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NS191 BATTERIES AND BATTERY CHARGERS IN MAJOR SUBSTATIONS



ISSUE

For issue to all Ausgrid and Accredited Service Providers' staff involved with Batteries and Battery Chargers in Major Substations, and is for reference by field, technical and engineering staff.

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Notes: 1. Compliance with this Network Standard does not automatically satisfy the requirements of a Designer Safety Report. The designer must comply with the provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (NSW - Part 6.2 Duties of designer of structure and person who commissions construction work) which requires the designer to provide a written safety report to the person who commissioned the design. This report must be provided to Ausgrid in all instances, including where the design was commissioned by or on behalf of a person who proposes to connect premises to Ausgrid's network, and will form part of the Designer Safety Report which must also be presented to Ausgrid. Further information is provided in Network Standard (NS) 212 Integrated Support Requirements for Ausgrid Network Assets.

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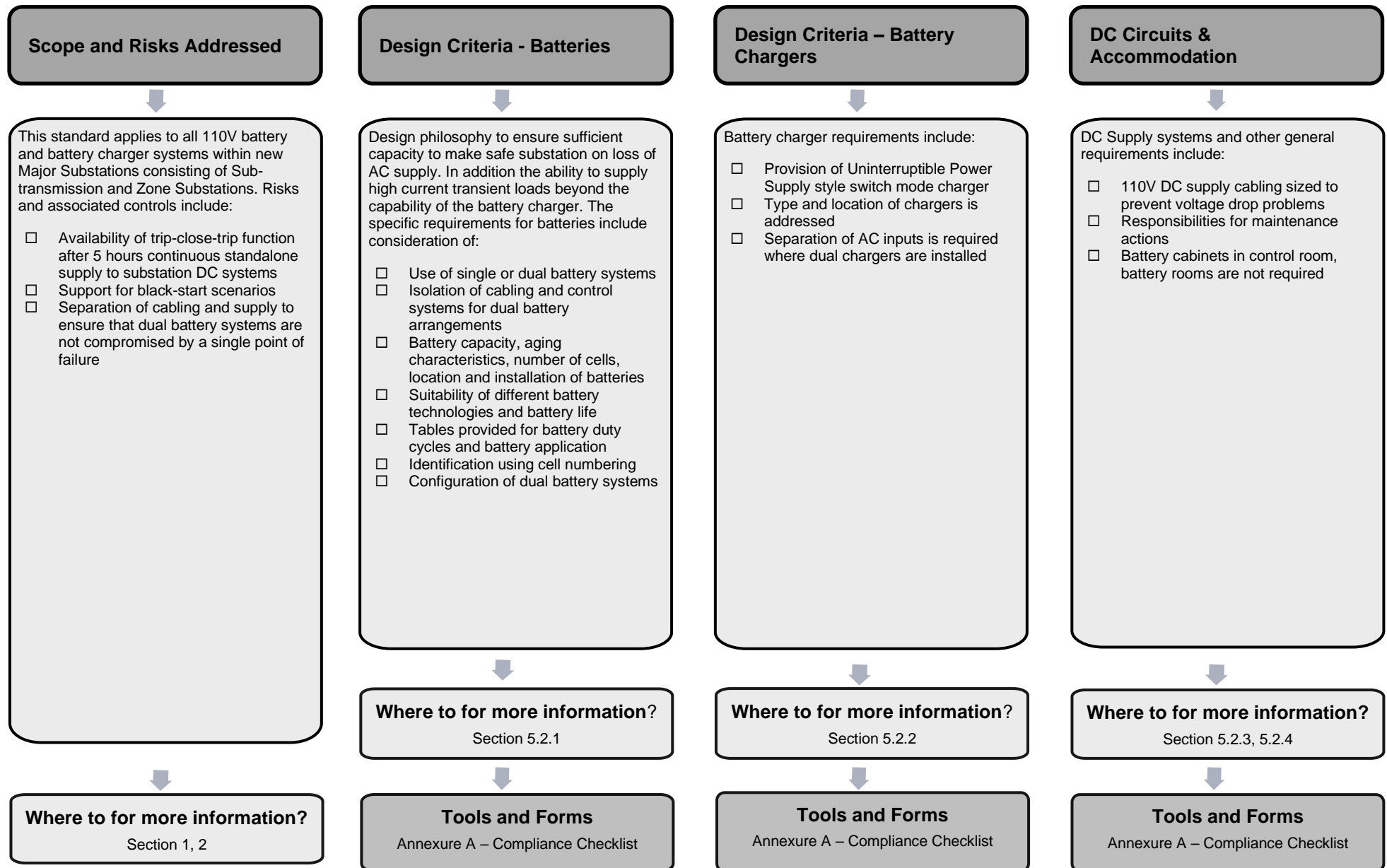
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KEY POINTS OF THIS STANDARD



Network Standard
NS191
Batteries and Battery Chargers in Major Substations

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1.0 PURPOSE

Battery and battery charger systems must be designed for the purpose intended and to meet the requirements of all applicable standards.

The primary role of the substation battery system is to provide a source of energy that is independent of the primary ac supply, so that in the event of the loss of the primary supply the substation control systems that require energy to operate can still do so safely.

2.0 SCOPE

This standard applies to all 110 V battery and battery charger systems within new Major Substations consisting of Sub-transmission and Zone Substations.

3.0 REFERENCES

3.1 Ausgrid documents

- Company Form (Governance) - Network Document Endorsement and Approval
- Company Procedure (Governance) - Network Document Endorsement and Approval
- Company Procedure (Network) - Production / Review of Network Standards
- Control Room Advice No. 461
- Customer Installation Safety Plan
- Electrical Safety Rules
- Electricity Network Safety Management System Manual
- NEG SM 04.7- Substation Battery Size, Type and Black-start Strategy
- NS181 Approval of Materials and Equipment and Network Standard Variations
- NS185 Major Substation Building Design Standard
- NS186 Major Substations Civil Works Design Standards
- NS212 Integrated Support Requirements for Ausgrid Network Assets

3.2 Other standards and documents

- AS 2676 - Installation and maintenance of batteries in buildings.
- AS 3011 - Electrical installations - Secondary batteries installed in buildings.
- AS 4044 - Battery chargers for stationary batteries.
- ENA Doc 001-2008 National Electricity Network Safety Code.
- IEEE 485-1997 revised 2003: Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications.
- IEEE 1115-2000 revised 2005: Recommended Practice for Sizing Nickel-Cadmium Batteries for Stationary Applications.
- IEEE 1184-2006 IEEE Guide for Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems.
- IEEE 1189-1996: Guide for Selection of Valve-Regulated Lead-Acid (VRLA) Batteries for Stationary Applications.

3.3 Acts and regulations

- Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2014 (NSW)
- Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Regulation 2011

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Accredited Service Provider (ASP)	An individual or entity accredited by the NSW Government Trade & Investment in accordance with the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 (NSW).
Business Management System (BMS)	An Ausgrid internal integrated policy and procedure framework that contains the approved version of documents.
DC-DC Converter	A DC-to-DC converter is an electronic circuit which converts a source of direct current (DC) from one voltage level to another.
Document control	Ausgrid employees who work with printed copies of document must check the BMS regularly to monitor version control. Documents are considered "UNCONTROLLED IF PRINTED", as indicated in the footer.
Network Standard	A document, including Network Planning Standards, that describes the Company's minimum requirements for planning, design, construction, maintenance, technical specification, environmental, property and metering activities on the distribution and transmission network. These documents are stored in the Network Category of the BMS repository.
Review date	Valve regulated lead acid battery. The type in use at Ausgrid use gel cells which have silica dust added to the electrolyte forming a thick putty-like gel. Due to their construction they can be mounted in any orientation and do not require regular maintenance.
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
VRLA battery	Valve-Regulated Lead-Acid Battery

5.0 BATTERIES AND BATTERY CHARGERS

5.1 General design principals

5.1.1 Performance criteria

Battery and battery charger systems must be designed for the purpose intended and to meet the requirements of all applicable standards.

The primary role of the substation battery system is to provide a source of energy that is independent of the primary ac supply, so that in the event of the loss of the primary supply the substation control systems that require energy to operate can still do so safely.

The battery is required to supply the DC electrical requirements of the substation, including SCADA, control, protection indication, communications and circuit breaker switching operations when there is no output from the battery charger. This may be due to a loss of AC supply to the substation or a fault in the battery charger. Under these conditions the battery shall supply the DC loads for a minimum period of 5 hours after which time the battery should then be able to supply trip-close-trip operations of a HV circuit breaker which would typically restore supply to the battery charger. The 5 hour capacity allows for ageing and a given minimum cell voltage under load at the end of discharge. There will be nominally no remaining capacity on the battery at the end of the 5 hour period if subjected to the given duty cycle at the end of its service life.

The absolute minimum requirement is that the battery has sufficient energy to allow the substation to be made safe on loss of ac supply. A secondary requirement is to provide high capacity support to the battery charger for operating high current transient loads that are beyond the charger's capability.

5.1.2 Design philosophy

Batteries shall have a minimum capacity that is sufficient to supply the duty cycle requirements specified in Section 5.2.1.1.

The number of batteries provided, and the physical & electrical separation of these, shall be in accordance with Section 5.2.1.2.

Where a 50 V DC supply is required for substation communications systems, this shall be supplied from the 110V DC battery via a 50V DC-DC converter.

Substation battery systems are one of the essential elements affecting Ausgrid's ability to assist in the restoration of normal power system operation from a black system condition in accordance with the National Electricity Rules. For this reason Ausgrid's procedures require the conservation of stored energy systems, including battery supplies, in the event of a black system condition. This may include the switching off of certain DC loads, and restrictions on the use of other loads, for the duration of any black system condition. In such situations, the provision of alternative means (such as generators) to supply substation auxiliary supply systems is also considered. Refer Ausgrid Control Room Advice No. 461.

5.2 Design Criteria

5.2.1 Batteries

5.2.1.1 Battery type and configuration

All new batteries shall consist of valve regulated gel cell lead acid cells.

The battery cells shall be suitable for mounting on their sides.

The configuration and nominal capacity of the batteries shall be derived as follows. From a fully charged state the batteries must be capable of meeting both Duty A and Duty B as shown in the table below:

Table 1 - Configuration and Nominal Capacity of Batteries

Battery Type	Zone Substation (solenoid operated CBs)		Sub Transmission Substations (solenoid operated CBs)		Zone Substations (spring operated CBs)	
	Duty A	Duty B	Duty A	Duty B	Duty A	Duty B
Load Duty	Duty A	Duty B	Duty A	Duty B	Duty A	Duty B
Nominal capacity	*200 Ah		*160 Ah		*200 Ah	
Discharge Current	20 A	20 A	15 A	15 A	25 A	25 A
Discharge Time	5 hr	2 hr	5 hr	2 hr	5 hr	2 hr
Followed immediately by:						
Discharge Current	150 A	240 A	150 A	240 A	35 A	45 A
Discharge Time	10 sec	10 sec	10 sec	10 sec	10 sec	10 sec
End terminal voltage not less than:	100 V	100 V	100 V	100 V	100 V	100 V
Battery ageing factor	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
50V supply via:	dc-dc converter		dc-dc converter		dc-dc converter	
Temperature operating range	+5oC to 45°C		+5oC to 45°C		+5oC to 45°C	
Service life required	>7 years		>7 years		>7 years	
Accommodation	Cabinet		Cabinet		Cabinet	
Chemistry	VRLA		VRLA		VRLA	
Cells in series	54		54		54	
Float voltage (manufacturer specific)	124.9 V (2.23 V / cell typical)		124.9 V (2.23 V / cell typical)		124.9 V (2.23 V / cell typical)	
Boost voltage (max) (manufacturer specific)	135.0 V (2.41 V cell typical)		135.0 V (2.41 V cell typical)		135.0 V (2.41 V cell typical)	

Note: These are nominal capacities only - actual battery capacities are dependent on discharge rates, final battery voltages and the type of loads to be supplied.

5.2.1.2 Number of batteries

Substations with duplicated protection systems shall have dual (2) battery systems - one for each protection system.

Substations that do not have remote back-up protection systems shall also have dual battery systems. Substations without duplicated protection systems, and which have remote back-up protection, shall have a single (1) battery system.

Where dual battery systems are provided the batteries and associated chargers, including all associated wiring, shall be kept physically and electrically isolated to ensure that potential problems with one system do not affect the other. Each battery shall have a separate dedicated charger.

'A' and 'B' protection systems shall be supplied by different batteries and the overall substation DC load shall be distributed as evenly as possible between the two batteries, for example 'A' protection and SCADA supplied by battery 1, 'B' protection, local control, protection, indication and communications, etc supplied by battery 2.

5.2.1.3 Cell Casing

Cell casings shall be clear or translucent material fitted with safety (anti-explosion) vents.

5.2.1.4 Connections

All bolts, nuts, fasteners and electrical connections shall be of material that is resistant to corrosion.

5.2.1.5 Cell numbering

Battery cells shall be numbered in accordance with AS2676.2 i.e. each cell shall be marked with a cell number beginning with number "1" at the positive end of the battery.

It should be noted that Ausgrid has previously numbered cells beginning at the negative end of the battery. There is no need to renumber old batteries although there will be an impact on the cell number from which taps are taken for 80V tripping tests as follows:

Table 2 - Configuration and Nominal Capacity of Batteries

Battery Type	80V Tap
VRLA AS2676 cell numbering	Cell 19
VRLA Old Ausgrid cell numbering	Cell 35
NiCd AS2676 cell numbering (See Note)	Cell 29
NiCd Old Ausgrid cell numbering (See Note)	Cell 59

Note: NiCd battery cell numbers are given for reference purposes only.

5.2.1.6 Battery charging

Battery charging is to be strictly to the manufacturer's specification with no unapproved changes to the regime.

Individual cell monitoring shall be installed, with alarms via SCADA for charging voltages and currents outside preset norms.

Charging is to be via a low ripple, UPS style switch mode charger with temperature compensation facility.

"iButton" temperature sensors are to be installed:

- on the centre cell of the centre row to monitor temperature of the cell likely to be the warmest.
- additional iButtons are to be installed on the end cell of the top and bottom row to monitor the coolest cells.

5.2.2 Battery chargers

5.2.2.1 Type

Battery chargers shall be low ripple, UPS style switch mode charger with temperature compensation facility.

Battery chargers shall comply with the Type 2 requirements of AS 4044 - Battery chargers for stationary batteries, (i.e. the charger is to be suitable for providing supply to a load with or without a battery connected in parallel) and are to be a suitable for wall and floor mounting.

Battery chargers are to be single-phase connected to facilitate connection of petrol-driven generator sets in situations of loss of ac supply (such as under "black start" conditions or other loss of ac supply).

5.2.2.2 Location

Battery charger units shall be located within the Substation Control Room, as close as practicable to the relevant battery.

5.2.2.3 AC Supply

For substations where two battery systems are provided, AC supply to each battery charger shall be taken from a different auxiliary AC distribution switchboard.

5.2.2.4 Features

Battery chargers are to have an AC input circuit breaker, battery monitor relay, DC output fuses or circuit breakers and output voltage indicator. The charger is to be operated in accordance with the battery manufacturer's recommendations.

5.2.3 DC supply circuits

The standard 110V DC distribution switchboards to be used shall be in accordance with Ausgrid's most recent design Type Board.

110V DC supply cabling shall be sized to prevent voltage drop problems, particularly for long cable runs.

5.2.4 Accommodation

5.2.4.1 Battery cabinets

For all new major substations:

- Batteries are to be accommodated in a cabinet within the substation control room - separate battery rooms are not required.
- Battery cells are to be mounted on their sides within the cabinet
- Cells are to be mounted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations regarding separation between cells to allow air-flow for cooling and for easier access for removal if necessary.
- Cabinet to be designed to facilitate front access to the batteries, with sufficient space in front of the cabinet for lifting and carrying gear for handling individual cells.
- Cabinet to be treated against electrolyte spill (electrolyte is gel and limited quantity, so spread under cell rupture is limited).
- Where multiple battery groups are provided, the batteries shall be located with sufficient separation to enable maintenance or similar activities on one battery to not adversely affect operation of the other.
- Air flow and rate of change of air to be in accordance with Australian Standards for stationary batteries.
- Air flow for cooling under normal conditions (in at bottom, out at top) and for hydrogen emission under fault conditions.

For existing substations where batteries are accommodated in a separate dedicated battery room(s), the batteries may remain accommodated in these rooms.

Battery stands and cell arrangements shall be in accordance with AS 2676 and AS 3011.

Safety signs, in accordance with AS 2676, shall be permanently displayed in appropriate prominent positions.

5.2.4.2 Ventilation

The battery room or enclosure shall be ventilated, in accordance with the requirements of AS 2676, to keep the average concentration of hydrogen gas within the limits specified in AS 3011.

The preferred method to be used is natural ventilation, wherever practicable.

Also refer to Network Standards NS 185 and NS 186.

6.0 RECORDKEEPING

The table below identifies the types of records relating to the process, their storage location and retention period.

Table 3 – Recordkeeping

Type of Record	Storage Location	Retention Period*
Approved copy of the network standard	BMS Network sub process Standard – Company	Unlimited
Draft Copies of the network standard during amendment/creation	TRIM Work Folder for Network Standards (Trim ref. 2014/21250/145)	Unlimited
Working documents (emails, memos, impact assessment reports, etc.)	TRIM Work Folder for Network Standards (Trim ref. 2014/21250/145)	Unlimited

* The following retention periods are subject to change eg if the records are required for legal matters or legislative changes. Before disposal, retention periods should be checked and authorised by the Records Manager.

7.0 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For this network standard the authorities and responsibilities of Ausgrid employees and managers in relation to content, management and document control of this network standard can be obtained from the Company Procedure (Network) – Production/Review of Network Standards. The responsibilities of persons for the design or construction work detailed in this network standard are identified throughout this standard in the context of the requirements to which they apply.

8.0 DOCUMENT CONTROL

Content Coordinator : Secondary Systems Development Manager

Distribution Coordinator : Engineering Information and Services Manager

Annexure A – Sample Compliance Checklist



Network Standard Checklist Form

NS191 Batteries and Battery Chargers in Major Substations

Project Identification:	
Prepared by: <Name & Position Title>	Date:

This checklist is for internal Ausgrid use only and does not apply to ASPs or contractors who have specific compliance requirements in relation to Contestable project works. The checklist is unique for each network standard and is available within BALIN and the BMS as a separate form that can be amended as required, completed and saved in TRIM with the other project documentation.

This section is used to identify compliance checks that when applied to the work associated with this Network Standard will satisfy an audit process to establish that the requirements of the standard have been followed. It is expected that applicable items would normally be checked as Comply (Yes) as non-compliance is generally not tolerated.

Where non-compliance is the result of specific site conditions or design decisions this needs to be identified in the notes section of the form for each non-compliance and approval sought from an appropriately authorised Ausgrid manager responsible for design approval per NS261 Compliance Framework for Network Standards.

Should additional information be available to document non-compliance decisions, these can be attached to the checklist form. The checklist and any attached explanatory notes should be saved in the project document repository.

Item	Description	Refer Clause	Completed/ Actioned
	Scope		
	This standard applies to all 110V battery and battery charger systems within new Major Substations consisting of Sub-transmission and Zone Substations.		
	Design Principles and Design Criteria – Batteries		
1	Battery design capable of 5 hours operation following loss of AC supply	5.1.1	Yes/No/NA
2	Battery capacity sufficient to make safe substation on loss of AC supply	5.1.1	Yes/No/NA
3	Batteries capable of duty cycle requirements detailed in Table 5.2.1.1	5.1.2	Yes/No/NA
4	50V supplies supplied from 110V system via DC-DC Converter	5.1.2	Yes/No/NA
5	All new batteries are to be VRLA Gel type capable of mounting on side	5.2.1.1	Yes/No/NA
6	Configuration and capacity of batteries in accordance with Table 5.2.1.1 for each type of application – Zone or Sub-transmission Substations	5.2.1.1	Yes/No/NA
7	Substations with duplicated protection systems will have dual battery systems	5.2.1.2	Yes/No/NA
8	Substation that do not have remote back-up protection will have dual battery systems	5.2.1.2	Yes/No/NA
9	Substation that have remote back-up protection and do not have duplicated protection systems will have a single battery systems	5.2.1.2	Yes/No/NA

Item	Description	Refer Clause	Completed/ Actioned
10	Where dual battery systems installed the batteries, associated chargers and wiring shall be arranged to avoid common points of failure	5.2.1.2	Yes/No/NA
11	Where duplicated protection systems used - A and B protection supplied by different batteries and substation DC load balanced across both batteries	5.2.1.2	Yes/No/NA
12	Cell casing clear/translucent and fitted with anti-explosion vents.	5.2.1.3	Yes/No/NA
13	All connections, bolts, fasteners, etc shall be of material resistant to corrosion	5.2.1.4	Yes/No/NA
14	Cells numbered starting with 1 at the positive terminal of the battery	5.2.1.5	Yes/No/NA
15	Battery charging strictly according to manufacturer's specification	5.2.1.6	Yes/No/NA
16	Individual cell monitoring installed with SCADA alarms as specified	5.2.1.6	Yes/No/NA
Design Criteria – Battery Chargers			
17	Battery chargers of low ripple UPS style switched mode with temperature compensation	5.2.2.1	Yes/No/NA
18	Battery Chargers comply with type 2 requirements of AS4044 – Battery chargers for stationary batteries	5.2.2.1	Yes/No/NA
19	Battery chargers to be single phase design	5.2.2.1	Yes/No/NA
20	Battery Chargers to be located in Substation Control Room	5.2.2.2	Yes/No/NA
21	Where dual battery systems installed the AC supply to each is taken from a different auxiliary AC distribution switchboard	5.2.2.3	Yes/No/NA
22	Battery charger features in accordance with CI 5.2.2.4	5.2.2.4	Yes/No/NA
DC Circuits and Accomodation			
23	110V DC distribution switchboards to latest Ausgrid Type Board	5.2.3	Yes/No/NA
24	110V DC supply cabling sized to prevent voltage drop problems	5.2.3	Yes/No/NA
25	Battery cabinet requirements met	5.2.4.1	Yes/No/NA
26	Ventilation requirements in accordance with AS 2676 Installation and Maintenance of Batteries in Buildings	5.2.4.2	Yes/No/NA

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