

NEED/OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT (NOS)



Armidale 415V AC Dist Replacement

NOS- 000000001478 revision 3.0

Ellipse project no.: P0008603

TRIM file: [TRIM No]

Project reason: Capability - Asset Replacement for end of life condition

Project category: Prescribed - Replacement

Approvals

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Change history

Revision	Date	Amendment
0	20 May 2016	Initial issue
1	17 October 2016	Update to 2016/17 dollars
2	15 November 2016	Update to format

1. Background

Armidale Substation was originally constructed in 1969 and expanded in 1972 with the addition of a 330kV switchyard. It is a critical point of interconnection for the supply to the NSW North East Region and connects to Essential Energy at 66kV.

TransGrid has experienced an increase in the number of safety incidents related to the 415V AC systems across all substation sites over the past two years. The investigation into these incidents has highlighted the poor condition of aging 415V AC distribution infrastructure as a major contributing factor to these incidents. A project was initiated to identify all defects on the 415V systems across the network and Armidale was identified as one of the sites with a high concentration of defects.

The 415V AC Distribution System at Armidale Substation powers all non-critical systems at the site including GPOs, lighting, air conditioners, security, and transformer cooling. It will remain an integral component of a substation site for the foreseeable future.

2. Need/opportunity

TransGrid is currently managing the defects on its 415V AC distribution systems that were identified as the highest risk to safety through a mixture of corrective maintenance and changes to work practices. However, these measures are not addressing the structural deficiencies in the infrastructure and a more holistic approach to bring systems up to current requirements as per AS3000 will likely achieve better safety outcomes.

The Armidale site has 4.5% of all 415V AC distribution defects across the network. The original system will be over 50 years old by 2023.

The risk cost associated with the 415V Distribution System at Armidale is \$609k per annum. The most significant element of concern is the reliability consequence associated with an unplanned outage of a primary asset due to malfunction of the 415V AC distribution. The risk costs are based on 2015/16 probabilities of failure as extrapolated from the 415V Safety Survey conducted in 2015.

3. Related needs/opportunities

NIL

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that options be considered to address the identified need/opportunity.

Attachment 1 – Risk costs summary

Summary of results is attached below. Refer to supporting document in PDGS for full risk assessment.



Current Option Assessment - Risk Summary

Project Name: Armidale 415V AC Dist Replacement

Option Name: 1478 - Base Case

Option Assessment Name: 1478 - Base Case - Assessment 1

Rev Reset Period: Next (2018-23)

Major Component	No.	Minor Component	Sel. Hazardous Event	LoC x CoF (\$M)	Failure Mechanism	NoxLoC xCoF (\$M)	PoF (Vr 1)	Total Risk (\$M)	Risk (\$M) (Rel)	Risk (\$M) (Op)	Risk (\$M) (Fin)	Risk (\$M) (Peo)	Risk (\$M) (Env)	Risk (\$M) (Rep)
Low Voltage AC Supply	1	AC Low Voltage Board/Panel/Box	Uncontrolled Electrical Contact / Discharge (Low Voltage AC Supply)	\$2.61	Failure	\$2.61	4.49%	\$0.12	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Low Voltage AC Supply	1	AC Low Voltage Board/Panel/Box	Unplanned Outage - HV (Low Voltage AC Supply)	\$4.17	Failure	\$4.17	4.49%	\$0.19	\$0.11	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Low Voltage AC Supply	1	AC Low Voltage Cable	Uncontrolled Electrical Contact / Discharge (Low Voltage AC Supply)	\$2.61	Failure	\$2.61	4.49%	\$0.12	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Low Voltage AC Supply	1	AC Low Voltage Cable	Unplanned Outage - HV (Low Voltage AC Supply)	\$4.17	Failure	\$4.17	4.49%	\$0.19	\$0.11	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
								\$13.56	\$13.56	\$0.61	\$0.28	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total VCR Risk: \$0.28 Total ENS Risk: \$0.00