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Wind installations What Happened in 2010?

U.S. Annual and Quarterly Wind Installations





Wind target is 20% by 2030



Figure A. Annual and cumulative wind installations by 2030



Wind challenges

Challenges

Major challenges along the 20% Wind Scenario path include these:

- Investment in the nation's transmission system is needed so that the electricity generated is delivered to urban centers that need the increased supply;
- Developing larger electric load balancing areas, in tandem with better regional planning, are needed so that regions can depend on a diversity of generation sources, including wind power;
- Significant growth is needed in the manufacturing supply chain, providing jobs and remedy the current shortage in parts for wind turbines;
- Continued reduction in wind capital cost and improvement in turbine performance through technology advancement and improved manufacturing capabilities is needed; and
- Addressing potential concerns about local siting, wildlife, and environmental issues within the context of generating electricity is needed.

The 20% Wind Scenario is not likely to be realized in a business-as-usual future. Achieving this scenario would involve a major national commitment to clean, domestic energy sources with minimal emissions of GHGs and other environmental pollutants.



The Wind Market - Size & Cost Structure





ABB in wind energy





ABB products in the collector circuit and substation





38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Wind Farm Typical One-Line

Typical NAM electrical one-line



Collector Substation



- Wind farm collector
- Capacitor switching
- Reactor switching



- Wind farm collector
 - Critical element in power flow
 - Low frequency of operation



- Capacitor bank switching
 - Higher frequency of operation
 - Varying load and generation results in swings in reactive power component
 - Underground cables contribute to circuit capacitance
 - Low current 36kV, 10MVAR 150A
 - Transient voltages on switching



- Capacitor bank switching
 - Vacuum interrupters using Copper/Chromium composite material to minimize current chopping and mitigate it's effects

- Reactor switching
 - Higher frequency of operation
 - Low current
 - Transient voltages on switching
 - Highly dependent on system parameters
 - Analysis should be performed to determine reactance of circuit



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Key Challenges











- Reliability
 - Tight margins on wind farm
 - economics
 - Uptime is at a premium
- Maintenance
 - Remote and harsh environments lead to costly maintenance and repair costs



Key Challenges Solution: ABB 38kV R-MAG











- Rated for 5 times the mechanical operations required by the standard, reducing maintenance and down time
- Reduced mechanical failure with only one moving part in the magnetic actuator
- Less maintenance lowers risk by reducing exposure to live parts and stored energy devices
- Service/Support ABB expanded customer service organization focuses on customer



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Reliability



- Magnetic actuator
 - Rated for 50,000 operations on 38kV breakers

Rated for 100,000 on 15/27kV breakers



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Reliability



Vacuum Interrupter Assembly

 ABB interrupters are rated for up to 30,000 mechanical or load operations



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Flexibility



- Actuator control board compatible with all forms of overcurrent, reclosing and control functions
- Control Voltages from 24V to 250V
- Built in trip & close coil features
- Built in breaker status indication
- Coil protection



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Ease of maintenance





- No maintenance required for the magnetic actuator
- Plug-and-play capability of the actuator control board
- No disassembly as common with spring mechanism



38kV R-MAG in Wind Farm Applications Embedded pole design



- Proven technology used in switchgear breakers
- High field performance due to reduced contamination build up on vacuum interrupters
- Only one vacuum interrupter per pole.



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