

# Study of Generator Set Overload Protection System in Power Generation Units

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**Abstract**— The need for electrical energy in an industry is very important for the production process to run. To meet the demand for electrical energy, one can use a power source from PLN or use an independent power source by establishing a power plant. The Power Plant Unit is a unit that functions to provide electrical energy needs for the production process at PPSDM Migas. Electricity generation in the Power Plant Unit, namely Pembangkit Listrik Tenaga Diesel (PLTD) using a generator set that uses diesel fuel. A generator set or generator is a generator that has been equipped with a prime mover. Gensets that work continuously are certainly inseparable from disturbances such as the occurrence of overloads. Overload disturbance occurs because the amount of load power supplied by the generator is greater than the capacity of the working generator. Air Circuit Breaker (ACB) is one of the protective equipment used to protect generator sets. Inside the ACB there is Over Current Trip equipment that will work if there is an overload on the generator. The capacity of the generator used is 1000kVA/400V with a nominal generator current of 1443.38 A. Under normal load conditions, the installed load power is 354.5 kW with a load current of 639.6 A. Then at peak load conditions, the installed load power is 510,3 kW with a load current of 920.7 A. In both conditions the load current does not exceed the nominal current of the generator so Over Current Trip does not instruct ACB to trip. However, it is possible for overload disturbances to occur if there is no coordination between the operator at the power plant and the load operator (refinery & utilities) so that the operation of the load is not controlled.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The generating unit is a unit that handles the supply of electricity needs at PPSDM Migas. The generating unit at PPSDM Migas uses a Diesel Power Plant (PLTD) to generate electricity. The electricity produced is used to supply the needs of a power source for equipment located in refineries and utilities. [1,2]

The power generation unit has 4 generators to generate electricity. Genset 1 has a capacity of 1000 kVA/400 V, and generator 2 has a capacity of 1030 kVA/400 V, generator 8 has a capacity of 1000 kVA/400 V and generator 9 has the smallest capacity of 640 kVA/400 V. The power plant in PPSDM Migas uses a Single Operation system where only 1 generator operates while the others are on standby to operate according to a predetermined schedule. Genset (genset) is a generator that has been equipped with with prime mover. Genset too Routine maintenance should be performed every 250 hours after surgery.[3]

Generators that work continuously, of course, cannot be separated from disturbances that can damage the generator if left alone. Therefore, a reliable protection system is needed to prevent this. The protection system consists of several components that are interconnected and work together for security purposes. [3,4]

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## 2. Research Method

2.1 Studying the generator set protection system, the Air Circuit Breaker (ACB) work system and setting the ACB Over Current Trip as an overload protection system for the generator set in the Power Plant Unit

### 2.2 Protection System

1. What is meant by protection against electric power is a security system carried out on electrical equipment, which is installed on the electric power system. For example generators, transformers, transmission /distribution networks and others against abnormal conditions of the system itself.
2. What is meant by abnormal conditions are, among others, in the form of:
  - Short circuit
  - Voltage less/over
  - Overload
  - System frequency down/up
  - And others

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Generator Set in PPSDM Migas Power Plant Unit

The power plant unit has 4 generator sets for generating electricity. Generator 1 has a capacity of 1000 kVA/400 V, and generator 2 has a capacity of 1030 kVA/400 V, generator 8 has a capacity of 1000 kVA/400 V and generator 9 has the smallest capacity of 640 kVA/400 V. Power generation at PPSDM Migas uses Single Operation system where only 1 generator operates while the others are in standby to operate according to a predetermined schedule. Gensets must also be routinely maintained every 250 hours after operating.



Figure 1 Generator Set 8 in the PPSDM Migas power plant unit

In the process of working, the diesel engine rotates the rotor inside the generator which will cause a magnetic field in the generator coil. Furthermore, this magnetic field will then interact with the rotor which will then rotate and produce an electric current.

### 3.2 Generator Overload Protection System in PPSDM Migas Power Plant Unit

Due to the importance of a protection system to prevent damage and loss of electrical equipment, PPSDM Migas uses ACB (Air Circuit Breaker) as one of the protection systems used to protect the generator set in the power plant unit. The following is the ACB used for the generator protection system 8 in the Power Plant Unit



Figure 2 Air Circuit Breaker (ACB) Genset 8 in the Power Plant Unit they are part of a sentence, as in

Description:

1. Charging handle  
This handle is inflated to manually fill the closing spring. It is also used for slow closing operations.
2. Position Indicator  
Displays the words "CONN", "TEST", or "ISOLATED" according to the condition of the ACB
3. OPEN-CLOSED Indicator

Shows the word "OPEN" when the breaker is in an open circuit, and "CLOSED" when the breaker is in a closed circuit.

4. Spring charge indicator Shows the word "CHARGED" when the cover spring is fully charged and "DISCHARGE" when released. PUSH TO CLOSE button

Pressing this button will close the breaker.

1. PUSH TO OPEN

Pressing this button will open the breaker.

2. Position stopper release lever

When this lever is in the up position, the breaker locks in the CONN, TEST, and ISOLATED positions respectively. This lever can only be changed if the breaker is OPEN. Lowering this lever unlocks the position.

3. Draw-out handle insertion hole

A pull handle is included here. This hole is equipped with a shutter, which opens when the stop release lever is lowered.

4. Open position padlock lever (optional)

The breaker can be locked in the OPEN position. To lock the breaker in the OPEN position, press the PUSH TO OPEN button and pull the lever out, then place up to three locks on the lever. Under this padlock condition, the breaker is prevented from closing manually or electrically

Table 1  
Specifications for Air Circuit Breaker (ACB) Genset 8

No	Name/Amount	Description
1	Merk	TemPower
2	Type	AT20
3	Pole	3
4	Voltage	660 VAC
5	Frekuensi	50/60 Hz
6	Current	2000 A

To activate the Air Circuit Breaker can be done by following these steps:

- Pump the ACB with the charging handle down about 1050 several times until you hear a "click" sound and the spring charged indicator will show "CHARGED".
- Then press the PUSH TO CLOSED button which will cause the ACB to be ON.
- When the ACB is ON, the OPEN-CLOSED indicator will show "CLOSED" and the spring charged indicator will show "DISCHARGED".

Then to disable the Air Circuit Breaker can be done by following these steps:

- Press the PUSH TO OPEN button which will cause the ACB to OFF or trip.
- When the ACB is OFF, the OPEN-CLOSED indicator will show "OPEN" and the spring charged indicator will show "DISCHARGED".

### 3.2 Setting Range Over-Current Trip

LTD (Long Time Delay Trip) causes the breakers to wait some time to allow current to enter while, as encountered when starting a motor, current passes without tripping.



Figure 3 Setting Range Over-Current Trip

Setting range LTD (Long Time Delay Trip)

- For current I1  
Settings are scaled in multiples of I0. There are 8 setting positions: NON, 0.8, 1.0, 1.05, 1.1, 1.15, 1.2, and 1.25 times I0 setting.  
The CB will trip in the range of 95% to 105% of the I1 setting. (Operation tolerance: setting  $\pm$  5%).  
Note: when set to NON, the protection function does not work.
- For Time [T1]  
Settings are scaled in seconds, showing operating time at 120% x I1 current flow.  
There are 10 discrete setting positions: 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 seconds. (tolerance: setting  $\pm$  15%).

### 3.3 Generator Analysis Against Overload

Protection against overload is to avoid the occurrence of overloads supplied by the generator. To avoid overload, the first thing to do is to calculate the capacity of the generator with the total amount of load power to be supplied.

Generators produced by a factory will be equipped with a nameplate containing the specifications of the generator. The following are the specifications for generator 8 in the PPSDM Migas Power Plant Unit obtained from the generator nameplate.

Table 2  
Generator Specifications

No	Name/Amount	Description
1	Merk	ONAN
2	Type	880 DF JD
3	Capacity	1000 kVA
4	Frequency	50 Hz
5	Voltage	400 Volt
6	Phase	3
7	Power Factor	0.8
8	Years	1997

### 3.3 Calculation of Total Power Load at PPSDM Oil & Gas Refinery & Utilities

In this study, 2 conditions of the load supplied during production at the Refinery & Utilities will be discussed, namely:

- 1) Normal load condition
- 2) Peak load condition

Table 3  
Total Power Data Normal Load Condition

No	Load	location	Power (kW)
1	P. Refux C1	Kilang	15
2	P. Refux C2	Kilang	15
3	P. Feed 100/3	Kilang	30
4	P.Fuel 100/9	Kilang	11
5	Kompresor 2	Boiler	45
6	Air dryer 1	Boiler	4
7	P.1A	WPS	75
8	P.2A	WPS	75
9	P. Raw Water 3	P.Plant	5,5
10	Exhaust Fan	P.Plant	0,75
11	Exhaust Fan	P.Plant	0,75
12	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
13	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
14	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
15	Rectifier	P.Plant	3
16	Fan motor Cooling Tower	P.Plant	1,5
17	Lighting and AC	P.Plant	20
18	Lighting and AC	Kilang	50
19	Lighting and AC	Boiler	15
total			354,5

Table 4  
Total Power Data Normal Load Condition

No	Beban	Lokasi	Daya (kW)
1	P. Refux C1	refinery	15
2	P. Refux C2	refinery	15
3	P. Feed 100/3	refinery	30
4	P.Fuel 100/9	refinery	11
5	Kompresor 2	Boiler	45
6	Air dryer 1	Boiler	4
7	P.1A	WPS	75
8	P.2A	WPS	75
9	P. Raw Water 3	P.Plant	5,5
10	Exhaust Fan	P.Plant	0,75
11	Exhaust Fan	P.Plant	0,75
12	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
13	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
14	Charger battery	P.Plant	1
15	Rectifier	P.Plant	3
16	Fan motor Cooling Tower	P.Plant	1,5
17	Lighting and AC	P.Plant	20
18	Lighting and AC	Kilang	40

19	Lighting and AC	Boiler	10
20	P.100/35 Treating	refinery	4,6
21	P.100/36 Treating	refinery	3
	Soda		
22	P.100/15 Pertasol	refinery	15
23	P.100/19 Solar	refinery	45
24	P.100/21 Loading	refinery	45
	Residu		
25	P. Booster 1	Boiler	11
26	P. Feed 2	Boiler	15
27	P. Chemical 1	Boiler	0,55
28	P. Blower Force draft fan Boiler 2	Boiler	15
29	P. Fuel Boiler 2	Boiler	2,2
Jumlah			510,3

Based on the power table under normal load conditions and peak load conditions above, the total load power supplied by generator set 8 is 354.5 kW and 510.3 kW. However, the total power supplied can vary due to the output setting of the pump which is adjusted according to the needs or conditions in the field.

### 3.4 Data Management for Load and Current Power

From the existing table, it can be seen that the total load power installed at the Oil and Gas PPSDM Refinery & Utilities is 354.5 kW 354,500 Watt for normal load conditions and 510.3 kW 510,300 Watt for peak load conditions. So that the overall power needed at the Oil and Gas PPSDM Refinery & Utilities is calculated using the equation:

1) Normal load condition

Known:

$$\text{Known: } P_{total} = 354.500 \text{ watt}$$

$$\text{Cos } \varphi = 0,8$$

$$\text{So : } S_{load} = \frac{P_{total}}{\text{Cos } \varphi}$$

$$S_{load} = \frac{354.500 \text{ watt}}{0,8}$$

$$S_{load} = 443.125 \text{ VA}$$

Meanwhile, the nominal load current can be calculated as:

$$I_{load} = \frac{S}{400 \times \sqrt{3}}$$

$$I_{load} = \frac{443.125}{400 \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{443.125}{692,82} = 639,6 \text{ Ampere}$$

And for the nominal current in the generator is:

$$I_{gen} = \frac{1000000}{400 \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1000000}{692,82} = 1443,38 \text{ Ampere}$$

Based on the calculation results, it is known that the current flowing in the load (I\_load) is 639.6 A. This load current is

smaller than the generator current (I\_gen) which is 1443.38 A, so that the protection system on the Over-Current Trip will not command the ACB. for trips.

Peak load conditions

$$\text{Known: } P_{total} = 510.300 \text{ watt}$$

$$\text{Cos } \varphi = 0,8$$

So :

$$S_{load} = \frac{P_{total}}{\text{Cos } \varphi}$$

$$S_{load} = \frac{510.300 \text{ watt}}{0,8}$$

$$S_{load} = 637.875 \text{ VA}$$

Meanwhile, the nominal load current can be calculated as:

$$I_{load} = \frac{S}{400 \times \sqrt{3}}$$

$$I_{load} = \frac{637.875}{400 \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{637.875}{692,82} = 920,7 \text{ Ampere}$$

And for the nominal current in the generator is:

$$I_{gen} = \frac{1000000}{400 \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1000000}{692,82} = 1443,38 \text{ Ampere}$$

Based on the calculation results, it is known that the current flowing in the load (I\_load) is 920.7 A. This load current is smaller than the generator current (I\_gen) which is 1443.38 A, so that the protection system on the Over-Current Trip will not command the ACB. for trips.

Based on the results of the calculation of normal load conditions and peak loads above, it can be concluded that the generator set 8 can supply all loads without experiencing overload disturbances. However, it is possible for overload disturbances to occur if there is no coordination between the operator at the power plant and the load operator (refinery & utilities) so that the operation of the load is not controlled.

## 4 CONCLUSION

Based on the calculation results of normal load conditions, it is known that the current flowing in the load (I\_load) is 639.6 A. This load current is smaller than the generator current (I\_gen) which is 1443.38 A, so that the protection system on Over-Current Trip does not will instruct ACB to trip and Based on the calculation results of peak load conditions, it is known that the current flowing in the load (I\_load) is 920.7 A. This load current is smaller than the generator current (I\_gen) which is 1443.38 A, so the protection system on Over-Current Trip will not order ACB to trip. Based on the results of the calculation of normal load conditions and peak loads, it can be concluded that the generator set 8 can supply all loads without experiencing overload disturbances. However, it is possible for overload disturbances to occur if there is no coordination between the operator at the power plant and the load operator (refinery & utilities) so that the operation of the load is not controlled.

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