

Substation Capacitor Bank							
Component Classification Categories							
Criticality	I	X				DC, SS, TDC, TSS locations that serve O'Hare & Midway Airports	
	II		X			Locations exclusive of Criticality I, DCs and ≤34kV ESS locations	
	III			X		DC locations	
	IV				X	≤34kV ESS locations	
Duty Cycle	Heavy Load	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	Normal load	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Service Condition	In-Service	X	X	X	X		
	Spare	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Condition Monitoring Tasks							
Monitor Phase/Neutral Balance		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		SCADA	SCADA	SCADA	SCADA	1a	Where automatic unbalance relay installed
Time Directed Tasks							
None		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Failure Finding							
Visual Inspection		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		5W	10W	3M	6M	2a-c, 3a, 6a	
Check Control Cabinet Heaters - Vacuum/Oil Switch		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		5W	10W	3M	6M	4a	
Thermography		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		1Y	1Y	1Y	4Y	1b, 5a, 6a	
Condition Directed Tasks							
None		Task Frequencies				Failure Codes	Comments
		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

Capacitor Bank Failure Modes

FAILURE MODE

1. Fails to Provide Adequate Volt-Amp Reactance (VAR)
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2. Fails to Provide Adequate Electrical Insulation
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3. Fails to Maintain Boundary Integrity
4. Fails to Open / Close
5. Fails to Provide Conduction Path
6. Fails to Maintain Adequate Insulation
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FAILURE CAUSES

- 1a. Loss of Individual Can
- 1b. Hot connection / Open Connection
- 2a. Cracked or Broken Insulator
- 2b. External Contamination
- 2c. Vegetation / Animal Intrusion
- 3a. Oil Leaking From Can
- 4a. Control Circuit Failure
- 5a. Bus Connection / Bellows
- 6a. Cracked or Broken Insulator
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MAINTENANCE TASKS

- Monitor Phase/Neutral Balance
Thermography
- Visual Inspection
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- Check Cabinet Heaters - Vacuum/Oil Switch
- Thermography
- Visual Inspection
Thermography

Capacitor Bank Maintenance Task Definition

TASK	DEFINITION
Check Cabinet Heaters - Vacuum/Oil Switch	Visual / physical verification that cabinet heaters are operational.
Monitor Phase/Neutral Balance	Task is to document the use of the alarming feature via SCADA for locations where an automatic unbalance relay is installed.
Thermography	Infrared inspection of electrical equipment and power path components to identify any hot spots that may exist in the bus connections or individual cans. Comparisons should be made between like components on different phases.
Visual inspection	Visual inspection of the capacitor bank. Items to be checked include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Check to ensure fuses are intact -- Check for signs of oil leakage -- Check for unusual noises and smells -- Visually inspect for damaged, cracked or chipped porcelain insulators -- Check for loose, missing or damaged hardware -- Check condition of grounding connections -- Check to ensure inductors are intact

Capacitor Bank Maintenance Basis

Capacitor Template Summary

The Preventive Maintenance program is documented via maintenance templates. Templates have been developed that address transmission, substation, and distribution equipment that is owned and maintained by Exelon Utilities. Each template documents the program tasks, frequencies, failure modes, and maintenance basis for the associated equipment. Tasks and associated frequencies are designed to address known failure modes of the equipment covered by the template. In general, the tasks included in the maintenance templates are the result of good industry practices, industry experience, and manufacturer recommendations.

References:

Internal failure reports

OEM Maintenance Manuals and Interviews

IEEE 1036-1992 Guide for application of Shunt Power Capacitors

IEEE C57.152-2013 "IEEE Guide for Diagnostic Field Testing of Fluid-filled Power Transformers, Regulators and Reactors"

Boundary Definition

The boundary of a substation type, Capacitor banks and associated vacuum switches is defined from bushing terminal of the bus breaker to include the vacuum switch and capacitor bank.

Excluded from this treatment are: protective, timing, and control relays.

Failure Experiences

Failures are subject to ACE/RCI investigation. Findings/recommended corrective actions are incorporated into the template as required.

Vendor Recommendations

OEM manuals were referenced and interviews conducted during the development of this template.

Disposition of Vendor Recommendations

Recommendations were incorporated into the template as appropriate based on operating experience.

Basis For Template Tasks

Capacitor Bank Maintenance Basis

Check Control Cabinet Heaters - Vacuum / Oil Switch: Continuous heater operation mitigates corrosion of components in the control cabinet.

Monitor Phase/Neutral Balance: This task is performed real-time and can detect developing problems and degradation. Alarms generated initiate corrective actions. Capacitor banks normally have an unbalance protection scheme associated with them to detect individual failed capacitor cans. When a capacitor fuse operates, there is an unbalanced in the bank phase impedance which the un-balance scheme will detect. On most banks 34kV and 13.8kV, the unbalance scheme is set to alarm for one can out, and trip for two cans out. On the 230 kV and 500 kV banks, the scheme is set to alarm at 2 cans out and trip at 3 cans out.

Thermography: IEEE C57.152 identifies thermography as a primary tool for detection of connection issues, bushing issues, and issues with the cooling systems.

Visual Inspection: This inspection approximates real-time condition monitoring that can detect developing problems and degradation, and provides condition data used to initiate corrective actions.

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