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#### As per list attached

Sub.:- Combined meetings of the Standing Committees on Power System Planning - Additional Agenda

Sir.

This is in continuation to our earlier letter of even no. dated 02.08.2013, the additional agenda with respect to the study report on Dynamic Compensation at 13 locations in WR,ER,NR and SR as received from POWERGRID is available at CEA website: www.cea.nic.in (path to access - Home Page -Wing specific document /power system related reports / standing committee on power system planning).

Yours faithfully,

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- 1.0 Proposal for Dynamic Compensations in Northern Region, Eastern Region, Western Region and Southern Region.
- 1.1 In the previous standing committee meeting of NR, ER, WR and SR Static Var Compensators (SVC) / STATCOMs of  $\pm$  400 MVAR was agreed at 13 locations. It was also agreed that the choice of SVCs / STATCOMs would be evaluated through relevant studies for technology selection.
- 1.2 POWERGRID has informed that in order to finalize the technology, rating / sizing of dynamic compensation for Indian grid condition, they have interacted with various manufactures and utilities. POWERGRID has appointed Dr. Narain G. Hingorani an expert in the field of HVDC, FACTS, Power System as consultant and had detailed deliberation on the technological and rating aspects of requirement of dynamic compensation. The conclusion of deliberation is given below:
  - a) For dynamic compensation, STATCOM is preferred over SVCs in view of its faster response, requirement of less space and above all its state-of-the-art technology.
  - b) The STATCOMs may be combined with mechanically switched Reactors & Capacitors controlled by STATCOM controller. The STATCOM would be primarily for dynamic compensation while the mechanically switched reactors / capacitors would be for reactive compensation under steady state.
- 1.3 Accordingly, POWERGRID has carried out studies comparing STATCOM with SVC. Based on the studies, STATCOMs has been proposed to meet the dynamic reactive compensation requirements at following sub-stations:

| SI.<br>No.       | Location        | Dynamic<br>Compensation<br>(STATCOM) | Mechanically Switched Compensation (MVAR) |           |  |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|--|
|                  |                 |                                      | Reactor                                   | Capacitor |  |
| North            | ern Region:     | •                                    |   |           |  |
| 1.               | Nalagarh        | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 2 x 125   |  |
| 2.               | New Lucknow     | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| West             | ern Region:     |                                      |   |           |  |
| 3.               | Solapur         | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| 4.               | Gwalior         | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| 5.               | Satna           | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| 6.               | Aurangabad (PG) | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| Southern Region: |                 |                                      |   |           |  |
| 7.               | Hyderabad (PG)  | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| 8.               | Udumalpet       | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| 9.               | Trichy          | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
| Eastern Region:  |                 |                                      |   |           |  |
| 10.              | Rourkela        | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | -         |  |
| 11.              | Kishanganj      | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | -         |  |
| 12.              | Ranchi (New)    | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | -         |  |
| 13.              | Jeypore         | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR                    | 2 x 125                                   | 2 x 125   |  |

- 1.4 The study report is enclosed. POWERGRID to make a presentation on the study.
- 1.5 Members may deliberate.

# **Studies for Dynamic Compensation (STATCOM) requirements**

### 1.0 Background

In the recent past, the dynamic compensation in the form of Static Var Compensator (SVC) was agreed Standing Committee for Power System Planning of various regions which include NR, ER, WR and SR.

Further analysis has been carried out in order to finalise the technology, size etc which would be suitable to Indian Grid conditions. In this process, a series of meetings/discussions with various manufacturers and utilities were undertaken in order to get the insight of the technology along with their opinion/feedback.

To further assist on the above, Dr. Narain G. Hingorani, a consultant of International repute in the field of HVDC, FACTS, Power Electronics, Power Systems and T&D was appointed. After detailed deliberation with him, the following conclusions have been arrived at:

- For dynamic compensation, STATCOM is preferred over SVCs in view of its faster response, requirement of less space and above all its state-of-the-art technology.
- The STATCOMs may be combined with mechanically switched Reactors & Capacitors controlled by STATCOM controller. The STATCOM would be primarily for dynamic compensation while the mechanically switched reactors / capacitors would be for reactive compensation under steady state.

Based on the above, studies were carried out for STATCOM as compared to SVC. The details of the studies are given below:

### 2.0 Dynamic Compensation

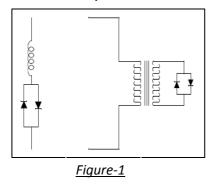
The dynamic compensation facilitates enhanced voltage stability by providing reactive power support to the power system. **Voltage stability** is the ability of a system to maintain steady acceptable voltages at all the buses in the system at all conditions. The ability to transfer reactive power from production source to consumption areas during steady-state operating conditions is a major problem of voltage stability. A system mainly enters a state of voltage instability when a disturbance, increase in load demand, or change in system condition cause a progressive and uncontrollable decline in voltage.

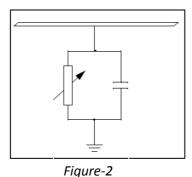
This situation of Voltage instability can be avoided by: (a) appropriate load shedding on the consumer network; (b) on load tap changers; (c) adequate reactive compensation (series and/or shunt). Therefore, the key contributing factor in voltage collapse is the rapid and progressive loss of voltage controllability due to reactive limit violations.

### 2.1 Static Var Compensator (SVC)

A Static Var Compensator (SVC) is a parallel combination of controlled shunt reactor and capacitor to regulate the voltage at a bus, where it is installed. The arrangement shown in Figure–1 below, is that of a controlled shunt reactor in which thyristors are in series with a reactor that directly control the current flow through the reactor. The effect of controlled firing of the thyristors is to control the effective fundamental frequency admittance of the thyristor-reactor unit as seen from its high-voltage terminals.

Figure–2 below shows the arrangement of combination of controlled reactor in parallel to shunt capacitor.





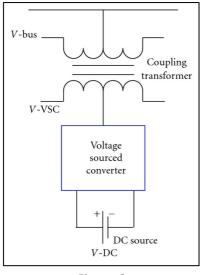
- With the reactor turned "off" through thyristor switching, the installation is a shunt capacitor that will supply reactive power to the system.
- The reactor may be turned "on" in controlled fashion to absorb reactive power of varying quantum, thereby the effective value of reactive VARs absorbed from the system or supplied to the system can be controlled.

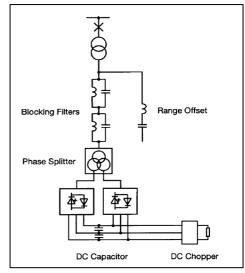
In addition SVC also helps in Steady State voltage control, Dynamic voltage control during disturbance, reduction of temporary & dynamic overvoltage, improving transient stability and damping of power oscillations.

### 2.2 Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM)

A Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) is a voltage source converter (VSC)-based device, with the voltage source behind a reactor. The voltage source is created from a DC capacitor and therefore a STATCOM has very little active power capability. The reactive power at the terminals of the STATCOM depends on the amplitude of the voltage source. For example, if the terminal voltage of the VSC is higher than the AC voltage at the point of connection, the STATCOM generates reactive current; on the other hand, when the amplitude of the voltage source is lower than the AC voltage, it absorbs reactive power. The response time of a STATCOM is shorter than that of an SVC, mainly due to the fast switching times provided by the IGBTs of the voltage source converter. The STATCOM also provides better reactive power support at low AC voltages than an SVC, since the reactive power from a STATCOM decreases linearly

with the AC voltage (as the current can be maintained at the rated value even down to low AC voltage).



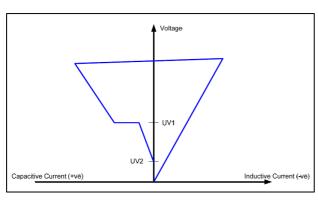


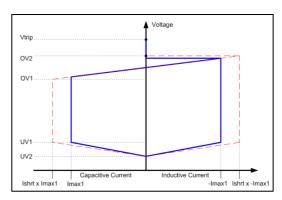
<u>Figure-3</u> <u>Figure-4</u>

Figure-3 & 4 shows STATCOMs principal diagram and single line diagram respectively.

## 2.3 STATCOM v/s SVC

Figure-5 & 6 shows VI characteristic of SVC & STATCOMs respectively





<u>Figure-5</u> <u>Figure-6</u>

Further advantages of STATCOM as compared to an SVC are

The reactive power compensation provided by the STATCOM is more than the SVC because at a low voltage limit, the reactive power drops off as the square of the voltage for the SVC, where Mvar=f(BV²), but drops off linearly with the STATCOM, where Mvar=f(VI). This makes the reactive power controllability of the STATCOM superior to that of the SVC, particularly during times of system distress.

When the system voltage drops sufficiently due to loss of parallel line to force the STATCOM output current to its ceiling, its maximum reactive output current will not be affected by the voltage magnitude. Therefore, it exhibits constant current characteristic. In contrast the SVC's MVA output is proportional to the square of the

voltage magnitude. Thus the capacitive reactive power decreases, just when needed. This is major disadvantage of SVC.

 STATCOM at reduced voltage can still inject maximum current, whereas SVC current capability reduces in proportion to voltage. As a result, STATCOM has superior dynamic response and for comparison, STATCOM may be rated for 75% of SVC rating for same performance in response to line fault.

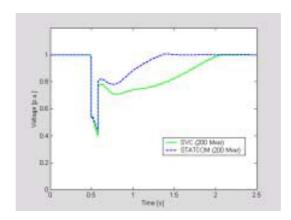


Figure-7: Voltage variation with SVC & STATCOM

Analytical examination reveals that a STATCOM stability loop is more robust than an SVC with respect to the variation in the network capacity; i.e. for loss of a parallel path. STATCOM also has a quicker response time (step response of 8 ms to 30ms).

- Active power control is possible with a STATCOM (with optional energy storage on dc circuit). This could further help with system stability control.
- SVCs with TCR need harmonic filters at least 5th-7th, 11th-13th and high pass. The capacitive filter rating is in the range of 30–50% of the TCR size. Filter is not switched and therefore the TCR is offset by 30-50% in capacitive direction. Also low order harmonic filters, depending on the system impedance, may lead to harmonic resonance in the field and may need field modifications. This is also a major disadvantage of TCR. On the other hand, Thyristor Switched Reactors (TSRs) do not need filters but may not be as helpful in damping system oscillations as a continuously variable TCR. Therefore along with TSRs and TSCs, a TCR of a size somewhat greater than each TSR and TSC is still required.

With Thyristors TCR has no current limitation for over-voltage once the reactor is fully in. The STATCOM on the other hand has to be designed for the maximum allowable temporary over voltage in the system.

 No potential for creating a resonance point, as no capacitor banks or reactors are required to generate the reactive power. For modern STATCOMs, only a small blocking filter is required and do not need field modifications.

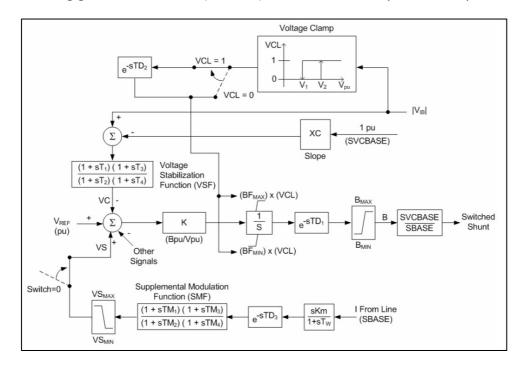
- Requires smaller installation space as no capacitors or reactors are required to generate Mvar, minimal or no filtering, and the availability of high capacity power semiconductor devices.
- Designs of systems of equal dynamic ranges have shown the STATCOM to be as much as 1/3 the area and 1/5 the volume of an SVC.
- The modular design of the STATCOM allows for high availability (i.e., one or more modules of the STATCOM can be out-of-service without the loss of the entire compensation system). Standardized STATCOMs of +/-50 MVAR can be delivered in containers, fully tested in the factory. Several of these units can be configured as a fully parallel operating system. STATCOMS are generally expandable and relocatable.
- STATCOM can balance the voltages, i.e. decrease negative sequence voltage.
- Due to higher device stresses in the capacitive direction, the capacitive rating may be about 10% less than its inductive rating. STATCOM can be offset with TSC or MSC or TSR or MSR as needed.

### 3.0 System Studies for Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM)

The system studies were performed considering all India network corresponding to 2016-17 time frame peak load conditions

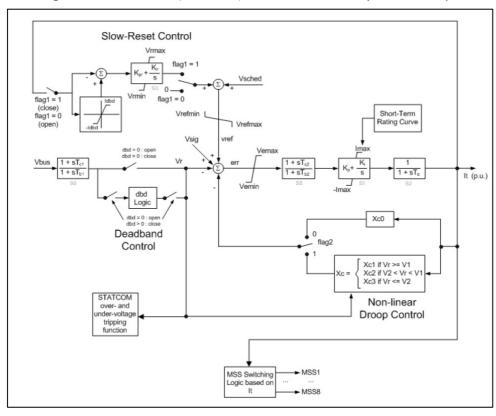
### 3.1 SVC model considered in the Study:

Following generic SVC model (CHSVCT) was taken in the dynamic study:



# 3.2 STATCOM model considered in the Study:

Following STATCOM model (SVSMO3) was taken in the dynamic study:



## 3.3 Voltage Profile Analysis for Candidate Locations:

The voltage profile analysis has been carried out for the 400kV inter-state transmission system (ISTS) buses in Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern Region where the SVC were agreed. The comparative analysis of the voltages and MVAR injection at each location with SVC and STATCOM both for peak and off-peak conditions are given in respective Exhibits.

| SI.<br>No.       | Bus Name         | Short<br>Circuit | Peak Dynamic results Exhibit No. |        | Off-peak Dynamic results<br>Exhibit No. |         |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---|---------|
|                  |                  | (GVA/kA)         | Voltage                          | MVAR   | Voltage                                 | MVAR    |
| Nort             | Northern Region: |                  |                                  |        |   |         |
| 1.               | Nalagarh         | 19.3 / 27.8      | 1-P(a)                           | 1-P(b) | 1-OP(a)                                 | 1-OP(b) |
| 2.               | New Lucknow      | 34.6 / 50.0      | 2-P(a)                           | 2-P(b) | 2-OP(a)                                 | 2-OP(b) |
| Wes              | Western Region:  |                  |                                  |        |   |         |
| 3.               | Solapur          | 24.0 / 34.6      | 3-P(A)                           | 3-P(B) | 3-O(A)                                  | 3-O(B)  |
| 4.               | Gwalior          | 16.6 / 24.0      | 4-P(A)                           | 4-P(B) | 4-O(A)                                  | 4-O(B)  |
| 5.               | Satna            | 27.2 / 39.3      | 5-P(A)                           | 5-P(B) | 5-O(A)                                  | 5-O(B)  |
| 6.               | Aurangabad (PG)  | 30.0 / 43.3      | 6-P(A)                           | 6-P(B) | 6-O(A)                                  | 6-O(B)  |
| Southern Region: |                  |                  |                                  |        |   |         |
| 7.               | Hyderabad (PG)   | 18.4 / 26.5      | 7-P(a)                           | 7-P(b) | 7-OP(a)                                 | 7-OP(b) |
| 8.               | Udumalpet        | 19.4 / 28.0      | 8-P(a)                           | 8-P(b) | 8-OP(a)                                 | 8-OP(b) |
| 9.               | Trichy           | 12.5 / 18.0      | 9-P(a)                           | 9-P(b) | 9-OP(a)                                 | 9-OP(b) |

| Eastern Region: |              |             |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10.             | Jeypore      | 10 / 14.4   | 10-P(a) | 10-P(b) | 10-O(a) | 10-O(b) |
| 11.             | Kishanganj   | 20.2 / 29.2 | 11-P(a) | 11-P(b) | 11-O(a) | 11-O(b) |
| 12.             | Ranchi (New) | 32.2 / 46.5 | 12-P(a) | 12-P(b) | 12-O(a) | 12-O(b) |
| 13.             | Rourkela     | 25.5 / 36.8 | 13-P(a) | 13-P(b) | 13-O(a) | 13-O(b) |

The study results show improvement in voltage profile with STATCOMs compared to that with the SVCs.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

For optimisation of dynamic compensation, hybrid solutions of STATCOM along with mechanically switched capacitors & reactors controlled by STATCOM controller has been considered. The STATCOM would be primarily for dynamic compensation while the mechanically switched reactors / capacitors would be for reactive compensation under steady state. Accordingly, in place of  $\pm$  400 MVAR dynamic compensation in the form of SVC approved earlier, a variable component of  $\pm$ 200 MVAR to  $\pm$ 300 MVAR has been considered while the balance reactive compensation has been provided through Mechanically Switched Reactors & Capacitors.

Based on the above considerations and studies, it is proposed that following STATCOMs may be considered to meet the dynamic reactive compensation requirements at following sub-stations:

| SI.<br>No.       | Location        | Dynamic<br>Compensation | Mechanically Switched Compensation (MVAR) |           |  |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|--|
|                  |                 | (STATCOM)               | Reactor                                   | Capacitor |  |
| Northern Region: |                 | 1                       |   |           |  |
| 14.              | Nalagarh        | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR       | 2 x 125                                   | 2 x 125   |  |
| 15.              | New Lucknow     | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR       | 2 x 125                                   | 1 x 125   |  |
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| East             | ern Region:     |                         |   |           |  |
| 23.              | Rourkela        | <u>+</u> 300 MVAR       | 2 x 125                                   | -         |  |
| 24.              | Kishanganj      | <u>+</u> 200 MVAR       | 2 x 125                                   | -         |  |
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