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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF POWER & CONTROL CABLES

1.1.1. Aluminium conductor XLPE insulated armoured cables shall be used for main power supply purpose from LT Aux. Transformers to control room, between distribution boards, ***supply to oil filtration units, DG supply to AC distribution board*** and for supply for colony lighting from control room.

1.1.2 Aluminium conductor PVC insulated armoured power cables shall be used for various other applications in switchyard area/control room except for control/protection purposes.

1.1.3 For all control/protection purposes, PVC insulated armoured control cables of minimum 2.5 sq. mm. size with stranded Copper conductors shall be used.

1.1.4 POWERGRID has standardised the sizes of power cables for various feeders. Bidders are to estimate the quantity of cables and quote accordingly. The sizes of power cables to be used per feeder in different application shall be as follows:

S.No.	From	To	Cable size	Cable type
1.	Main Switch Board	LT Transformer	2-1C X 630 mm^2 per phase 1-1C X 630 mm^2 for neutral	XLPE
2.	Main Switch Board	AC Distribution Board	2-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE
3.	Main Switch Board	Oil Filtration Unit ***& looping to other oil filtration units.***	1-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE
4.	Main Switch Board	Colony Lighting	1-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE

5.	Main Switch Board	HVW pump LCP	1-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE
6.	Main Switch Board	Main Lighting distribution board	1-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE
7.	AC Distribution Board	D.G. Set AMF Panel	2-3½C X 300 mm^2	XLPE
8.	AC Distribution Board	Emergency Lighting distribution board	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
9.	AC Distribution Board	ICT MB	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
10.	AC Distribution Board	Bay MB	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
11.	Bay MB	AC Kiosk	1- 3 ½ x 35 mm^2	PVC
12.	AC Distribution Board	Battery Charger	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
13.	DCDB	Battery	2-1C X 150 mm^2	PVC
14.	DCDB	Battery Charger	2-1C X 150 mm^2	PVC
15.	DCDB	Protection/PLCC panel	1-4C X 16 mm^2	PVC
16.	Main Lighting DB	Lighting panels(Indoor)	1-3½C X 35 mm^2	PVC
17.	Main Lighting DB	Lighting panels (outdoor)	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
18.	Main Lighting DB	Receptacles (Indoor)	1-3½C X 35 mm^2	PVC
19.	Main Lighting DB	Receptacles (Outdoor)	1-3½C X 70 mm^2	PVC
20.	Lighting Panel	Sub lighting panels	1-4C X 16 mm^2	PVC
21.	Lighting Panel	Street Lighting Poles	1-4C X 16 mm^2	PVC
22.	Lighting Panel/ Sub lighting panels	Lighting Fixtures (Outdoor)	1-2C X 6 mm^2	PVC
23.	Bay MB	Equipments	1-4C X 16 mm^2 /1-4C X 6 mm^2 /1-2C X 6 mm^2	PVC

1.1.5 Bidder may offer sizes other than the sizes specified in clause 1.1.4. In such case and for other application where sizes of cables have not been indicated in the specification, sizing of power cables shall be done keeping in view continuous current ***(including future bays/load requirement)***, voltage drop & short-circuit consideration of the system. Relevant calculations shall be submitted by bidder during detailed engineering for purchaser's approval. ***The entire power and control cables & special cables (if any) required shall be executed by contractor for completion of present scope of work.***

1.1.6 Cables shall be laid conforming to IS : 1255.

1.1.7 While preparing cable schedules for control/protection purpose, following shall be ensured:

1.1.7.1 Separate cables shall be used for AC & DC.

1.1.7.2 Separate cables shall be used for DC1 & DC2.

1.1.8 For different cores of CT & CVT separate cable shall be used

1.1.9 At least one (1) cores shall be kept as spare in each copper control cable of 4C, 5C or 7C size whereas minimum no. of spare cores shall be two (2) for control cables of 10 core or higher size.

1.1.10 For control cabling, including CT/VT circuits, 2.5 sq.mm. size copper cables shall be used per connection. However, if required from voltage drop/VA burden consideration, additional cores shall be used. Further for potential circuits of energy meters, separate connections by 2 cores of 2.5 sq.mm. size shall be provided.

1.1.11 Standard technical data sheets for cable sizes up to and including 1100V are enclosed at Annexure. Cable sizes shall be offered/manufactured in accordance with parameters specified in standard technical data sheets. Technical data sheet for any other cores/sizes required during detailed engineering shall be separately offered for owner's approval by the contractor/supplier. ***Submission of standard technical data sheets for these cable sizes are not required for approval. Contractor/supplier shall intimate name of proposed approved cable manufacturer along with cable sizes, its quantity required during detailed engineering for purchaser's information and acceptance.***

1.2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

1.2.1. General

1.2.1.1. The cables shall be suitable for laying in racks, ducts, trenches, conduits and underground buried installation with uncontrolled back fill and chances of flooding by water.

1.2.1.2. They shall be designed to withstand all mechanical, electrical and thermal stresses under steady state and transient operating conditions. The XLPE /PVC insulated L.T. power cables of sizes 240 sq. mm. and above shall withstand without damage a 3 phase fault current of at least 45 kA for at least 0.12 second, with an initial peak of 105 kA in one of the phases at rated conductor temperature (70 degC for PVC insulated cables and 90 degC for XLPE insulated cables). The armour for these power cables shall be capable of carrying 45 kA for at least 0.12 seconds without exceeding the maximum allowable temperature of PVC outer sheath.

1.2.1.3. The XLPE insulated cables shall be capable of withstanding a conductor temperature of 250°C during a short circuit without any damage. The PVC insulated cables shall be capable of withstanding a conductor temperature of 160°C during a short circuit.

1.2.1.4. The Aluminium/Copper wires used for manufacturing the cables shall be true circular in shape before stranding and shall be uniformly good quality, free from defects. All Aluminium used in the cables for conductors shall be of H2 grade. In case of single core cables armours shall be of H4 grade Aluminium.

1.2.1.5. The fillers and inner sheath shall be of non-hygroscopic, fire retardant material, shall be softer than insulation and outer sheath shall be suitable for the operating temperature of the cable.

1.2.1.6. Progressive sequential marking of the length of cable in metres at every one metre shall be provided on the outer sheath of all cables.

1.2.1.7. Strip wire armouring method (a) mentioned in Table 5, Page-6 of IS : 1554 (Part 1) – 1988 shall not be accepted for any of the cables. For control cables only round wire armouring shall be used.

1.2.1.8. The cables shall have outer sheath of a material with an oxygen index of not less than 29 and a temperature index of not less than 250°C.

1.2.1.9. All the cables shall pass fire resistance test as per IS:1554 (Part-I)

1.2.1.10. The normal current rating of all PVC insulated cables shall be as per IS:3961.

1.2.1.11. Repaired cables shall not be accepted.

1.2.1.12. Allowable tolerance on the overall diameter of the cables shall be plus or minus 2 mm.

1.2.2. **XLPE Power Cables**

1.2.2.1. The XLPE (90°C) insulated cables shall be of FR type, C1 category conforming to IS:7098 (Part-I) and its amendments read alongwith this specification. The conductor shall be stranded aluminium circular/sector shaped and compacted. In multicore cables, the core shall be identified by red, yellow, blue and black coloured strips or colouring of insulation. A distinct inner sheath shall be provided in all multicore cables. For XLPE cables, the inner sheath shall be of extruded PVC of type ST-2 of IS:5831. ***All cables shall be of armoured type***. For single core cables, the ***armouring*** shall consist of aluminium wires/strips. The outer sheath shall be extruded PVC of Type ST-2 of IS:5831 for all XLPE cables.

1.2.3. **PVC Power Cables**

1.2.3.1. The PVC (70°C) insulated power cables shall be of FR type, C1 category, conforming to IS: 1554 (Part-I) and its amendments read alongwith this specification and shall be suitable for a steady conductor temperature of 70°C. The conductor shall be stranded aluminium. The Insulation shall be extruded PVC to type-A of IS: 5831. A distinct inner sheath shall be provided in all multicore cables. ***All cables shall be of armoured type.*** For multicore armoured cables, the inner sheath shall be of extruded PVC. The outer sheath shall be extruded PVC to Type ST-1 of IS: 5831 for all cables.

1.2.4. **PVC Control Cables**

1.2.4.1. The PVC (70°C) insulated control cables shall be of FR type C1 category conforming to IS: 1554 (Part-1) and its amendments, read alongwith this specification. The conductor shall be stranded copper. The insulation shall be extruded PVC to type A of IS: 5831. A distinct inner sheath shall be provided in all cables. ***All cables shall be of armoured type.*** The over sheath shall be extruded PVC to type ST-1 of IS: 5831 and shall be grey in colour.

1.2.4.2. Cores shall be identified as per IS: 1554 (Part-1) for the cables up to five (5) cores and for cables with more than five (5) cores the identification of

cores shall be done by printing legible Hindu Arabic Numerals on all cores as per clause 10.3 of IS 1554 (Part-1).

2. HV POWER CABLES[FOR WORKING VOLTAGES FROM 3.3 kV AND INCLUDING 33 kV]

2.1. *HV* POWER CABLE FOR AUXILIARY POWER SUPPLY

(a) The HV cable of 1Cx185 mm^2 (Aluminium Conductor) or 1Cx120mm^2 (Copper Conductor) of voltage class as specified for 630 kVA ***and 800 kVA*** LT transformer for interconnecting 630kVA ***and 800 kVA*** LT transformer to the SEB feeder shall be, XLPE insulated, armoured cable conforming to IS 7098 (Part-II) or IEC 60502-2 1998. Terminating accessories shall conform to IS 17573-1992 or IEC 61442-1997/IEC60502-4 1998.

(b) The HV cable of 3Cx95 mm^2 (Aluminium Conductor) or 3Cx70mm^2 (Copper Conductor) of voltage class as specified for 250kVA LT transformer for interconnecting 250kVA LT transformer to the SEB feeder shall be, XLPE insulated, armoured cable conforming to IS 7098 (Part-II) or IEC 60502-2 1998. Terminating accessories shall conform to IS 17573-1992 or IEC 61442-1997/IEC60502-4 1998.

2.2. Only overhead connection has been foreseen for interconnecting ***630 kVA and*** 800 kVA, LT transformer to the tertiary of the ICT. However, HV cable connections in place of overhead connection, if necessary shall also be in the scope of contractor. In this case contractor shall provide 1C x 185 mm^2 (Aluminium Conductor) or 1Cx120mm^2 (Copper Conductor), 38/66kV HV cable along with necessary terminating accessories. The construction of XLPE insulated, armoured HV cable shall be generally conforming to IS 7098 (Part-III). Terminating accessories shall conform to IEC60840 1999.

2.3. Bidder may offer sizes other than the sizes specified in clause 2.1 and 2.2. In such case sizing of power cables shall be done keeping in view continuous current, voltage drop & short-circuit consideration of the system. Relevant calculations shall be submitted by bidder during detailed engineering for purchaser's approval.

2.4. Constructional Requirements

Cable shall have compacted circular Aluminium conductor, Conductor screened with extruded semi conducting compound , XLPE insulated, insulation screened with extruded semi conducting compound, ***distinct extruded PVC inner sheath (Type ST-2) with FR properties***, armoured

with non-magnetic material ***for single core cables and galvanized steel wire/strip for multicore cables*** , followed by extruded PVC outer sheath(Type ST-2), with FR properties . ***The armour shall be capable of withstanding rated short time current of conductor***.

2.5 Progressive sequential marking of the length of cable in metres at every one metre shall be provided on the outer sheath of the cable.

2.6 The cables shall have outer sheath of a material with an Oxygen Index of not less than 29 and a Temperature index of not less than 250°C.

2.7 Allowable tolerance on the overall diameter of the cables shall be plus or minus 2 mm.

3. EHV XLPE POWER CABLE [FOR WORKING VOLTAGES FROM 66 kV UP TO AND INCLUDING 500 kV]

3.1 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The XLPE insulated, EHV cable shall conform to the requirements of IEC 60502-2 (applicable clauses only) for construction and IEC 60840/ IEC62067 (as applicable) for testing. The terminating accessories shall conform to IEC 60840 / IEC62067 (as applicable).

3.2 The cable shall be of specified EHV grade, single core, unarmoured, stranded compacted Copper conductor, core screening by a layer of semiconducting tape followed by a layer of semiconducting compound, cross linked polyethylene (XLPE) dry cured insulation, insulation screening with semiconducting compound extruded directly over the insulation, longitudinal sealing by a layer of non woven tape with water swellable absorbent over insulation screen, followed by radial sealing (Metal sheath of Lead alloy 'E'), metallic screening by concentric layer of plain copper wire followed by an open helix of copper & overall ***HDPE*** sheathed & graphite coated and conforming to the technical particulars of specification.

3.3 The construction of cable shall generally conform to the description mentioned in above mentioned clause of the specification. Bidder may offer necessary layers such as separation tape, binder tapes etc additionally as per their manufacturing practices for meeting required performance of the offered cable. The bidder shall enclose with the bid, drawing showing cross section of the cable. The conductors screen (non-metallic semi-conductive) shall be extruded in a single one-time process to ensure homogeneity and absence of voids.