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**Technical Notes** 

## ALPS Series Compensation Calculations for Non-Standard PTs

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CALCULATIONS

For ALPS and LPS-D relays with series-compensation, the manual shows the protective levels of series capacitors as determined by the following formula:

$$PL_t = \frac{1}{95} \sum_{1}^{n} PL_n \tag{EQ 1}$$

The value for  $PL_n$  is the gap flashing/MOV protective level in peak phase-to-neutral volts for each compensation capacitor. The value for  $PL_t$  equals the sum of the protection level of all capacitors in series to the fault, divided by the maximum peak line-to-neutral voltage  $PT_m$ , which is

$$\frac{115 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{2} \text{ V} = 95 \text{ pu V}$$
 (EQ 2)

for a standard 115 V PT.

The  $PL_t$  should thus be calculated as follows:

$$PL_t = \frac{1}{PT_m} \sum_{1}^{n} PL_n \tag{EQ 3}$$

where

$$PT_m = \frac{PT_{\text{L-L sec. volts}}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{2}$$
 (EQ 4)

The values for **Z1PLEVDET** and **Z1GLEVDET**, are, like *PL*<sub>t</sub>, in pu as follows:

**Z1PLEVDET** = 
$$\sqrt{0.15 + 1.3PL_t^2}$$
 and **Z1GLEVDET** =  $\sqrt{0.15 + PL_t^2}$  (EQ 5)

EXAMPLE

Consider a system with the following series capacitor and CVT values:

- series capacitor impedance: 29.92  $\Omega$
- series capacitor rating current: 2360 A
- protective level of MOV and gaps: 230 kV peak value
- CVT ratio: 500000 / 100 V

In this case, since there is only one capacitor, only one protective level  $PL_1$  need be considered. We have:

$$PT_m = \frac{PT_{\text{L-L sec. volts}}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{2} = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{2} \approx 82 \text{ V}$$
(EQ 6)

and

$$PL_{1} = \frac{\text{MOV Protective Level}}{\text{PT Ratio}} = \frac{230 \text{ kV}}{500000/100} = 46 \text{ V}$$
(EQ 7)

and, since there is only one protective level PL1:

$$PL_t = \frac{1}{PT_m} \sum_{1}^{n} PL_n = \frac{1}{46 \text{ V}} \times 82 \text{ V} = 0.56 \text{ pu}$$
 (EQ 8)

Therefore, the phase and ground level detector settings are:

Z1PLEVDET = 
$$\sqrt{0.15 + 1.3PL_t^2} = \sqrt{0.15 + 1.3 \times (0.56)^2} = 0.75$$
 (EQ 9)

**Z1GLEVDET** = 
$$\sqrt{0.15 + PL_t^2} = \sqrt{0.15 + (0.56)^2} = 0.68$$
 (EQ 10)