



ANSI Instrument Transformers, Pinetops, NC

# Kuhlman Field Engineering Services Instrument transformer on-site testing

# Field Engineering Services

**Leave it to the TRANSFORMER EXPERTS**

**Unloading**



**Oil-Filling**



**Testing**



**Assembly**



# Field Engineering Services (cont.'d)



- Turnkey installation
  - Install new units – all sizes, all manufacturers
- Contract services
  - Remove, relocate, reassemble existing units
  - Retro-fit units with new equipment
  - Oil processing, oil dryout

# Field Engineering Services (cont.'d)



## ▪ Special services

- On-site testing of Instrument transformers
- Provide training for maintenance and/or operation
- Installation of transformer coolers and pumps – GEA/R&G
- Installation of transformer monitoring equipment – DR Monitoring and control
- Installation of transformer protector equipment – TPC Corporation



# Generation/Transmission needs for instrument transformers (ITs)



- Competitive electric utility market
  - More power wheeling/power needs
  - Control of supply chain resources
  - Requires reliable power delivery
  - Equipment availability

# Generation/Transmission needs for ITs (cont.'d)



- Deregulation of electric power
  - GENCO to TRANSCO separation
  - ISO activity requires metering
  - Need to use existing ITs
- Bottom-line focused
  - Billing and current swings
  - Must verify performance of ITs

# On-site accuracy testing of ITs



- In-service (Burden Injection) testing
  - Excitation characteristics verification
  - Done on-line/no outage
- Revenue metering (Voltage Injection) testing
  - Brief outage
  - Traceable to NIST (Revenue Billing)
  - Each CT given RCF and PA data
- Voltage and current comparator testing
  - Brief outage
  - Comparator testing as stated in IEEE standard
  - BCTs and also voltage transformers (VTs) up to 34.5 kV



# On-site accuracy testing of ITs (cont.'d)



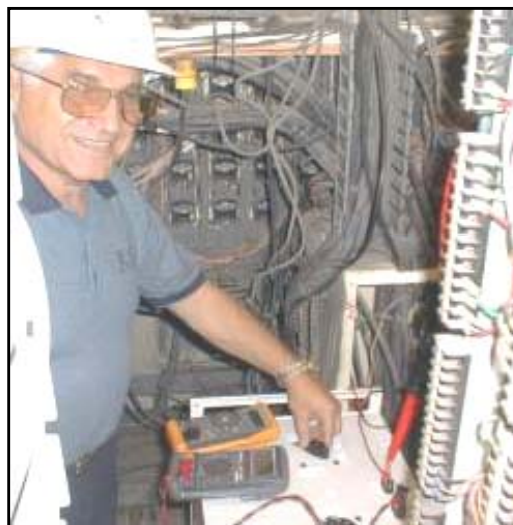
- Test applicable for many applications
  - Bushing current transformers (BCTs) in power transformers
  - BCTs in dead tank circuit breakers
  - Free standing current transformers (CTs)
  - Specialized testing for CT continuous current capability
  - VTs up to 34.5 kV

# FES In-service CT testing



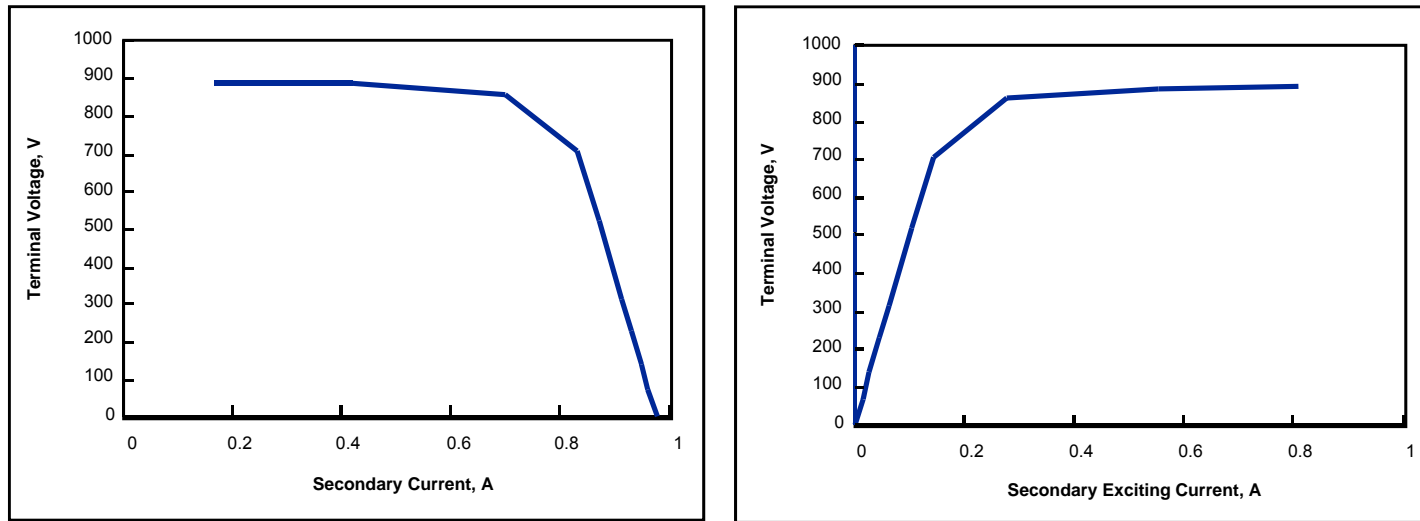
- In-service (Burden Injection) testing
  - On-line evaluation of BCT/Generator Current Transformers (GCTs)
    - CT excitation performance
    - General CT accuracy verification
    - CT and load problems identified
    - Testing of GCTs without outage
  - Results oriented testing
    - CT health and performance
    - Define mode of failure
    - Wiring verification

# FES In-service CT testing (cont.'d)



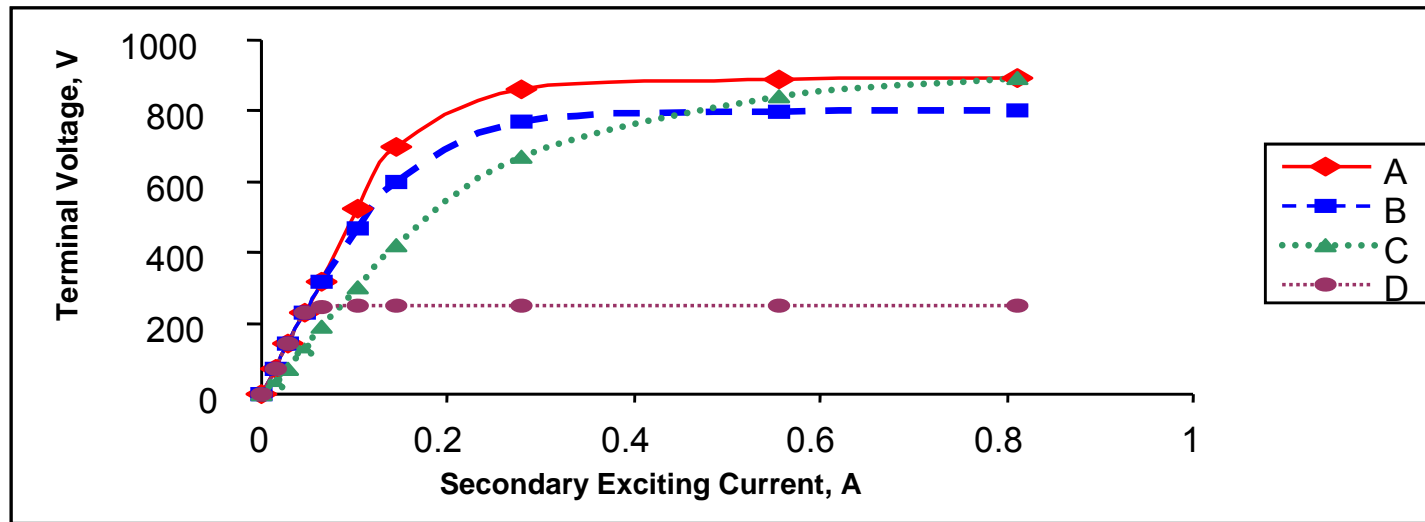
- Secondary access only – energized primary
  - Variable resistance type of test
    - Access needed to shorting block to replace CT burden
    - Existing BCT burden disconnected (1-2 minutes)
    - CT secondary V and I readings at each burden

# FES In-service CT testing (cont.'d)



- Excitation curve generated for each unit tested
  - Excitation current defined as reduction in secondary current
  - Done during stable primary current operation

# Current transformer modes of failure



- Design model of correct current transformer curve performance
- Current transformer with turn to turn fault
- CT core lamination insulation failure/cores with mechanical deformation.
  - (If return points match Curve A – the core was magnetized).
- Current transformer with winding or secondary wiring insulation failure

# FES In-service CT testing (cont.'d)



- Passive in nature
- Burden injection
- Done while CT is in service under normal operation
- Secondary current and voltage from the CT is recorded with burden changes up to saturation
- Excitation current (derived from the current decline at each burden) and plotted versus voltage
- Individual excitation curve developed for each CT tested
- Curve data identifies CT performance

# Revenue metering (voltage injection) testing

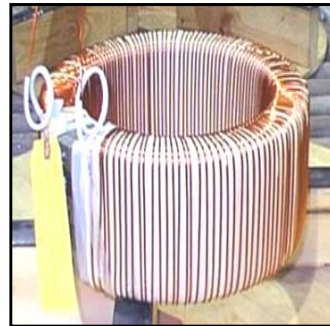


- Revenue metering verification voltage injection testing
  - Off-line test
    - Short outage for testing
    - CT remains installed
  - RCF and PA metering certification
    - CT fundamental design parameters
    - On site measurements
  - NIST traceability
    - Instrumentation traceable to NIST
    - Metering data extracted from actual readings

# Metering opportunities



- Any relaying CT located inside major electrical equipment can potentially provide metering accuracy capability.



# Standard IEEE C57.13 (1993)

## Metering accuracy requirements



- ITs must meet standard specifications
  - Current transformers 0.3% @ rated burden
  - Voltage transformers 0.3% @ rated burden
- Current transformers (CT)
  - Error of +/-0.3% at 100% current
    - (Error of +/-0.6% at 10% current)
  - CT rated burden to meet site needs
- Voltage transformers (VT)
  - Error of +/-0.3% at 90-110% volts
  - VT rated burden to meet site needs

# Revenue metering (voltage injection) testing



- Only secondary connections needed - open primary
  - CTs remain installed inside of equipment
    - Primary circuit opened somewhere
    - Very clearly defined CTs tested
    - Test equipment used very portable
- Use voltage injection
  - Energizes CT secondary
  - On site measurements of VA, watts, ex. Current
- Results are traceable for accuracy use
  - RCF and PA readings provided for tested CTs
  - Quick testing timing (one minute per CT)
  - Test report issued on each CT

# Injection vs. comparator method



- Equipment traceable to NIST standards
  - Field readings have NIST traceability
- RCF and PA based on empirical CT design formulas
  - Ratio error (RE) =  $I_0 \times \sin(\theta + \phi) / I_{sec}$  (RE is proportional to core loss current)
  - Phase angle (PA) =  $I_0 \times \cos(\theta + \phi) / I_{sec}$  (PA is proportional to the magnetizing current)
- Test for accuracy using knopp tester vs. injection method
  - Equivalent results

# Site test data




- On site CT accuracy testing
  - Measured components:
    - Secondary winding resistance
    - Voltage representing operating levels
    - Exciting current into CT
    - Watts into CT
    - VA reading

# Site test data (cont.'d)

Isec	Vo	Io	Io/Isec	W	VA	Burden	Rb	Xb	Rw	Ratio Error and Phase Angle values are derived from actual site readings	RE	PA
5	9.45	0.0068	0.00136	0.04100	0.0643	1.8	1.62	0.785	0.1		0.00131	1.2
0.5	0.95	0.001	0.0019	0.00065	0.0009	1.8	1.62	0.785	0.1		0.00180	2.1
5	4.95	0.0055	0.0011	0.01700	0.0273	0.9	0.81	0.392	0.1		0.00106	1.0
0.5	0.50	0.0008	0.0016	0.00028	0.0004	0.9	0.81	0.392	0.1		0.00149	2.0
5	2.96	0.005	0.001	0.00900	0.0148	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.1		0.00096	0.9
0.5	0.30	0.0006	0.0012	0.00013	0.0002	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.1	0.00108	1.8	

- Calculated values:
  - Voltage at operating levels
  - Angles between VA and watts
  - Angle between Z and X of burden
  - Ratio error
  - Phase angle

# Transformer test information certified reports

												
AT SITE CURRENT CUSTOMER NAME AND ORDER INFORMATION Current Transformer Location XXXXXXXXX Generator # 2 Date December 08 2008												
DATA SHOWN IN THIS COLOR DENIES ACTUAL SITE READINGS OBTAINED												
Burden of Connected Circuit = 0.38 Ohms Spt												
Isec	Vb	Io	Io/Isec	W	VA	Burden	Rb	Xb	Rv	FE	PA	RF
5	4.8733472	0.016	0.0033	0.051	0.073107	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.5	0.0283	22	1.0228
0.5	0.4873347	0.004	0.008	0.013	0.017363	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.5	0.0283	100	1.0228
Burden of Connected Circuit = 0.51 Ohms Spt												
Isec	Vb	Io	Io/Isec	W	VA	Burden	Rb	Xb	Rv	FE	PA	RF
5	4.8733472	0.016	0.0033	0.041	0.025948	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.5	0.0283	3.0	1.0270
0.5	0.4873347	0.004	0.008	0.013	0.02614	0.5	0.45	0.218	0.5	0.0283	100	1.0270

Readings taken above are certified to be traceable to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) by using instrumentation calibrated and within active certification dates. I certify that the results shown are accurate and have uncertainty readings well within the allowable range defined by standards.

Items in red do not comply with 0.3% accuracy class definition per IEEE C57.13 industry standard.

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kuhlman Field Engineering Services Group

- Traceable to industry standards
  - Actual ratio tap used for metering being tested
    - At important current levels (10% and 100%) or user defined levels
    - At applicable burden to support – actual burden measured on site
- Certified report issued
  - Within two weeks of test
  - Can be used for revenue capture
  - Any unit not meeting 0.3% highlighted in red

# Injection metering accuracy testing summary



- Field testing (over a 12 month period)
  - 100 generator CTs
  - 233 station service CTs
  - 39 oil circuit breaker CTs
- Ratios/CTs tested
  - 200:5 to 35000:5
  - GCTs, BCTs, and wound CTs

# Injection metering accuracy testing summary (cont.'d)



- Accuracy results
  - Generator CTs = 87 of 100 CTs (87% in 0.3% class)
    - 9000:5 ratio CTs 0.6% (9 cores not annealed)
    - 1200:5 ratio CTs 0.6%
  - Station service CTs = 176 of 233 CTs (75.6% in 0.3% classes)
    - 200-800:5 ratio CTs 0.6%
  - OCB CTs = 18 of 39 CTs (46% in 0.3% classes)
    - 800:5 tap ratio CTs 0.6%

# CT design information

- Metering CTs
  - Revenue 0.3% demands
    - 0.3% maximum error at 100% rated current
    - 0.6% maximum error at 10% rated current
  - Can be turns compensated (biased to achieve best accuracy at rated burdens)
- Relaying CTs
  - Core sized to develop a specified voltage at fault level operation
  - Generally good metering accuracy at high ampere-turns/large core cross-section
  - Non-compensated design (actual turns count equal nameplate ratio information)

# CT design information (cont.'d)

- Majority of relay CTs are metering accurate
  - C400/C800 rated – 600:5 ratios and higher
  - Large core cross-section = low operating flux densities
  - No supporting test certifications
- Not all relay CTs with ratios above 1000:5 are accurate
  - Non-annealed relay cores
  - Cores that have experienced mechanical tension (higher I<sub>ex</sub>)
  - Turn-to-turn problems with CTs windings

# True comparator CT accuracy test



- CT secondary and primary access
  - Off-line test for BCTs in OCBs
    - Outage for testing
    - Isolated from primary circuit
  - RCF/PA certification - comparator method
    - Highly accuracy comparator & standard transformer
    - Driver transformer
    - Accurate burdens
  - NIST trace-ability
    - Standard and comparator traceable to NIST
    - RCF and PA readings recorded

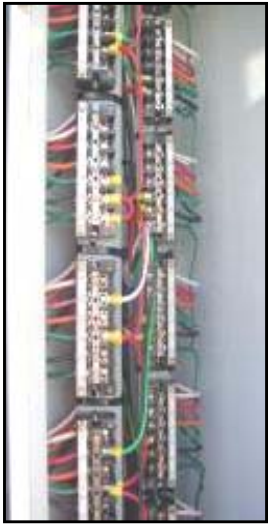
# On site VT accuracy testing



- True comparator accuracy testing through 34.5 kV
  - Primary and secondary access needed
    - Off-line test
      - Outage for testing
      - Isolated from primary circuit
    - RCF/PA certification - voltage comparator method
      - Highly accurate comparator and standard VT
      - Driver transformer
      - Accurate burdens
    - NIST trace-ability
      - Comparator and standard VT traceable to NIST
      - Actual readings on RCF and PA taken

# Current transformer test

## Continuous thermal current rating factor



- Determine CT current capability (so as to not limit main apparatus use at higher currents)
  - Off-line test-secondary access only
    - Outage for testing
    - Primary circuit opened
  - Define application
    - Bushing size/voltage rating
    - Distance from terminal block to CT
    - Wire size of secondary leads
    - Ratio of CT tested
  - Define exact winding resistance
    - Accurate measure of winding DC resistance
  - Perform excitation test
    - Develops the core size
    - CT loss characteristics



# Current transformer test (cont.'d)

## Continuous thermal current rating factor



- On site unit RF testing (BCTs and GCTs)
  - CT rating factor defined by
    - Secondary copper cross-section
    - Core cross-section – saturation point
  - Limited by
    - 55°C rise over 30° ambient (85°C)
    - Accuracy performance (metering accuracy)
  - Must have access to shorting terminal block
    - DC resistance of winding
    - Excitation characteristics

# Current transformer test (cont.'d)

## Continuous thermal current rating factor

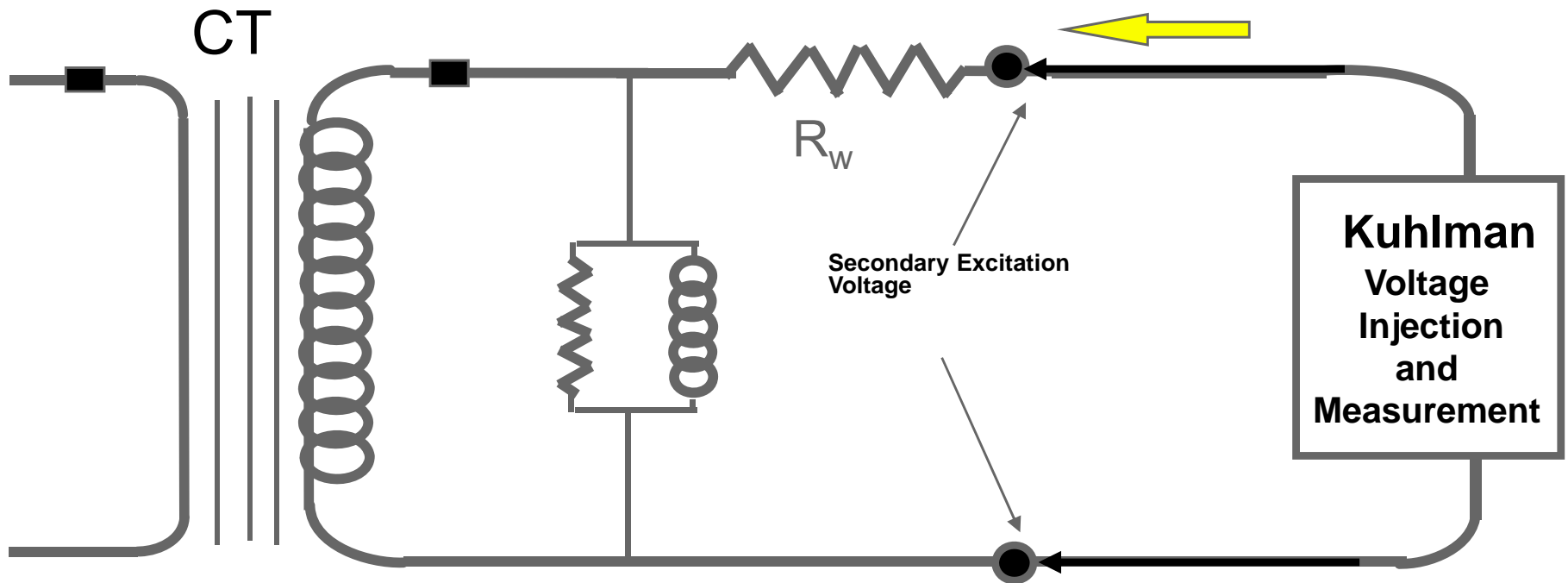


- Testing procedure (BCTs and GCTs)
  - Record
    - CT ratio
    - CT accuracy (if known)
    - Bushing kV application/type bushing
    - CT to terminal block dimension and wire size
  - Site conditions
    - Primary opened and de-energized
    - Demagnetize CTs
  - Measurements
    - DC resistance (on each tap)
    - Excitation test

# Current transformer test (cont.'d)

## Continuous thermal current rating factor

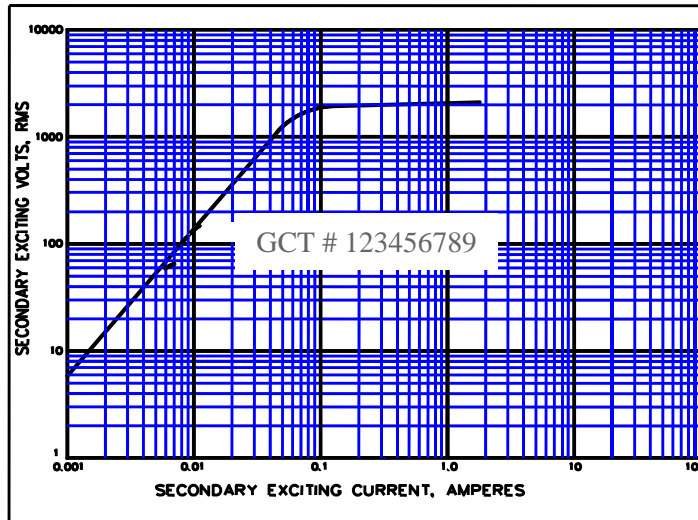
Measure DC Resistance and  $I_{EX}$  Current



**Secondary Voltage Injected - Measure Excitation Current**

# Current transformer test (cont.'d)

## Continuous thermal current rating factor



**Bushing Size= 115kV & Make**

**CT Approximate Size (optional) = 10-14" ID**

**CT to Terminal Block Distance= 20' of #10AWG**

- Dynamic secondary excitation curve for each CT
- Installation details- bushing kV, lead run
- DC resistance of winding

DC resistance = 0.565 ohms @ 20°C

# Current transformer test (cont.'d)

## Continuous thermal current rating factor



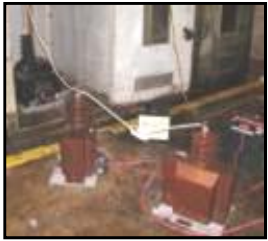
- Analyze site data (BCTs and GCTs)
  - Calculate RF on each CT tested
    - Winding resistance
    - Calculated core size
    - Wire cross-section calculated
  - Result tolerance
    - +/- 15% of true value on RF
  - Rating factor categorized
    - RF=1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0

# On site Kuhlman FES testing Summary



- **Current transformers**

- In-service energized testing: in place and energized-excitation performance (patented)
- Injection accuracy method: in place and de-energized-metering (RCF & PA) error (patented)
- True comparator method: in place only on OCB-uses standard CT/ comparator (IEEE test)
- Rating factor definition: in place and de-energized-verifies CT current limit (Kuhlman proprietary)



- **Voltage transformers**

- True comparator method: in place and de-energized-standard VT with comparator (IEEE test)



# Benefit to user

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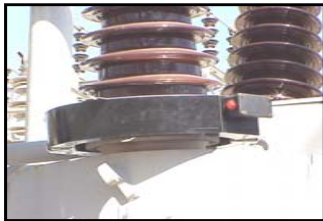
- Better utilize existing equipment
  - In place – provides needed data
  - Existing broad-based applications throughout system
  - Saves real estate
- Eliminates the need to buy additional CTs
  - No purchase costs
  - No installation costs
  - Already wired out for connections
- Eliminates need for high voltage oil-filled/gas-filled CTs
  - No maintenance – reduces overall maintenance
  - Safer – inherently safe LV CTs on HV circuit

# On site accuracy test failures – what next?

## High accuracy ACCUSlip revenue metering CTs



- Outdoor-rated slipover CTs
  - 0.3% and 0.15% high accuracy rating
  - Rating factors of 4.0
  - Window sizes 6” to 42”

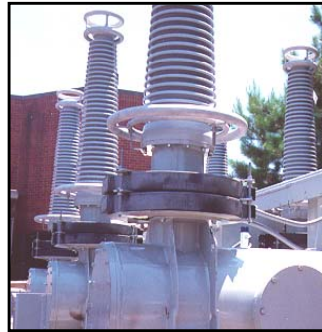


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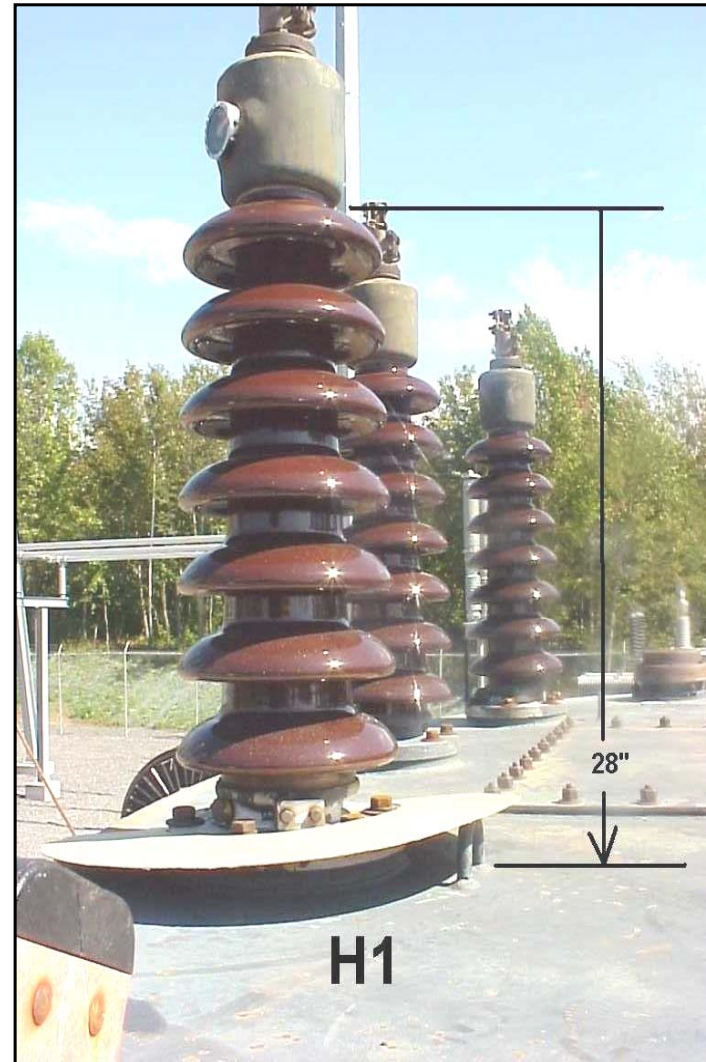
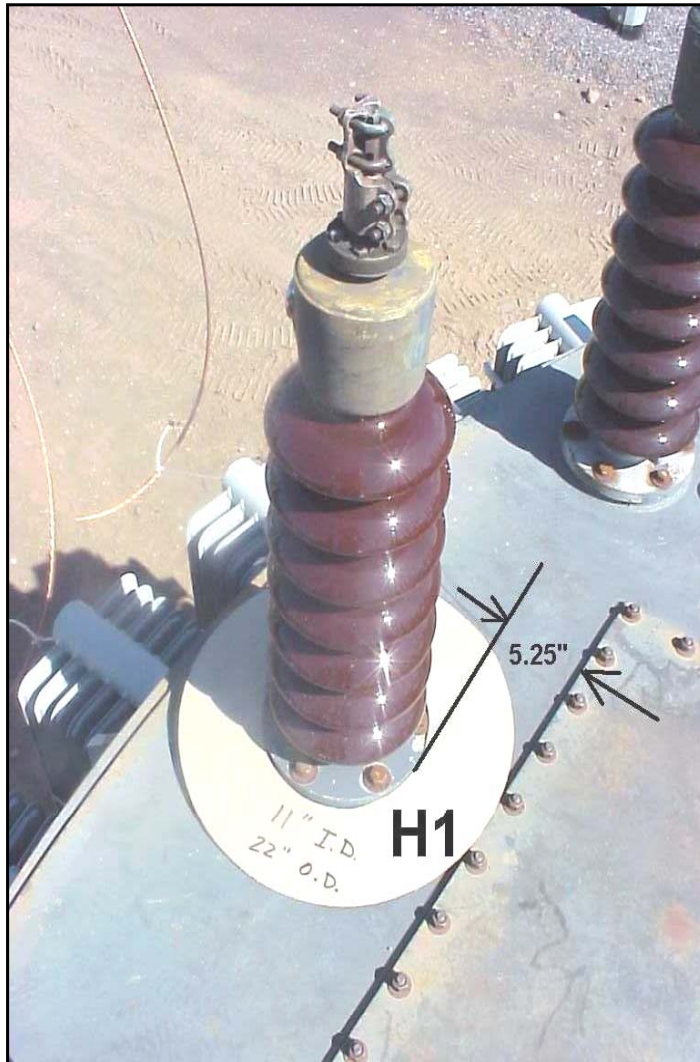
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- Need good dimensions to ensure fit

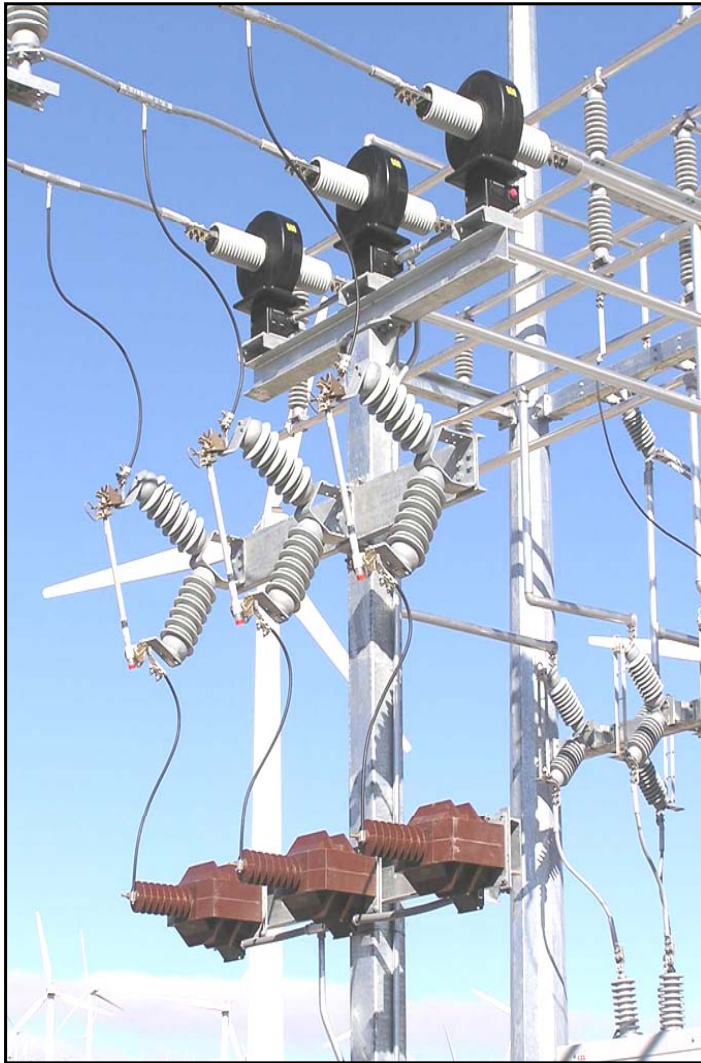


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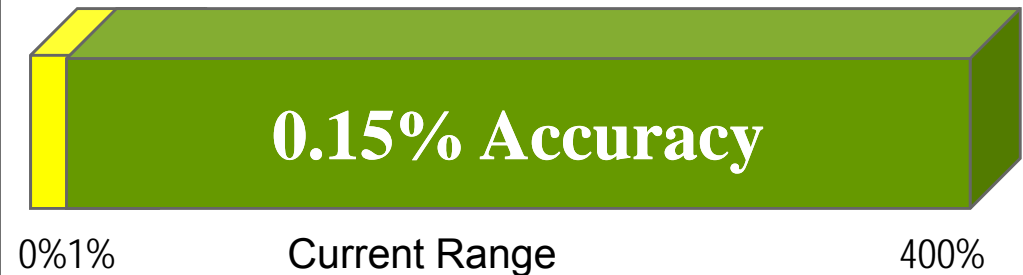


# On site accuracy test failures – what next?

## Low side (5-34.5kV) revenue metering CTs



- LGX wide range performance
  - 0.15% B0.5 (0.3%B0.9)
  - 1% to 400% accuracy range (e.g. 400:5 – 4A to 1600A)
  - 400:5 to 1200:5 ratios



# On site accuracy test failures – what next?

## High side (25-500kV) revenue metering CTs



- Type CXM GSU metering with auxiliary power extended range
  - 0.15% from 0.5% to 400% current with RF=4.0
  - Designed for IPP use
  - High short-circuit strength CT
  - No burden restriction – B1.8

**0.15% Accuracy**

0 0.5%

Current Range

400%

# On site accuracy test failures – what next?

## Accurate test points – IT error correction



- Actual CT error correction
  - RCF and PA from multiple points (obtained by field testing)
- Microprocessor-based meters
  - CT can be outside class 0.3 but corrected (microprocessor meters with IT correction)
- As installed readings
  - Results on accuracy can be at meter point (circuit tested at the point of meter connection)

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