
Guide Form Specification for Medium Voltage Automatic Metal-Enclosed Harmonic Filter Banks

General Industrial

Brown text is related to arc flash hazard mitigation features that strive to either minimize the level and exposure to an arc flash event or reduce the probability that an arc flash event will occur. Consult NEPSI's technical note for more information about arc flash hazard mitigation at www.nepsi.com.

1 General

- 1.1 This specification is for a medium voltage three phase metal-enclosed (single tuned, multi-tuned, high-pass tuned) automatic harmonic filter bank consisting of _____ steps of _____ kvar at _____ kv tuned to the _____ Harmonic(s). Note: The kvar specified in the preceding sentence is the output kvar of the filter step(s) at the specified voltage and not the installed kvar. The installed kvar is higher. The bank shall be automatically switched based on power factor (other possibilities include, current, voltage, KW, KVAR, temperature, time, SCADA, KYZ Pulse). All controls, switching devices, and protection features are enclosed in an all-welded compartmentalized steel enclosure. The bank shall come fully assembled and ready for interconnection. All exceptions to this specification shall be clearly stated with your bid. If no exceptions are taken, the bid should include the phrase "no exceptions have been taken".
- 1.2 The bank shall be designed and guaranteed to meet IEEE 519 current distortion limits. The point of common coupling is considered to be located at the Utility Metering Point.
- 1.3 The Vendor shall have in-house engineers and harmonic analysis software that utilizes complex modeling techniques to predict their filter bank performance. The expected filter bank performance shall be provided with the approval drawings and should account for varying system impedances, nearby filter banks and capacitor banks, as well as normal and abnormal system conditions. This work shall not be contracted to a third party. Acceptable harmonic analysis software packages include:
- Easy Power
 - HarmFlo
 - Vharm
 - PSS/U

A digital copy of the analysis shall be provided upon request.

- 1.4 The ratings of the harmonic filter bank and associated switchgear, switching devices, capacitors, reactors, fuses, and all other applicable components shall have ratings designed for application on the following system:

Nominal System Voltage, (Kv)..... _____
Maximum System Voltage, (Kv)..... _____
System BIL, (Kv)..... _____
Three Phase Short Circuit Rating at Capacitor
Bank (RMS Symmetrical Amps)..... _____
Line-Ground Short Circuit Rating at Capacitor
Bank (RMS Symmetrical Amps)..... _____

(Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) For Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation – Consider increasing equipment BIL by one level. A higher BIL will provide more strike distance and creep distance at a fraction of the cost of the equipment and will result in equipment that is less likely to flash over or fail.

1.5 Ambient Air Temperature for design shall be as follows:

Average annual temperature.....Min_____/Max_____ (degrees C)
Average Daily variation _____ (degrees C)
Design temperatureMin. _____/Max_____ (degrees C)

1.6 Relative Humidity for design shall be as follows:

Monthly Average Relative HumidityMin._____/Max_____ (%)
DesignRelative HumidityMin. _____/Max_____ (%)

1.7 Solar radiation for design purposes shall be as follows:

Average annual solar radiation _____ (kW/m²)

1.8 Precipitation for design shall be as follows:

Average annual precipitation _____ (mm)

1.9 Snow Load for design shall be as follows:

Maximum design snow load _____ (kG/m²)

1.10 Wind for design shall be as follows:

Basic wind speed (V) _____ (km/h)
.....corresponding to a 3 second gust speed
..... Standard height of 10m above ground
Prevailing winds _____ (N, S, E, W, etc)

1.11 Seismology for design shall be as follows:

All building, structures, and components shall be designed for earthquake forces according to the _____ . Note the following data as it pertains to this location:

2 Compliance with Standard & Codes

The metal enclosed automatic harmonic filter bank shall conform to or exceed the applicable requirements of the following standards and codes:

- UL-347, High Voltage Industrial Control Equipment
- UL-508, Industrial Control Panels, Issue Number: 2, October 1993
- UL-50, Standard for enclosures for Electrical Equipment
- ANSI Z535.4 Product Safety Label Standard July 1, 2002.
- Applicable portions of Article 710 in the National Electrical Code
- Article 460 of the National Electrical Code
- ANSI C57.12.28-1988 – Pad Mounted Equipment Enclosure Integrity (**Delete if bank will be placed in a substation**)
- ANSI C37.20.2 – Guide for Enclosure Categories and Related Requirements (**Delete if bank will be placed in an area where the public has general access to the equipment**)
- IEEE Std. 1036-1992, IEEE Guide for Application of Shunt Power Capacitors
- **Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation, IEEE C37.20.7-2007, IEEE Guide for Testing Metal-Enclosed Switchgear Rated Up to 38kV for Internal Arcing Faults**
- CP-1 NEMA Standard on Shunt Capacitors
- UL – 519
- REA Standards
- NESC Standards

3 Product Listing

- 3.1 The filter bank control panel shall be UL508A Certified for both Canadian and US products.
- 3.2 The harmonic filter bank shall be “listed” per OSHA (in the USA) and the Standards Council of Canada (in Canada) to the following standards.
- For products shipping to the United States, IEEE C37.20.3-2001
 - For products shipping to Canada, C22.2 No. 190-M1985+G11 + G12 (R2004)

A copy of the NRTL Certificate showing compliance with the above shall be included with the bid.

4 Enclosure Construction

- 4.1 The manufacturer of the enclosure shall also be the assembler of the harmonic filter bank. This is to ensure the highest degree of control with respect to critical enclosure manufacturing processes such as cleaning and surface preparation, welding, priming, and painting. Verification of enclosure manufacturing by supplier (on-site visit, photos, raw material invoices) may be required. No exceptions allowed.
- 4.2 The harmonic filter bank shall consist of a single (1) flush door enclosure with NEMA 3R construction that will house all components, including fuses, capacitors, reactors, switches and associated controls. All components shall be accessible and removable from the front or side of the enclosure. Bolted panel construction, transclosure style, and switchgear cubicle style enclosures will not be allowed and will be rejected. **For Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation it is recommended that the equipment be placed outside in switchgear yard. Arc blast dissipates at a rate which approximates the inverse-square rule for distance. Keeping workers away from the**

equipment is an easy way to ensure worker safety. Save on E-house/switchgear room space, put this equipment outdoors.

- 4.3 The enclosure shall be fabricated from 11-gauge cold rolled A60 galvaneal steel. The roof shall be cross-kinked, half gabled, or full-gabled to allow for watershed.
- 4.4 The enclosure shall be prepared and painted with a high-solid epoxy coating as specified below. The inside shall be white while the outside shall be (ANSI gray 61 – Munsell No. 8.3G 6.10/0.54, ANSI Gray 70 – Munsell No. 5BG 7.0/0.4 or Green - Munsell No. 7Gy 3.29/1.5).

Surface Preparation:

All steel surfaces shall be prepared per SSPC-SP2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11 or the paint manufacturer's recommendations. Exceptions to the manufacturer's requirements shall be approved by the paint manufacturer and provided with the submittal documents.

Inaccessible Surfaces:

Prepare and coat steel surfaces inaccessible to preparation and coating after fabrication with all coats before fabrication. Inaccessible surfaces shall be considered Zone 2A per SSPC specifications.

Paint Specification:

All surfaces, inside and out, shall be top coated with a High-Solid Epoxy paint with a dry film thickness of 2 to 3 mils. This will provide a total dry film thickness of 3.5 to 8 mils.

The paint utilized shall have the following properties:



- Salt Spray (ASTM B117) 5500 Hours with no face blistering
- Humidity (ASTM D2247) 5500 Hours with no face corrosion or blistering
- Gloss retention (ASTM G53) QUV-B bulb: Greater than 50% gloss retention at 26 weeks.
- Elongation (ASTM D5222) 14%
- Abrasion resistance (ASTM D4060) 1kg load/1000 cycles, CS-17 wheel: 53 mg weight loss.
- Impact resistance (ASTM D2794): Direct 24 in.lb and Reverse 6 in.lb.
- Adhesion, elcometer (ASTM D4541): 2700 PSI
- NFPA Class A Qualification

Paint shall also provide excellent chemical resistance to splash, spillage, fumes and weather for acidic, alkaline, salt solutions (acidic, neutral, and alkaline salt solutions), fresh water, solvents and petroleum product environments.

Upon request, the manufacturer shall provide supporting documents (surface preparation procedures as well as paint manufacturer's paint specifications) showing the above requirements are met. Failure to comply with this request will be cause for cancellation of order.

- 4.5 The enclosure shall have a continuous 1/4" x 2" Tin-Plated Ground Bus that spans the full width of the enclosure.
- 4.6 The doors shall be of a flush design (no over hanging door sills) equipped with heavy-duty stainless steel hinges and 3-point latching handles. The handles shall be pad lockable. The Doors shall be removable in the open position.

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- 4.7 All doors providing access to high voltage compartments shall be equipped with door stays to hold doors in the open position. All doors shall be equipped with a drip shield.
- 4.8 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The door shall be capable of withstanding the effects of an internal arcing fault.
- 4.9 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) A Fluke Cv400 ClirVu 95MM (4 in) Infrared Window shall be provided on the air disconnect door to allow for infrared inspection without having to open door..
- 4.10 In addition to the enclosure door, the compartment containing the load-interrupter switch shall be equipped with an internal hinged protective barrier that guards against inadvertent entry to the terminals of the load-interrupter switch. Access to any portion of the load-interrupter switch shall be blocked by the barrier while allowing access to the main fuses (if supplied).
- (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The internal hinged protective barrier door shall be key interlocked with the upstream feeder breaker.
- 4.11 The base of the enclosure shall be equipped with C4x5.4 structural steel channel. Removable steel lifting plates consisting of 1/2" steel shall be located at each corner. Formed channel bases will not be accepted.
- 4.12 All ventilation louvers shall be located on the front, (you may also specify back or sides) of the enclosure and shall be equipped with 2" (5.08 cm) 20x20x2 MERV 5 Fiberglass filters. Filters shall be removable while bank is energized. Live parts shall not be accessible while filters are removed. All fasteners and associated hardware, inside and out, shall be stainless steel. Externally accessible hardware shall not be used for support of high-voltage components or switch-operating mechanisms within the filter bank.
- 4.13 Thermostatically controlled fan(s) shall be provided to cool the harmonic filter bank. (As an option, the specifying engineer can request the fan be removable without having to enter the medium voltage compartment). The fan(s) shall be replaceable without having to enter the medium voltage compartment.
- 4.14 Thermostatically Controlled Strip Heaters shall be supplied in all non-ventilated compartments. When determined by the manufacturer, a thermostatically controlled fan or ventilator shall be supplied. Heat/Temperature rise calculations shall be supplied upon request, and provided in the submittal package.
- 4.15 The capacitor bank shall be name plated with a riveted anodized steel nameplate containing the following information:
- Nominal System Voltage
 - Maximum System Voltage
 - Number of Steps, Stages, and Switching Sequence
 - kvar per step, kvar of each stage, and tuning point of each stage
 - BIL
 - Hazardous Flash Boundary, PPE requirements, and incident energy at 18" in cal/cm²
- 4.16 Each door of the enclosure shall be equipped with self-adhesive vinyl warning signs that comply with ANSI Z535.4 Product Safety label Standard dated July 1, 2002.
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Warning Label Requirements per above section	
	
<p><i>Electric arc flash hazard. Will cause severe injury or death. Wear proper protective equipment before opening or performing diagnostic measurements while energized. (See NFPA 70E)</i></p>	<p><i>HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE. Contact may cause electric shock or burn. Turn off and lock out system power before servicing.</i></p>

The following optional requirement can be specified as required:

- 4.17 Doors providing access to interrupter switches shall be provided with a wide-view window constructed of an impact-UV-resistant material, to facilitate checking of switch position without opening the door.
- 4.18 The main incoming fuse compartment shall be equipped with a wide-view window constructed of an impact-UV-resistant material, to facilitate checking of the main fuses without opening the door or de-energizing the bank.
- 4.19 The capacitor compartment shall be equipped with a wide-view gasketed window constructed of an impact-UV-resistant material, to facilitate checking of capacitors and capacitor fuses without opening the door or de-energizing the bank.
- 4.20 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) Infrared Sightglasses shall be provided for viewing internal components of all medium voltage compartments of the metal-enclosed power harmonic filter bank. At least one sightglass shall be provided for every 3 linear feet (1 meter) of enclosure length. Sightglasses shall be arc-flash tested to a maximum of 40kA in accordance with IEEE and IEC standards, and shall be NEMA Type 3/12 (IP65) rated.
- 4.21 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) Ultrasound Inspection Ports shall be provided on each door for consistent and quality acoustic data identifying potentially hazardous faults such as arcing, tracking, and corona before the occur.
- 4.22 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The enclosure shall be of an arc resistant design and shall include integral (specify back or top – NEPSI recommends back for outdoor gear with a fenced off protective zone and top for indoor gear) pressure release flaps to facilitate a controlled release of arc created overpressures, smoke, and gasses. (For indoor applications, an enclosed arc-chamber with arc duct exit shall be provided. Field assembly of the arc chamber and arc-duct shall be by the installation contractor. Where venting is intended to penetrate an external wall, the vent shall be covered such that it meets all specified environmental requirements (e.g., rain-tight, dust-tight, vermin-proof)). Arc exhaust location shall be shown on equipment drawings.

Arc Resistant Construction Types (specify one):

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- Type 1 – gives the equipment arc resistant protection on the front only.
 - Type 2 – gives the equipment arc resistant protection on the front, rear, and sides of the gear.
 - Type 1D-SR-SL – gives the equipment arc resistance protection on the front, right side, and left side.

5 Capacitors

- 5.1 The automatic harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with all-film, low loss, harmonic rated double-bushing capacitors. The capacitors shall be designed, manufactured, and tested to meet and/or exceed all applicable NEMA and ANSI/IEEE standards. Capacitors must be manufactured in North America and shall be manufactured by Cooper, GE, or ABB.
- 5.2 Each capacitor shall contain an internal discharge resistor to reduce the stored voltage to 50 volts or less within 5 minutes from disconnection.
- 5.3 The capacitors shall be connected in ungrounded wye and shall be protected from sustained over voltages due to capacitor unit failure and/or system ground faults by a blown fuse detection system. In cases where the bank can be de-tuned, or in multi-tuned filter banks, the stage and all other appropriate stages should be taken off line.
- 5.4 The capacitor's voltage ratings shall be increased for harmonic filter duty with the following considerations (data to support choice of capacitor voltage rating and kvar output of each step shall be provided with Bid):
- Harmonic current peaks having 100% coincidence
 - Nominal system over-voltage of 5%
 - Ambient voltage distortion equal to the limits set forth by IEEE 519 (at the PCC) or values obtained during measurement
 - Adherence to IEEE/ANSI peak (crest) and RMS voltage ratings.
- 5.5 The capacitors shall be located in a compartment that is separate from the main incoming fuses and the air-disconnect switch compartments.
- 5.6 Capacitors shall be mounted horizontally and shall be mounted on C4x5.4 structural steel channel. The capacitors shall be removable from the front of the enclosure.

(Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) Consider using capacitors that have an extra 10% voltage margin on them from your harmonic design for increased reliability. Don't forget, kvar output varies by the voltage squared and that more kvar will be required.

6 Capacitor Protection

- 6.1 Each capacitor shall be protected by a current limiting fuse that is equipped with a blown fuse

indicator. Fuses shall be clip mounted to allow for easy change-out and shall be visible and accessible from the front of the enclosure.

- 6.2 Each capacitor stage shall be equipped with a blown fuse protection system. The protection system shall utilize direct fuse sensing, and in addition to detecting a blown fuse, shall also protect the fuse from over-load using a built-in thermal element. Both a blown fuse condition, and an overloaded fuse condition, should result in the control system taking the stage off-line.
- 6.3 External Indication of a blown fuse shall be provided by an externally mounted Roof Top NEMA 4X Strobe Light. The Strobe light shall flash at a rate of 80 per minute and shall have a peak candlepower of 175,000.

7 Iron-Core Filter Reactors

- 7.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with single-phase iron-core dry-type reactors. They shall have Copper windings and a 220°C insulation system with a 115°C temperature rise over a 40°C ambient.
- 7.2 The reactors shall be Vacuum Pressure Impregnated (VPI) with EPIC TC-0118 Epoxy. The iron laminations shall be a hi-grade magnetic steel. To reduce gap magnetic losses and extraneous magnetic fields, a distributed gap design shall be utilized.
- 7.3 All gaps shall be cemented to reduce noise levels.
- 7.4 The reactor current ratings and design shall be based on the following considerations:
- The reactor core will not saturate for currents less than 250% of the fundamental current rating of the filter bank or filter bank stage.
 - Peak flux density of the core shall be less than 1.2 – 1.4 Tesla assuming all harmonic current peaks are 100% coincident (Core design shall not be based on RMS current rating of reactor).
 - Reactor currents are based on computer simulations. Results of such simulations shall be provided with the approval drawings. Where the necessary data for doing the simulations are not been provided, the following minimum current spectrum in amps should be utilized.
 - $I_1 = 1.21 \times$ Fundamental Current Rating of the Stage (for multi-stage banks) or Bank at the Nominal System Voltage.
 - $I_{\text{Tuned Frequency}} = 0.5 \times$ Fundamental Current Rating of the stage (for multi-stage banks) or Bank at the Nominal System Voltage.

If proper data has not been provided to do the simulations, the vendor shall submit their bid utilizing the above minimal current ratings. The vendor will be required to submit a data request upon issue of an order so that computer simulations can be conducted to check for proper reactor ratings. Results of harmonic simulations shall be provided with the approval drawings.

(Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) – Over-rating iron-core reactors beyond calculated current ratings is a good way to improve reliability of the harmonic filter bank and reduce the probability of failure and possible arc flash event.

8 Iron-Core Reactor Protection

- 8.1 An overload relay shall be provided in at least one phase of each filter to protect the reactors from harmonic current overload. The overload protection shall account for the increased heating effects of higher order harmonic currents. The relays shall be field adjustable.
- 8.2 An overload temperature relay shall be provided as backup protection for the Iron-Core Reactors and also to protect against fan failure.

9 Load Interrupter - Air Disconnect Switch

- 9.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be supplied with an external chain operated load interrupting switch that accomplishes capacitive current interruption utilizing the dual arc extinguishing system based on the auto-pneumatic air-blast and hard gas nozzle principle. The switch shall be rated at 135% of the banks nominal current rating and shall have a 40-kA RMS momentary asymmetrical rating. This switch shall be interlocked with the vacuum switches to prevent it from being opened while the filter stage(s) are energized. The switch shall be pad-lockable in either the open or closed position.
- 9.2 The Air Disconnect Switch shall be located in a separate compartment that is isolated from the capacitor/reactor compartment and the low voltage control compartment by a steel barrier. In addition to the exterior enclosure door, a protective screen (behind the door) shall be provided before access to the switch is allowed.
- 9.3 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The air disconnect switch shall be equipped with a motor operator for remote electrical opening and closing.
- 9.4 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The air disconnect switch terminals or shall be equipped with medium voltage indicators that flash when voltage is present.

10 Ground Switch

- 10.1 An externally operated ground switch shall be provided to ground the load-side terminals of the air disconnect switch. The ground switch shall be pad-lockable in either the open or closed position. The ground switch must be tested in accordance with ANSI/IEEE standards. Test reports shall be furnished upon request.
- 10.2 The ground switch shall be interlocked with the Air Disconnect Switch to prevent closing of the ground switch when the air disconnect switch is in the closed position.

11 Main Incoming Fuses

- 11.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with main incoming current limiting fuses. The fuses shall be located on the load side of the main air-disconnect switch. They shall be accessible

only when the bank is de-energized by the main incoming air disconnect switch and shall be completely isolated from any live parts.

12 Incoming Fixed-Mounted Circuit Breaker (*Alternate to Main Incoming Fuses*)

- 12.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with an incoming ____kV fixed mounted circuit breaker for the purpose of short circuit protection of the filter system.
- 12.2 The incoming breaker shall be equipped with an appropriate 3-phase over-current relay, lockout relay, and breaker control switch. The breaker shall be form an integral part of the filter system key interlock system, protection system, and control system.
- 12.3 The breaker compartment shall also consist of 2 line-to-line connected CPT's for the purpose of voltage sensing and local control power. CPT's shall be 3kVA rated and shall be equipped with primary weak-line fuses and a secondary breaker.

13 Vacuum Switches

- 13.1 The harmonic filter bank stage(s) shall be controlled by vacuum switches or contactors that have been tested for capacitor switching. When capacitor switches are utilized, the test results showing compliance to ANSI Standard C37.66 shall be made available.
- 13.2 The vacuum switches shall be controlled by an on/off/auto switch. In the auto position, the switches shall accept control from the digital power factor controller (or other type of control when specified). In the on/off position, the vacuum switches will be forced on or off, regardless of the controller output signal.
- 13.3 The control system shall prevent the vacuum switches from operating more than once in a 5-minute period.
- 13.4 The vacuum switches shall be interlocked with the bank's air-disconnect switch and ground switch.

14 Lightning/Surge Arresters

- 14.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with Heavy Duty Distribution Class Surge Arresters. The rating of the Surge Arrester shall be recommended by the harmonic filter bank supplier.

15 Phase and Ground Bus

- 15.1 All phase and ground bus shall be Tin-plated for maximum conductivity and corrosion resistance. The bus shall be Square edge. Bolted but-to-bus connections shall be made with 3/8" – 13 stainless-steel bolts with two stainless steel flat washers, one under the bolt head and one under the nut and with a stainless steel split lockwasher between the flat washer and the nut. The bus shall not have a current density greater than 1200 amps/in². Where expansion

capability is required, the bus shall be rated for the maximum capacity of the bank.

- 15.2 The bus supports, bus, and interconnections shall withstand the stress associated with the available short-circuit current at the filter bank.
- 15.3 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) All main phase bus shall be insulated with heavy wall anti-track heat shrinkable tubing designed for insulating medium voltage bus bar. Insulation must be tested to ANSI C37.20.2 standards.

16 Interlocks

- 16.1 The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with a keyed interlock system to prevent unauthorized and out of sequence entry into the filter bank.
- 16.2 The interlock scheme shall include the upstream protective device (where necessary), the filter banks air disconnect switch, ground switch, and the doors of the enclosure. The interlock scheme shall function as follows:
- 1) Turn all filter stage(s) off manually with the on/off/auto switches.
 - 2) Upon a waiting period of 5 minutes (beyond the time the filter bank stage(s) have turned off), key “A1” shall be released. (Note: This key shall be held captive until all stages have been de-energized for 5 minutes).
 - 3) Use the “A1” key to unlock the air disconnect switch. Open the Air-Disconnect Switch and close the mechanically interlocked Ground Switch.
 - 4) Remove the “A2” key from the Ground Switch (Removing of the “A2” key shall lock ground switch in closed position” and proceed to the Air-Disconnect Switch External Compartment Door. Unlock the Air-Disconnect Switch Compartment Door and remove the “A3” key from the lock. (Note: Access to Air-Disconnect Switch terminals is prevented by the interior compartment door. This door can be interlocked with upstream breaker or load interrupter if desired. This would prevent access to terminals of switch unless upstream device was locked out.)
 - 5) Use the “A3” key to open the first door that has access to the capacitor/reactor compartment. (Upon turning of the “A3” key, the vacuum switches shall close to ground all components on the load-side of the vacuum switches.) Remove the “A4” key from the first capacitor/reactor compartment door and proceed to the second capacitor /reactor compartment door.
 - 6) Open the second capacitor/reactor bank compartment door, and proceed with the released key (if one is present) to the next door.
 - 7) The above procedure is repeated until all doors are open.
- 16.3 The keyed interlocks on the door shall be mounted behind the enclosure doors with the key-holes protruding through the doors. The locks shall be equipped with stainless steel spring covers. The keyed interlock system shall allow all doors to be opened at one time. Master Key interchanges or externally mounted key interlocks shall not be provided.

17 Controls

- 17.1 All low voltage controls (where practical) shall be completely isolated from the high voltage compartments. All controls shall be accessible while the bank is energized. The control

compartment shall form an integral part of the enclosure (no externally mounted control compartments shall be allowed). The control compartment shall allow for bottom or top entry of customer control wires without having to enter the medium voltage compartment. The controls compartment shall be equipped with a swing out panel to allow access to panel mounted controls.

- 17.2 All Control wires that connect to components inside high voltage compartment shall be enclosed in metal conduit or wire troughs that are formed as part of the filter bank enclosure.
- 17.3 The filter bank shall be equipped with a power factor controller that will automatically switch equal or unequal capacitor bank stages in or out to regulate a facilities power factor to a preset value. The controller shall monitor individual stages for loss in kvar, and shall continue to regulate to a preset value in the event there is a defective stage. In addition, the controller shall consists of the following features:
- Display of power factor, number of steps, switching counter and duty cycles, Network technical data, I, U, S, P, Q, Total harmonic voltage distortion, Alarm log, step status, step capacitance monitoring, total harmonic current distortion, Voltage and current harmonic spectrum.
 - Alarms for low power factor, Hunting, Abnormal power factor display, low voltage, overcompensation, wrong frequency, overcurrent, overvoltage, over temperature, voltage distortion, capacitor overload.
- 17.4 The complete control circuit shall be protected by a main circuit breaker.
- 17.5 Each stage shall be equipped with on/off/auto switches, stage on indicator (green) and stage off indicator (red). An interposing on-delay relay shall be provided to prevent the energization of a filter bank in less than 5 minutes. The manufacturer of the bank shall confirm that when going from the "Manual" position to the "Auto" position on any stage, that the corresponding stage will not be energized in less than 5-minutes.
- For Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation, there shall be a 10 second delay before switching when switching from the off to the on position or the on to the off position to allow workers to move outside the arc flash danger zone.
- 17.6 The bank shall be equipped with a dry-type control power transformer that has both primary and secondary overcurrent protection. The control power transformer shall be connected between phases B and C.
- 17.7 The Capacitor/Reactor Compartment, Control Compartment, and Air-Disconnect Switch Compartment shall be equipped with lights that are controlled by an on/off switch located in the control compartment.
- 17.8 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The control and protection system shall be remotely mounted from the main equipment enclosure. The remote enclosure shall be NEMA 1 rated for indoor application. All interconnection wiring shall be supplied by the installing contractor. Terminal blocks in the main equipment enclosure shall be located in a marshalling cabinet. Remote I/O blocks may be used when required in the marshalling cabinet.
- 17.9 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The harmonic filter bank shall be equipped with an ABB UFES (Ultra Fast Earthing Switch) that will provide active arc fault protection for the entire

capacitor bank. The UFES system shall be supplied complete with electronic detection and tripping unit, primary switching element, arc sensors and trip cables. The system shall be installed and ready for operation. A transfer trip must be wired out to terminal blocks for tripping upstream feeder breaker in event of fault.

- 17.10 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The control system shall be equipped with a “maintenance switch” that enables instantaneous settings on the harmonic filter bank feeder breakers (and stage breakers when present) to reduce trip times when workers are near the equipment. The switch shall also inhibit all stage switching to reduce the probability of arc flash event from switch failure or switch restrike while workers are nearby.
- 17.11 (Optional – Arc Flash Hazard Mitigation) The filter bank shall be equipped with an arc flash detection relay that provides high speed tripping of the filter bank feeder breaker in the event of an arc flash fault. The relay and optics shall be installed and tested at the factor before shipment. The fast trip relay output shall be wired to terminal blocks for connection to capacitor bank feeder breaker.
- 17.12 A 20-amp GFI Convenience outlet shall be provided in the control compartment.
- 17.13 The Medium Voltage Capacitor Bank Control System shall be listed under UL 508A for Industrial Control Panels.
- 17.14 UL Rated Control Power Circuit breakers shall be utilized in the control circuit for protection and switching of key control components.

The following optional requirement can be specified as required:

- 17.15 The filter bank shall be equipped with a single phase over voltage relay. This relay shall protect the capacitors as well as the system equipment from over-voltages that may be present during light loads. The relay shall have two individual set-points that can alarm as well as trip the bank off-line.
- 17.16 A three-phase panel meter shall be provided. This meter shall receive its voltage and current signals from three current transformers and two potential transformers located inside the capacitor bank. The meter shall be pre-programmed at the factory and shall have the following features:
- Voltage, per phase & average
 - Current, per phase & average
 - Real Power, per phase & total
 - Apparent Power, per phase & total
 - Power Factor, per phase and total
 - Voltage & Current Unbalance
 - Frequency
 - Imported, exported, absolute and net kWh & kVARh
 - Accumulated kVAh
 - Sliding Window, Predicted, & Thermal Demand on kW, kVAR, kVA, & I average
 - Minimums and Maximums are stored for Voltage, Current, kW, kVAR, kVA, Power Factor, Frequency, & Sliding Window Demand for kW and kVA

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- Individual and Total Harmonic Distortion on Voltage & Current Inputs up to 15th harmonic
 - The meter shall have 4 digital outputs that can be wired for relay control based on any of the measured values above.

18 Supplier Quality System

- 18.1 The supplier shall have third party certification by an internationally recognized accreditation body to the most recent version of the ISO 9001 standard for quality management systems. The certification certificate shall be provided with the quote.
- 18.2 Supplier shall be authorized to label equipment as compliant with IEEE C37.20.3-2001 “Standard for Metal-Enclosed Switchgear” and C22.2 No. 190-M1985 “Capacitors for Power Factor Correction”. The certification certificate shall be provided with the quote.
- 18.3 Supplier shall be factory certified through periodic inspection by UL to apply UL and C-UL labels on their control panels. The certification certificate shall be provided with the quote.
- 18.4 Supplier shall have on staff, experienced, licensed professional engineers (PE's) with degrees in Power Engineering (preferably with advanced degrees) as evidence of technical proficiency.
- 18.5 Supplier must provide a medium voltage metal enclosed customer list with contact information for the purpose of reference checks. The customer lists shall be provided with the quote.
- 18.6 Supplier must allow factory audits to occur at mutually agreed upon dates between the customer and supplier.

19 Submittals

- 19.1 Upon issue of a purchase order, the supplier shall provide 3 copies of approval drawings. The submittals shall include:
- Installation Instructions
 - Single Line and three line diagrams
 - Pad and cable entry drawings
 - Drawings showing component layout
 - Data sheets for all internal components
 - Material listing
 - Time coordination plots between capacitor fuses, main disconnect fuses, case rupture curves, and upstream overcurrent protective devices. Damage curve for the capacitor supply cables shall be coordinated with upstream overcurrent protective device.
 - Upon approval of above, a digital copy on CD ROM shall be provided.

20 Bid Requirements

- 20.1 Supplier must provide an Inspection Test Plan (ITP) detailing all tests, tests reports, and certifications and their schedule for submission from date-of-award.

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- 20.2 Supplier must provide a Supplier Document List (SDL) detailing all submittal and close-out documentation that will be provided, along with a submittal schedule (in weeks after award).
 - 20.3 Supplier must state all exceptions in the Bid. If no exceptions are taken, the supplier must state that there are no exceptions.
 - 20.4 Supplier must complete attached supplier qualification form and attach to quote. Failure to provide qualification form with quote will be cause for rejection.
 - 20.5 Supplier must have optional extended warranty and field service agreements available. These policies shall be provided with the bid.
 - 20.6 Supplier must provide their written quality policy with the Bid.
 - 20.7 Quotes are to be FOB factory, freight allowed.

21 Testing and Test Reports

- 21.1 All components shall be tested in accordance with the relevant standards. Tests to be conducted shall be included in an Inspection Test Plan (ITP), and provided with the bid. At a minimum, the tests included in this section shall be included in the ITP.
- 21.2 A Power-Frequency Withstand Test and a Lightning-Impulse Withstand Test shall be conducted by the assembler in accordance with IEEE C37.57-2003 (2010), IEEE C37.20.3, and IEEE Std. 4 - 2013. The Test Voltages shall be in accordance with C37.20.3-2013 Table 1. Multiple test shall be conducted to demonstrate insulation levels under various operating modes, i.e. main switch open, main switch closed, capacitor stage switch open, capacitor switch stage close.
- 21.3 All relays and control devices shall be programmed, tested, and calibrated prior to shipment. The results of the calibration shall be issued with the test report. Relay and control settings shall be documented and included with the equipment installation, commissioning, and maintenance instructions.
- 21.4 Air Disconnect Switch shall include the following test: Contact Resistance Test, HiPot Test (1 min) at standard voltage per applicable standard, and operation test.
- 21.5 Lightning Arresters shall include the following test: Reference Voltage, Residual / Discharge Voltage, Partial Discharge Test, Power Frequency Test.
- 21.6 Instrument Transformers shall include the following: Turns Ratio Test, Polarity Check, Insulation Test, and Excitation Test per IEEE Std. C57.13.
- 21.7 Capacitors shall include the following test: Leak test, low voltage capacitance test, ground test over-voltage, capacitance and loss measurement, discharge resistor measurement, and visual inspection for damage.
- 21.8 Southern States CapSwitcher shall include the following test: Hi-Pot Testing, Timing Test, Resistance Check, Heater Wattage Check, SF6 Leak Check, Slow Close Operation Test,

Wiring Check, Gas Density Switch Check (when applicable).

- 21.9 SF6 Circuit Breaker shall include the following test: Mechanical Operation Tests, Power Frequency Voltage Withstand Test, Contact Resistance Test, Operating Time Test.
- 21.10 The equipment shall be fully assembled and tested prior to shipment. Certified test reports in accordance with the vendors inspection test plan (ITP) shall be issued and approved prior to shipping.
- 21.11 The client reserves the right to witness any and all tests performed at no additional cost. Sufficient notification shall be given to allow client's representative(s) to be present for the tests. A minimum of 15 working days shall be allowed.

22 Acceptable Product & Suppliers

- 22.1 Supplier must be able to meet testing requirements.
- 22.2 The supplier must have a current ISO 9001 certification and be certified by an independent ISO accredited firm. The ISO 9001 certificate shall be provided with the bid.
- 22.3 Suppliers must offer a 12/18 month (18 months from date of shipment or 12 from date of energization – whichever comes first) warranty and have available extended warranty programs.
- 22.4 The supplier must have a Quality Assurance Program.
- 22.5 Supplier must show that they are a regular supplier of medium voltage automatic metal-enclosed harmonic filter banks for supply into the mining industry. Product literature and a list of customers that have purchased similar products shall be supplied upon request.
- 22.6 Suppliers must be able to provide performance guarantee in regards to harmonics and power factor.
- 22.7 Acceptable Manufacturer and Product:

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