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**"STUDY OF COORDINATION OF PROTECTIONS FOR THE FIVE  
PRIMARY SUBSTATION FEEDERS SAN VICENTE, NORTHERN  
REGIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (EMELNORTE)".**

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## SUMMARY

This work aims to make the study of coordination of protections for four substation feeders San Vicente, which is intended to reduce the high rates of disconnection, as well as to mitigate the effects of failures on the network, whereas in addition the approval of fuses in the derivations. Studies show that short circuit currents have a directly proportional relationship with the impedance of the electric power system and in turn decrease depending on the extent of the power supply unit, therefore, failures that occur in very remote areas may be not counted by the reclosers. Just as the absence of a prior study for the coordination of protection in the area of influence of the substation does not augur the medium term of the problem solution. From this is derived the importance of generalizing the solution obtained with this work.

**Keywords:** coordination of protections, substation, fault currents

## INTRODUCTION

The substation San Vicente has five positions for feeders of which four are operating, the poor coordination of protection helps maintain a high rate of disconnections in the area of influence of the substation, thus before a fault current subscribers without electric service is high.

The coordination of protections must be taken into consideration when protection relays in the header of feeders, fuses in the leads, fuses in trans-

formers, and exist reclosers and sectionalizers on the network.

At the substation San Vicente presented problems in the coordination of protections causing unnecessary disconnections in the area of influence.

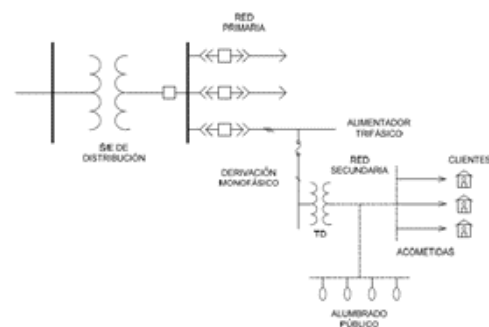
Through this study of coordination of protections and the implementation by EMELNORTE, it will reduce the frequency of discontinuation due to fault in elements of the system, contributing to improve the quality of electric service rates.

## Distribution systems

Electricity is delivered to users after passing three main stages, generation, transmission and distribution.

In the stage of distribution the marketer is responsible for bringing power to subscribers through a set of elements that constitute it as structures, networks, protection equipment, distribution transformers etc. (GRAINGER J.J, 1996)

A proper coordination of protection contributes to compliance with the regulations set by ARCONEL.



**Figure 1:** Radial system

Note: Take LOPEZ, A (2008)

## CONCEPTS

### Electrical protection

The electrical protection are elements of protection, whose mission is the monitor and protect efficiently the elements of control and force along electrical system before an eventual fault current, avoided unnecessary system disconnections, thus contributing to maintain both the quality and the continuity of electric service

### .The electrical protection requirements.

**Reliability:** You must act provided that a failure, making the action required under abnormal conditions, over a period of time . Is directly linked with the safety, simplicity, and robustness of the protective equipment.

**Selectivity:** When a system is a failure, you must operate closer to the same protection, without affecting the supply of electric energy in other areas of the distribution system, ensuring the continuity of the service where the network is in a normal regime.

**Sensitivity:** You should detect and respond without any fault condition problem is maximum or minimum power, and according to a range determined for the operation, in the case of the relays is based on minimum settings the same.

**Speed:** Is characteristic is a function of the magnitude of the failure and the coordination with other protections. In the relays this feature prevents system out of sync, as well as damage protection elements and maneuver.

## METHODS AND RESULTS

In the area of influence of the Sub station "San Vicente" presents a high rate of disconnections (see table 1), due to short circuits, overloads, lightning mostly by the extension of the three feeder, which affects the continuity of the service's subscribers and the prestige of the company Distributor.

TABLA1: Indices de desconexiones

ALIMENTADOR	COD.	FMIK	LIMITE FMIK	TTIK	LIMITE TTIK
0401 (San Vicente Alimentador 1)	401	6,50	5	7,87	10
0402 (San Vicente Alimentador 2)	402	13,32	5	13,08	10
0403 (San Vicente Alimentador 3)	403	13,13	5	11,06	10
0404 (San Vicente Alimentador 4)	404	14,29	5	15,47	10

Fuente: Tomado de EMELNORTE SA.

In the table shown as limits the frequency of interruption (FMIK) and time of interruption (TTIK) are surpassed in all feeders.

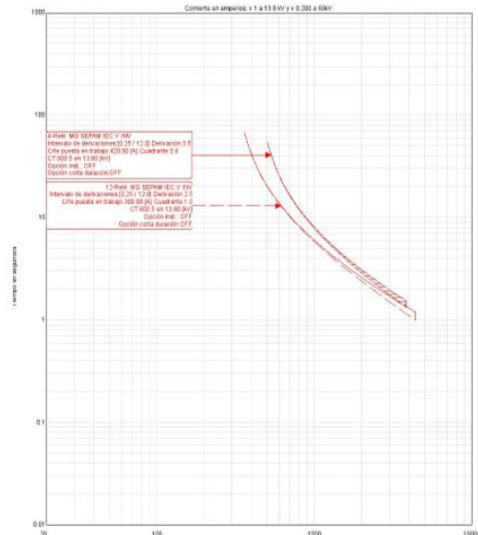
Then describe the procedure of coordination of protections in the feeder three due to their length and complexity, for remaining feeders the process is the same with the own of the same considerations.

### Adjustment of relays.

Is important mention that them settings both of the relay general as of the relays in them feeders is established through a study prior from EMELNORTE S.A, such relays are of delay mark Schneider type SEPAM, the adjustment of the DIAL is located low standard IEC is not greater to 1.

TABLA 2: Ajustes para la configuración de los relés generales 51 y 51N

Protección	Voltaje(Kv)	RTC Protección	Línea	Tap	Dial	Corriente de cortocircuito máxima
GENERAL	13,8	600/5	Fase	3,5	0,8	3820
			Neutro	3	1	4380



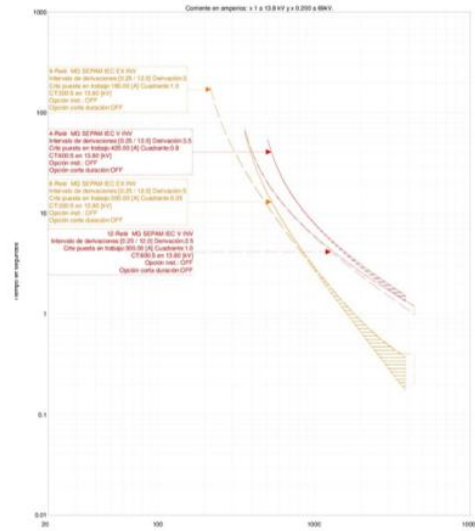
GRÁFICA 2: Curvas de los relés generales

## Protection relays settings 51 and 51N

Feeders relays used extremely inverse curves, these curves must not interbreed with the curves of General relays, so that there is coordination between them.

TABLA 3: Ajustes de los relés 51 y 51N en el alimentador 3

Voltaje(Kv)	RTC Protección	Línea	Tap	Dial	Corriente de cortocircuito máxima
13,8	300/5	Fase	5	0,8	3820
		Neutro	3	1	4380



GRÁFICA 3: Curva de los relés del alimentador 3

Due to the expansion of the three feeders, the relays of the same curves are the permissible limit of distance with respect to the curves of General relays, in order to increase the margin of coordination with fuses both reclosers.

## Coordination of protections.

Prior to the process of coordination were entered to the CYMDIST program the equivalent impedance of substation (see table 8) and the demand for feeder, the following data were obtained:

- Currents of short circuit in transformers, reclosers and bursts of derivations.
- Load flows with which was the approach for the analysis of ICF (cold load current).

**TABLA 4:** Impedancias equivalentes de la Subestación San

Z	R	X
Z0	0	1,472
Z1	0,274	2,371
Z2	0,273	2,366

Tomada de EMELNORTE

**TABLA 5:** Demandas del alimentador 3

Ia (A)	Ib (A)	Ic (A)
126,9324	155,677	158,13
Fp		
99,0256	98,4855	97,638
Vab (p.u)	Vbc (p.u)	Vca (p.u)
0,931169	0,932265	0,9470

Subsequently identified the possible ramifications of primary, secondary, tertiary and Quaternary, taking into account the sensitivity of the relays and reclosers in more distant areas.

Coordination between relays, reclosers.

To carry out the coordination of reclosers has taken into account the following considerations:

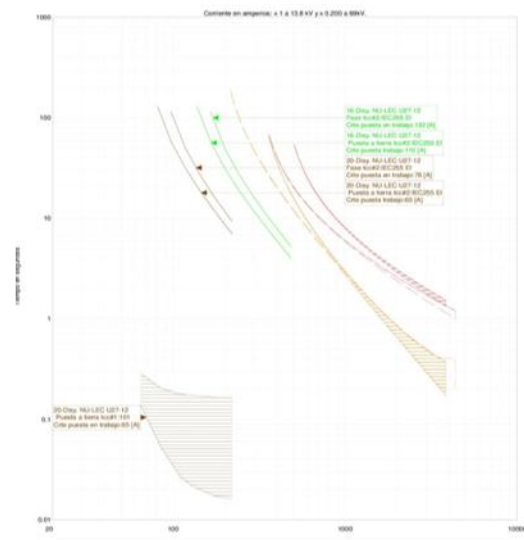
- The curves of the reconnectors must not interfere with the curves of the relays upstream.
- Since the present work has been done under IEC standards the dial setting limit is 0.05 to 1.00.
- Setting should be able to register the currents of short circuit, in the more remote areas corresponding to its area of protection.
- Quick curve in the last Recloser must only be activated, with the aim that the reconnectors upstream act as switches
- Quick curve in the last Recloser should be given the opportunity to be transit

ory and avoid failures that the fuses downstream Act.

- The curves of the fuses in the last Recloser, preferably should not enter into the area of protection of the quick curve.

**TABLA 6:** Ajustes en los reconectores del alimentador tres

N° de reconector	Voltaje (Kv)	Corriente fase	Corriente tierra	Curva rápida activada	Corriente de cortocircuito máxima (A)	Dial
R1	13,8	132	110	NO	485	Fase: 0,8 Tierra: 0,9
R2	13,8	78	65	SI	220	Fase: 0,8 Tierra: 0,9



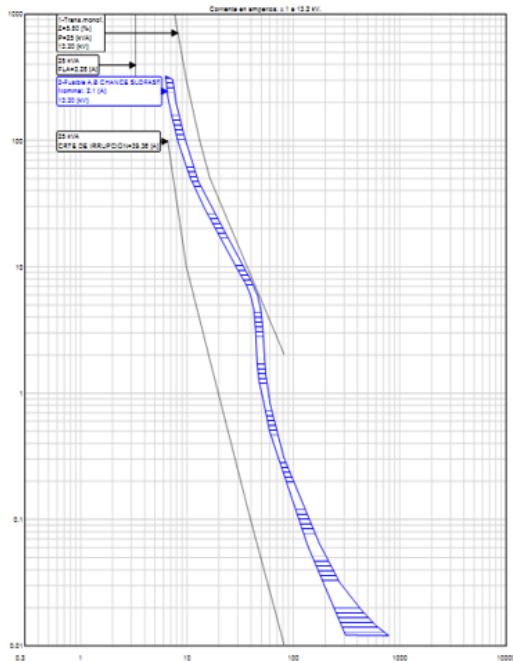
GRÁFICA 4: Coordinación entre reconectores y relés

### Selection of fuses in transformers

Distribution transformers shall be protected with fuses SF, since this fuse curves fit better between magnetization curve as of damage to the transformer, in turn comply with the homologation of fuses.

If the curves of the fuse are under the curve of magnetization of the transformer, fuse will blow against transient faults, at the same time if they

exceed the damage curve transformer, fuse will not protect the transformer to a fault and it will burn in the same way took into account comply with  $ICF < IF$ .



GRÁFICA 5: Coordinación de un fusible SF con el transformador

### Coordination between the fuse type T and SF.

According to the current of short circuit and the SF fuse in the transformer, fuse type T, same will be located at the start of the derivations is selected. Consider that the curves of the fuse type T must be about SF fuse curves.

### Coordination between fuses type T.

They should be located in cascade according to their ability is major to minor. We maintain the criterion of mentioned overlaying previously, so that if two fuses are of same value there is coordination. Fuse type T are responsible for protecting the derivations as they are primary secondary tertiary or Quaternary

ry, have been placed in the boot of the same, it should be emphasized that the backbone must be free of fuses as well as the entire circuit must be homologated.

Analysis for the selection of fuse type T was performed taking into account the currents of short circuit in the derivations and transformers located in the same, since such currents increase in relation to the proximity of the power supply unit.

### First analysis

The first analysis was carried out until the first Recloser, primary bypass, was considered the highest short-circuit current at startup with greater proximity to the same substation which is 2941A, therefore selected fuse 80 T.

The choice of the fuse for secondary derivations, took into account a short circuit current of 2754A which was detected using the CYMDIST program in a transformer of 10KVA, single phase fused a SF 1.0 that running is the most elevated considering the parameter of greater proximity to the substation, therefore, selected fuse 40T, since coordinates with the SF 1.0 up to 2765A and with the 80T to 3700A.

Tertiary referrals are followed the same procedure as described above providing a short circuit current of 1237A in a 10kVA protected with a fuse transformer 0.7 SF was selected a 20T fuse since coordinates with fuse 0.7 to 1270A SF, and in turn coordinates with the fuse up to 2000A 40T.

For one ICF more real was a load flow data provided in table N0 9 at the start of the derivations with greater load, this value multiply by four, leads where there were no currents, proceeded to apply the following formula:  
 $ICF = 4 \times \sum IN$

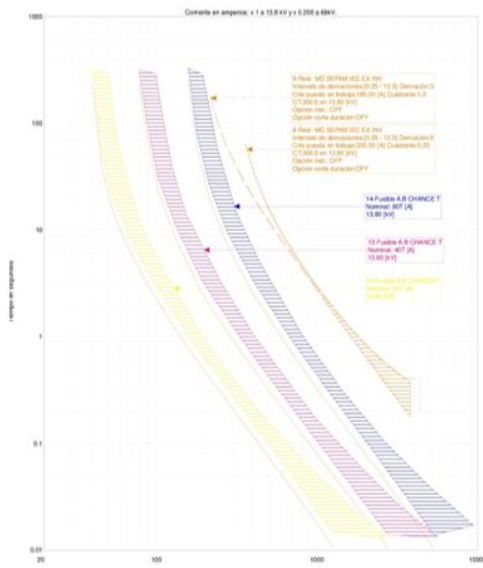
Where:

ICF= Cold charging current

$\sum IN$ =Sum of current ratings of transformers in the derivation.

TABLA 7: Fusibles propuestos

Derivación	Corriente de cortocircuito (A)	ICF(A)	IF(A)	Fusible seleccionado	ICF<IF
Primaria	2941	110	158.2	80T	SI
Secundaria	2754	21,2	78.2	40T	SI
Terciaria	1237	2,4	39,9	20T	SI



GRÁFICA 6: Coordinación de fusibles 80.40 y 20T

## Second analysis

Starts from the first Recloser to last Recloser, once the adjustments (see table N08), proceeded to carry out the coordination under the same slow curve, perform the same process described in the first analysis where the short circuit currents, must be considered as

well as the respective coordination between fuses.

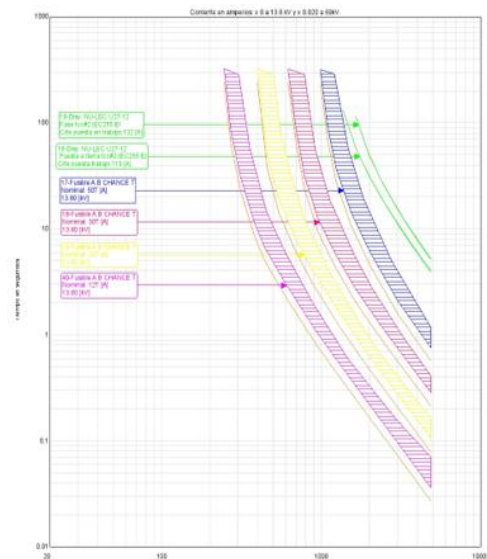
TABLA 8: Ajustes para el primer reconectador

N° de reconectores	Tipo	Voltaje(Kv)	Corriente fase	Corriente tierra	Curva rápida activada	Corriente de cortocircuito máxima (A)	Dial
R1	Electrónico	13,8	132	110	NO	485	Fase:0,8 Tierra:0,9

As mentioned above the feeder is too extensive and taking into account the sensitivity of the Recloser arises the possibility of having Quaternary derivations with the purpose of increasing selectivity.

TABLA 9: Fusibles propuestos

Derivación	Corriente de cortocircuito (A)	ICF	IF	Fusible seleccionado	ICF<IF
Primaria	323	14,8	125.4	65T	SI
Secundaria	295	11,2	78.2	40T	SI
Terciaria	121	2,89	49.7	25T	SI
Cuaternaria	120	2,89	4,4	12T	SI



GRÁFICA 7: Coordinación de fusibles 65.40.25 y 12T

## Third analysis

It corresponds to the last



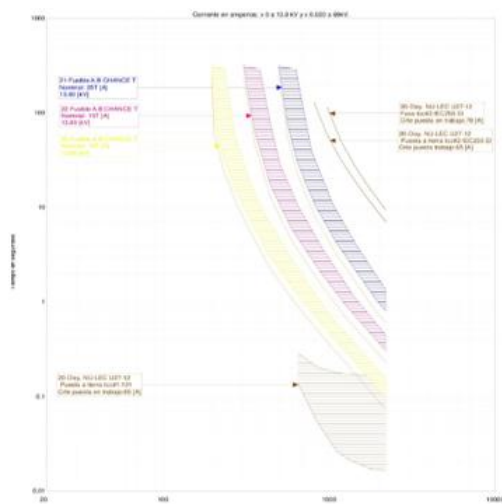
Recloser far more retired feeder, for the analysis and selection of fuses remain the same parameters and criteria previously mentioned.

TABLA 10: Ajustes del segundo reconector

Nº de reconectores	Tipo	Voltaje(Kv)	Corriente fase	Corriente tierra	Curva rápida activada	Corriente de cortocircuito máxima (A)	Dial
R2	Electrónico	13.8	78	65	SI	220	Fase:0.8 Tierra:0.9

TABLA 11: Fusibles propuestos

Derivación	Corriente de cortocircuito (A)	ICF(A)	IF(A)	Fusible seleccionado	ICF<IF
Primaria	152	11,2	49.7	25T	SI
Secundaria	149	7,6	30.48	15T	SI
Terciaria	146	0,8	19.63	10T	SI



GRÁFICA 8: Coordinación de fusibles 25, 15 y 10T

## Conclusions and recommendations

### Conclusions

- Short circuit currents have a directly proportional relationship with the impedance of the electric power system and in turn decrease depending on the extent of the feeder.
- Coordination of the relays in the substation curves are adjusted according to a previous study that establishes coordination of the subtransmission system until bar 69

kV of the points of connection with the national transmission system by which these are a reference to coordinate protection of substation feeders teams San Vicente.

• When in a trunk is more than one Recloser, only must be activated fast last Recloser curve waters beneath the substation, for Recloser upstream operate as a circuit breaker at the time that occurs between these two reclosers failure because otherwise there would be undue operations between these two teams and otherwise comply with the criteria of coordination.

• There's no problem of coordination in place conventional transformers or auto protected, since the latter have a protection magneto thermal fault internal and External fault an NH fuse and its secondary side, SF fuse is located in the primary.

• A fuse melting depends on both the duration and the magnitude of the fault current flowing through it.

• Fuse SF curve, is that best fits between damage and magnetization curve in distribution transformers, which guarantees greater protection against fault currents.

• Approval of fuses decreases the response time by staff of maintenance, to eventual failure.

### Recommendations

- Prior to performing the load flow in CYMDIST take into account units in which these values are.
- 2AWG wire supports a current maximum 180A, with this current are carried out sensitivity settings in the reclosers, however, we must consider that currents decrease as they move away from the substation and that, to reduce this current depending on the short-circuit current, we can increase the sensitivity of the reconnectors in more remote areas.

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