Modern Fault Indication Dispatch to the Fault not the Indicators



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Overhead Fault Indication and Location

Manual Flag Indicator

Electronic Fault Indicator

- Medium Cost
- Hotstick Install
- No Primary Voltage Limit Primary Voltage Limited
- Close Proximity Only
- Requires Manual Reset

Low Cost

Hotstick Install

 Accuracy determined by number installed

- Near Proximity Lights
- Automatically reset Accuracy determined by
- number installed

- Medium Cost
- Monthly Data Charge
- Hotstick Install
- Primary Voltage Limited
- Near Proximity Lights and Remote Status
- Requires Integration
- Automatically reset
- Accuracy determined by number installed

Relay Fault Location

- Possible with existing equipment
- New equipment high cost
- Primary Voltage Limited
- No field indication
- Requires Integration
- No reset required
- Accuracy determined by quality of model and estimation of fault impedance

Safegrid Fault Location

- Medium Cost
- Monthly Data Charge
- Requires bucket truck to install
- No Primary Voltage Limit (installed on 115kV line, 230kV in consideration)
- No field indication
- No integration required (but API available)
- Accuracy determined by quality of model and algorithm to determine location



Randolph EMC Applications

6 Radial Transmission Lines (100/115kV)

3 Transmission Lines protected by Duke Energy Breaker

> No fault data available

3 Transmission Lines protected by REMC Breaker

> Fault data available via SCADA

1 Transmission line splits and feeds two directions



Quest for Fault Indication



Considerations

Local vs Remote Indication Fault Locate Capability Integrations

Cost

Ease of Use



Prior Device Trials

Integration Difficulty Harvesting Power requires minimum current (5A) Failure due to Electric Field Damage Installation Requirements



New Solution

- Safegrid (Finland)
- Transient Based Fault Locate (300ft accuracy)
- Deep learning analytic system
- Preventive Grid Maintenance (failing insulator, ROW issues)





Deployment Strategy

- Two Transmission Lines Chosen
 - One Duke Protected
 - One REMC Protected
- Allows comparison of Relay Fault Locate versus Safegrid Fault Locate
- Distribution Deployment
 - Need to see in action
 - Install at Robbins Substation (5 feeders)
 - Comparison of Relay Fault Locate versus Safegrid Fault Locate
 - More likely to see a fault



Transmission System

- Liberty POD Staley Snow Camp Transmission Line
 - 153 Structures
 - 11.325 miles
- Ether Transmission Line
 - Ether to Dover
 - 71 Structures
 - 4.738 miles
 - Ether to Love Joy
 - 60 Structures
 - 5.005 miles







Distribution System

- Robbins Substation
 - 5 Feeders
 - Long Exit Feeder Getaways
 - Load Pockets near end of line
 - Several Miles Off-road





Timeline





Integration Plans

MapEngine (FieldSyte)

- API Call to get Data
- Display on Mobile Map Platform
- Completed 7-5-2023

SCADA (OSI)

- DNP-3 Protocol
- Display on SCADA Page

Safegrid Web App

- User friendly
- Well designed
- Minimizes need for integration



Rest API Integration

- Device Data
 - Status (Online, AC Power, etc.)
 - Location Data (Latitude, Longitude)
 - Battery Voltage
 - Last Communicated Timestamp
- Alert Data
 - Criticality
 - Fault Type
 - Location Data (Latitude, Longitude)
 - Text Description of Fault
 - Fault Timestamp





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Safegrid Dashboard View





Fault Event – Data View





Fault Event – Map View





Fault Event – SEL HV Relay





Fault Event – SEL MV Relay





Transmission Line Fault

- Liberty POD Staley Snow Camp Transmission Line
- April 15, 2023 Approximately 4:00 am







Transmission Line Fault

- Fault Location was spot on
- Within one span





Preventative Maintenance Application

- Work in-progress
- Circuit 82 Partial Discharge Detected (2 Locations)
- Field Identified Source using RFI and Ultra-Sonic Equipment:
 - Location 1 Loose Ground Strap on Lightning Arrestor
 - Location 2 Failed Lightning Arrestor

























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Cost and Sales Info

Cost (these are not the TEMA prices)

- GrayFox: \$1500 per unit, installation 2-3 miles apart
- GrayHawk: \$2200 per unit, installation 3-6 miles apart
- Setup and commissioning: \$3000-5000 for a Utilities system
- Monthly Fee (including Cell communications, firmware updates, licensing) \$19/month per device or \$228 per device annually.

Pilot install estimates (including all equipment and setup costs):

- 15 unit pilot: under \$37k, covers 45 to 90 line miles
- 20 unit pilot: under \$48k , covers 60 to 120 line miles

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Questions



