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Wind power protection measures for communication base stations



Overview

This report covers protection of generator step up transformers, collector system feeders, grounding transformers, collector substation buses, reactors, capacitors, main station transformers, tie lines, points of interconnection and associated arc flash issues. Can wind energy be used to power mobile phone base stations?

Worldwide thousands of base stations provide relaying mobile phone signals. Every off-grid base station has a diesel generator up to 4 kW to provide electricity for the electronic equipment involved. The presentation will give attention to the requirements on using wind energy as an energy source for powering mobile phone base stations.

What is a protection scheme in a wind electric plant?

Protection schemes within these types of equipment are designed by their manufacturers and are integral to the equipment. Wind Electric Plants are composed of many wind turbine generators (WTGs) which are connected to a collector substation through a collector system.

What are the standards for wind turbine protection?

The IEC 61400-24 (EN 61400-24) standard, the IEC 62305 (EN 62305) standard series and the guidelines by Germanischer Lloyd (e.g. GL 2010 IV – Part 1: Guideline for the certification of wind turbines) form the basis for the protection concept.

Do wind turbine generators and static VAR sources need to be protected?

Although the report addresses coordination with wind turbine generator protective devices and static VAR sources, protection of the wind turbine generators and static VAR sources themselves is not included. Large WEPs are becoming more prevalent as generation sources on the power system.

How to protect a wind turbine from lightning?

In order to plan protection measures, it is advisable to subdivide the wind turbine into lightning protection zones (LPZs). The lightning protection system of a wind turbine protects two sub-systems which can only be found in wind turbines, namely the rotor blades and the mechanical drive train.

Which components can be integrated in a wind turbine LPs?

Natural components made of conductive materials which are permanently installed in / on a wind turbine and remain un-changed (e.g., lightning protection system of the rotor blades, bearings, mainframes, hybrid tower) may be integrated in the LPS.

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