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System Description





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Purpose

This is APA DEWAP Pty Ltd (APA DEWAP) System Description prepared in accordance with the Pilbara Network Access Code (“PNAC”), the Pilbara Network Rules (“PNR”) and the Harmonised Technical Rules (“HTR”).

Section 36 of the PNAC establishes the need for this document as follows:

36. Obligation to publish information

- 1. An NSP for a light regulation network must in accordance with this Code prepare, publish and maintain the following instruments in respect of the light regulation network:
 - a. a system description;**

The system description requirements are set out in Section 9 of the PNAC as follows:

The “system description requirements” for a light regulation network are that the description includes at least:

- 1. a map showing the geographical extent of the light regulation network;*
- 2. a simplified single line diagram of the light regulation network that shows the location of key facilities;*
- 3. all constraint rules which may affect access to or use of the network;*
- 4. current limit advice provided to the ISO under the PNR;*
- 5. any other technical constraints in the light regulation network that will or are reasonably likely to materially affect access to or use of the network;*
- 6. reasonable information about the light regulation network’s capacity in key locations.*

Effective Date

This System Description is correct as at 1 July 2021.

Other Relevant Policies

The System Description should be read in conjunction with the APA DEWAP Contributions Policy.



APA DEWAP System

The assets associated with APA DEWAP’s Port Hedland operations include the APA DEWAP Network¹ and the operation of its Port Hedland Power Station.

APA DEWAP Port Hedland Assets

Figure 2 (attached at the end of this document) provides a map of the APA DEWAP Network, which consists of three 66kV feeders comprising of about 22.5km of 75MVA conductor, of which:

- two feeders connect Port Hedland Power Station to the Horizon Power network substations of Wedgefield and Murdoch; and
- a single line runs between and connects the Port Hedland Power Station’s two sites of generation (at Port Hedland and Boodarie).

A printable version of the SLD shown at Figure 3 (attached at the end of this document) is available on the APA DEWAP website: www.apa.com.au/our-services/other-energyservices/electricity-interconnectors/north-west-interconnected-system-nwis/.

The APA DEWAP Port Hedland Power Station has an operational capacity of around 175MW.

The table below describes the thermal ratings / limits of APA DEWAP’s transmission lines:

APA DEWAP’s Transmission Line	Summer 45°C	Limiting Component	Protection Operate Limit	MVA
Hedland Power Station – Boodarie Power Station 66kV Line	1014A	Conductor	1560A	109
Hedland Power Station – Murdoch Drive Substation 66kV Line	670A	Conductor	1560A	75
Hedland Power Station – Wedgefield Substation 66kV Line	860A	Conductor	1560A	98

APA DEWAP Network Operation

APA DEWAP operates the APA DEWAP Network on a ‘n-1’ basis². Therefore, the two 66kV feeders that connect APA DEWAP’s Port Hedland Power Station to the Horizon Power network (at Wedgefield and Murdoch) operate as a single connection on an n-1 basis. This provides approximately 68MW of firm network capacity. Figure 1 presents a conceptual view of this below.

¹ The PNAC defines the APA Port Hedland Network as the network comprising -

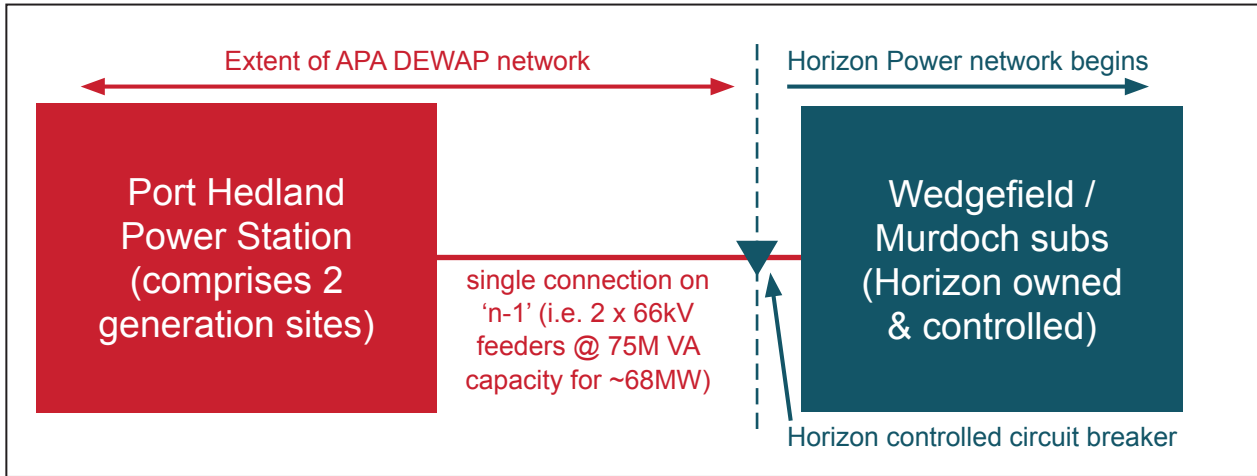
(a) the network as at the code commencement date used for connecting APA’s Port Hedland and Boodarie power stations with each other, and with Horizon Power’s Wedgefield and Murdoch substations; and
(b) any augmentation of the network which forms part of the network under section 4(1) [of the PNAC].

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² Noting the one exception, as outlined within the APA DEWAP Planning Standards, that the HPS-TIG 66kV Transmission Line tee-off operates on an n-0 basis which only impacts the network users who utilise that connection point.”

FIGURE 1 – CONCEPT OF APA DEWAP NETWORK OPERATING PHILOSOPHY



This mode of n-1 operation is necessitated by good electricity industry practice, since the loss of a single 66kV feeder would see all load immediately transfer to the 66kV feeder which remains in service. Operating on an n-1 basis therefore avoids the 66kV feeder that remains in-service being overloaded, and therefore also lost due to the load exceeding its physical thermal capacity.

APA DEWAP Network Capacity

At the time of this publication, there are three contracted users of the APA DEWAP Network who all have firm network usage rights under long term agreements. In total, these users have contracted 120MW of firm network capacity, which operates in conjunction with a contractually set tiered ranking of priority. There is a further 50MW of non-firm, 'as available' capacity that is also contracted by the three existing users.

The combination of the APA DEWAP Network users' current contracted firm plus non-firm network usage rights see no availability of firm network capacity capable of being contracted by new prospective users of the APA DEWAP Network without user funded augmentation in accordance with the APA DEWAP Contributions Policy available on the APA DEWAP website: www.apa.com.au/our-services/other-energy-services/electricity-interconnectors/north-west-interconnected-system-nwis/.

FIGURE 2: APA DEWAP GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT

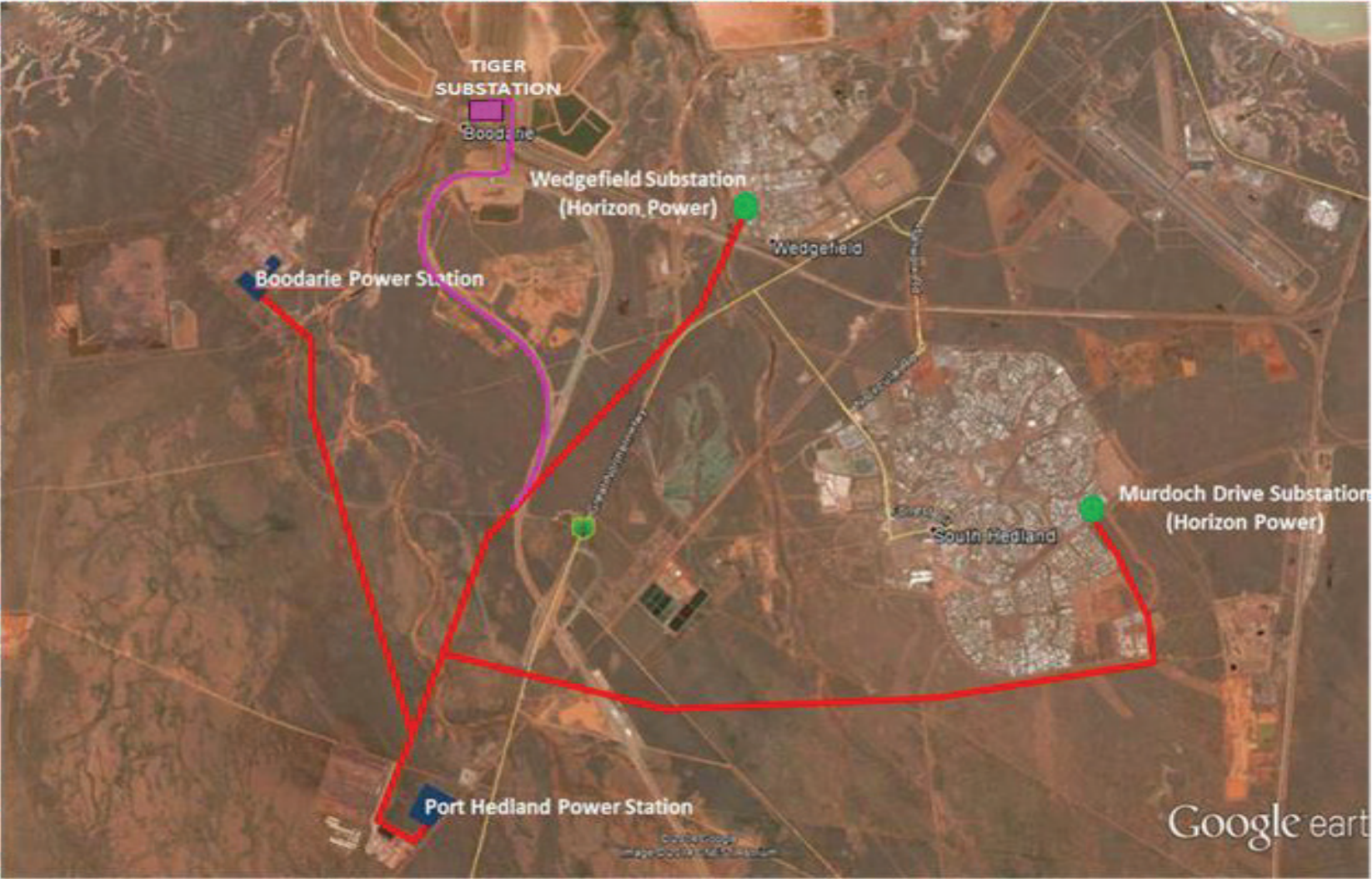
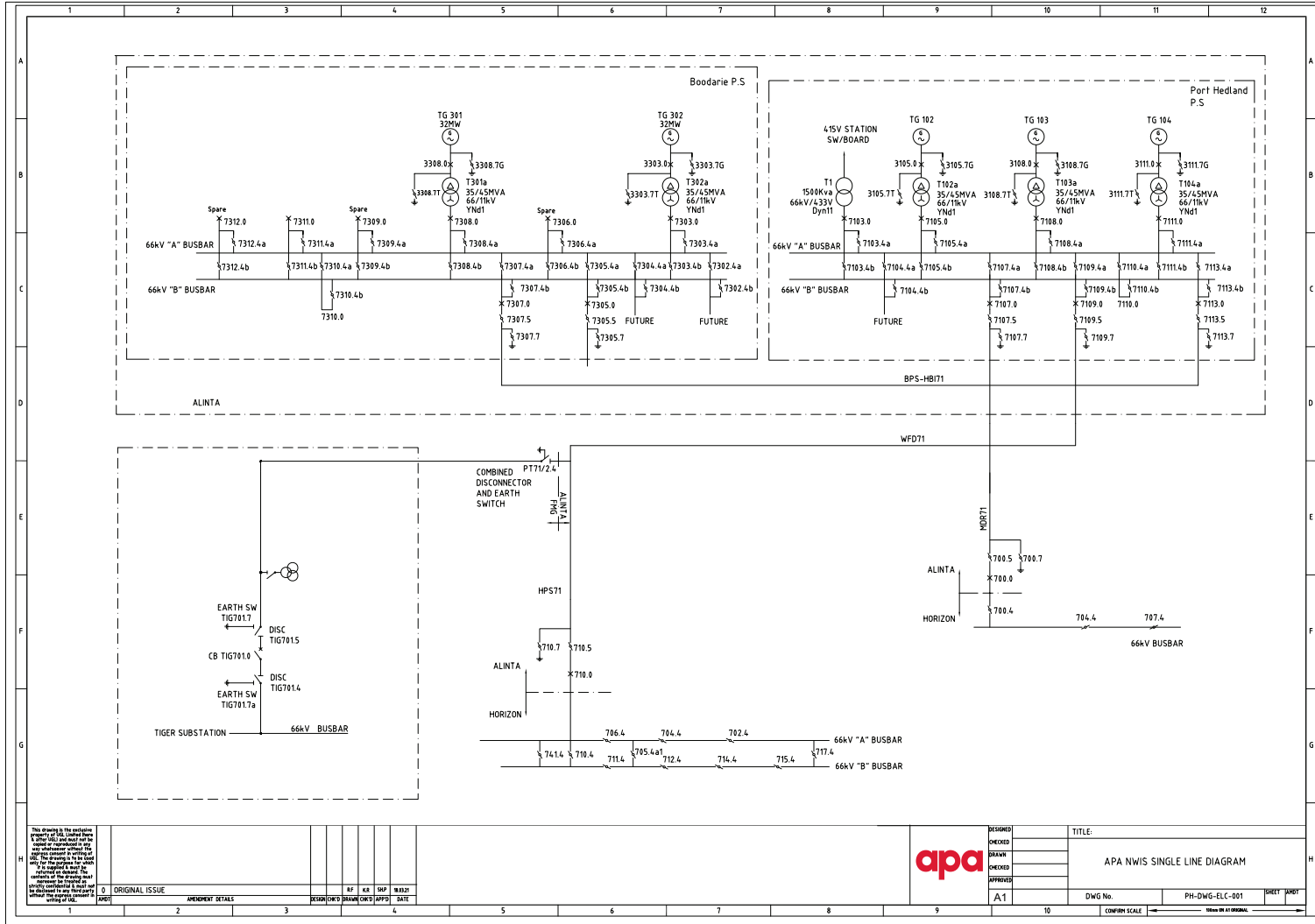




FIGURE 3: APA DEWAP SINGLE LINE DIAGRAM



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