35KV Busbar Undervoltage Handling



Overview

Bus Protection Theory Multiple segment busbars, such as double busbar and triple busbar arrangements, are used to balance loads between various transmissio.

Key Takeaways

35kV busbar undervoltage is managed through a combination of protective relays, alarm monitoring, fault isolation, and controlled load transfer to maintain system stability and prevent equipment damage.

Protective Relaying

Busbar undervoltage protection is typically integrated into busbar differential or overcurrent protection schemes. Differential protection compares currents entering and leaving the busbar to detect discrepancies, while overcurrent protection can provide backup for undervoltage conditions caused by faults ( ). For 35kV systems, sensitive ground relays are often used in low-resistance grounded networks to detect phase-to-ground faults that may cause undervoltage ( ).

Modern microprocessor-based relays can detect undervoltage and trigger alarms or trip breakers with precise timing.

Alarm and Monitoring Procedures

When undervoltage occurs, SCADA systems and substation alarms provide early warning signals, such as “35kV busbar undervoltage” or activation of arc suppression coils ( ). Operators should immediately: Inspect substation equipment and protection status, including $3V_0$ voltage, arc suppression coil current, and VT indicators. Notify critical users and downstream substations before any switching operations.

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Monitor for visible signs of faults, such as arcing, smoke, or abnormal noises.

Fault Isolation and Load Management

Once a fault or undervoltage condition is confirmed: Trial switching or controlled tripping of affected lines can isolate the faulted section without disrupting the entire busbar ( ). Load transfer to healthy feeders or sections should be prioritized to maintain supply continuity. In systems with internal bridge connections, automatic transfer switches (ATS) should be disabled temporarily to prevent fault propagation.

Timing and Safety Considerations

Faulted equipment should generally be isolated within 2 hours to prevent overheating or damage to arc suppression coils ( ). High-speed busbar differential protection ensures rapid fault clearance, minimizing voltage dips and maintaining system stability ( ). Sectionalized busbar protection allows selective isolation of only the affected section, reducing unnecessary outages ( ).

Summary

Handling 35kV busbar undervoltage involves a coordinated approach: Detection via differential, overcurrent, or ground-sensitive relays. Alarm monitoring through SCADA and substation indicators. Fault isolation using trial switching, breaker tripping, and load transfer.

Rapid response to prevent equipment damage and maintain system stability. By combining modern relay technology, SCADA monitoring, and operational protocols, utilities can effectively manage undervoltage events on 35kV busbars while minimizing service disruption and equipment risk ( ).

Article Content

Bus Protection Theory

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35kV busbar of substation

Here, we provide an overview of common substation busbar configurations—Single Bus, Main and Transfer, Double Breaker/Double Bus, Ring Bus/Ring Main, and Breaker and a Half.

35kV Distribution Line Single-Phase Ground Fault Handling

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Single-Phase-to-Ground Fault: The substation and SCADA system will issue signals such as “35kV busbar grounding” or “Arc Suppression Coil No. X activated.” Relay protection does not trip but

35kV busbar fault trip

This article introduces a case of 35kV ring main unit busbar insulation breakdown failure, analyzes the failure causes and proposes solutions, providing reference for the construction and operation of new

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