **Expected Outcomes and Benefits**

Option description			
Option 0 - Do Nothing	No pro-active action to maintain reliability of the distribution network, and address risks presented by AK power EDO devices.		
Option 1	Targeted installation of reclosers in the network to provide protection functionality that is appropriate for the network that it is covering.		
Option 2			
Option 3			

#### **Summary of drivers**

This option matrix provides a comparison of the options against the investment drivers detailed in section 2.

Summary of Drivers	Reliability	Environment and Community	Regulatory Compliance
Option 0 - Do Nothing	Reliability levels will not be maintained.	Continued trend of electrocution to endangered bird species caused by TasNetworks assets.	Poses unacceptable risk in terms of meeting TasNetworks environmental regulatory requirements (under the PAMA).
Option 1 – Risk based rectification	Reliability is improved through a reduction infrequency of bird contacts with electrified assets.	Reduction in electrocution of endangered bird species by utilising mitigation measures.	Fulfills Tas Networks commitments to DPIPWE under the PAMA to mitigate high risk pole top assets.
Option 2			
Option 3			

#### **TOTAL COSTS**

Option	Total Costs (\$)
Option 0	\$0
Option 1	\$3,248,220

Total costs are calculated in nominal dollars and are only base costs (not including oncosts).

#### **Summary of Risk**

The main risks associated with selecting option 0 are:

- Non-material interruption of supply to customers through inadequate fault clearance, and fault restoration;
- reduction in network performance (SAIDI and SAIFI) through failure to clear temporary MV faults;
- maintained operational expenditure required for sending crews on site to restore supply after temporary faults; and
- Reduction in the risk of bushfire through the non-operation of AK power EDO type sectionalisers.

#### Appendix A

6.5.5 Risk Comparison

The project options each have a different impact on the future asset risk. The table below provides a summary of the risk considerations in terms of the 5 x 5 corporate risk matrix and provides the input to the spider web risk diagrams.

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The spider web risk diagrams





## **6.1 Option Summary**

Option description						
Option 0	Do nothing - Leave defective AK Power EDO type sectionalisers in the network.					
Option 1 (preferred)	Replace 2 defective AK Power Sectionalisers per year with reclosers, as needed.					

## **6.2 Summary of Drivers**

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Option 0	Customer - Increased number and duration of interruptions to customers through faults. Network Performance - Reduction in network performance. Environment and Community - Increased risk of bushfire starting, through inadequate feeder protection. Reputation - Increased negative impacts on image through unplanned outages.
Option 1 (preferred)	Customer - Maintained or reduced number and duration of interruptions to customers through faults.  Network Performance - Network performance maintained. Environment and Community - Reduced risk of bushfire starting, through inadequate feeder protection. Reputation - Minimise negative impacts on image through unplanned outages.

## **6.3 Summary of Costs**

Option	Total Cost (\$)
Option 0	\$0
Option 1 (preferred)	\$3,248,230

## 6.4 Summary of Risk

#### Appendix A

#### 1. Risk Comparison

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## 6.5.5 Risk Comparison

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#### Qualitative Risk Evaluation Matrix

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## 6.5 Economic analysis

Option	Description	NPV
Option 0	Do nothing - Leave defective AK Power EDO type sectionalisers in the network.	\$0
Option 1 (preferred)	Replace 2 defective AK Power Sectionalisers per year with reclosers, as needed.	-\$3,669,482

## 6.5.1 Quantitative Risk Analysis

None

6.5.2 Benchmarking

None

6.5.3 Expert findings

None

## 6.5.4 Assumptions

Installed cost of recloser including overheads is \$54,137. This is based on a WASP estimate which would have been a bit low for Nulec reclosers. However, NOJA reclosers are a unit price of approx \$15k with communications, and this cost is representative of installing a recloser with a new pole and all associate equipment.

# Section 2 Approvals (Gated Investment Step 2)

Project Initiator:	Jack Terry	Date:	27/03/2015							
Project Manager:		Date:								
Actions	Actions									
Submitted for CIRT review:		Actioned by:								
CIRT outcome:										