

ACOUSTIC AUDIT - TRANSFORMER SUBSTATION

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1 Introduction

Aercoustics Engineering Limited (“Aercoustics”) has been retained by EDP Renewables (“EDPR”) to complete a post construction audit of the Nation Rise Wind Farm (“Nation Rise”) transformer substation. Nation Rise operates under REA #0871-AV3TFM [1], originally issued on May 4, 2018.

The testing methodology and data analysis outlined in this report follows the IEEE C57.12.90-2015 standard [2] and prepared in accordance with Ministry Publication NPC-233. The testing was performed while the wind farm was under high power production and adjusted to be representative of the full load noise output of the transformer.

This report is prepared in support of Condition E3 of the Nation Rise REA and summarises the results of the acoustic testing performed on November 21, 2022. The measured sound power level of the transformer substation is compared to the limits outlined in the Nation Rise Wind Farm Acoustic Audit Report (“AAR”) [3] and REA.

2 Measurement Instrumentation

The acoustic audit was performed using the following acoustic intensity measurement equipment. The measurement equipment was field calibrated before and after site measurements. Sound pressure and sound intensity measurements were conducted simultaneously using the same equipment as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Equipment List for Transformer Acoustic Audit Measurements

Equipment	Make/Model	Serial Number	Date of Last Calibration	Calibration Certificate Expiry
Sound Level Meter	Larson Davis LD2900B Integrating Sound Level Meter	1054	August 5, 2021	August 5, 2023
Microphones ¹	GRAS Type 26 CB 1/2” Intensity Microphone Pair	104771, 104781	May 12, 2022	May 12, 2024
Pre-Amplifiers ¹	GRAS Type 40 GK 1/4” CCP Preamplifier Set	112774, 112784	May 12, 2022	May 12, 2024
Acoustic Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær 4231 Sound Calibrator	2513184	March 14, 2022	March 14, 2023

¹ The microphones and pre-amplifiers included in Table 1 are calibrated as an associated set; the calibration certificate in Appendix A reflects the calibration of the listed microphones and pre-amplifiers.

All equipment listed in Table 1 has undergone laboratory calibration verifications within a two-year interval and reflects valid calibration during the testing. Calibration certificates for the equipment used in the audit are included in Appendix A.

3 Site Details

The transformer substation is located to the southwest of the town of Chrysler, to the east of Nine Mile Road between County Road 13 and Ouderkirk Road. The transformer is located on the substation yard surrounded by an absorptive acoustic barrier on all sides with a small access opening in the barrier between the junction of the south and west walls.

This acoustic barrier is positioned such that it completely interrupts the line of sight between the noise-producing transformer components and the noise sensitive Points of Reception continuously without holes, gaps and other penetrations¹, and having surface mass of at least 20 kilograms per square metre. The heights and lengths of the barrier segments are provided in Table 2 and rounded to the nearest decimal point. Appendix B includes additional schematic drawings of the transformer and barrier.

Table 2: Nation Rise Transformer Noise Barrier Dimensions

Wall Segment	Segment Height (m)		Segment Length (m)	
	2019 AAR	As-Built	2019 AAR	As-Built
North	5.0	4.6	15.5	14.4
East	5.5	5.2	9.0	10.3
South	6.0	5.6	13.2	12.1
West	5.0	4.6	7.5	8.9

The as-built barrier dimensions are based on measurements carried out by EDP in-situ. Differences in the barrier dimensions between the final AAR dated October 21, 2019 and those constructed on site reflect the difference between the final design and the final construction. These differences may be related to site-specific constraints encountered during construction of the substation yard and/or the transformer installation and considered to be minor adjustments to the barrier position.

Any change in the receptor noise impact from the transformer due to the differences in as-built barrier heights are insignificant; the predicted impact from the Nation Rise transformer is below 30 dBA for all receptors and the measured sound power levels of the transformer were below those used in the Acoustic Assessment Report (see Table 12).

Sound level measurements were taken between 10:10 and 11:20 on November 21, 2022. At the time of the testing the ambient temperature was -9 °C with an atmospheric pressure of 102.1 kPa. The ground-level winds during the time of the testing were roughly 23 km/hr

¹ The nearest Point of Reception in the direction of the noted opening in the transformer barrier wall is over 2 km away, with a predicted noise impact from the Transformer of less than 20 dBA.

(6.4 m/s) from the southwest. The shielding of the transformer from the barrier walls ensured that the high winds did not interfere with the near field measurements.

4 Transformer Operation

The transformer is a three-phase step-up transformer manufactured by ProlecGE Inc. who are headquartered in Apodaca, Nuevo León, Mexico. The nameplate specifications of the transformer are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Transformer Nameplate Parameters

Parameter	Transformer
Serial Number	G4086
Rated Power	69 / 92 / 115 MVA
Rated Voltage	240 kV
Voltage Ratio	230 kV / 34.5 kV
Phase	3 Phase
Frequency	60 Hz
Manufacturer	Prolec General Electric

The load audible sound level was measured with the transformer in the ONAF2 and ONAN operating conditions. The cooling modes of the transformer are described in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Transformer Cooling Operating Modes

Cooling Mode	Cooling Fan Operation
ONAN	No Fans Operating
ONAF1	50% of fans operating
ONAF2	100% of fans operating

The ONAF2 operating mode measurement included in this report represents worst-case noise output of the transformer.

As per standard IEEE C57.12.90-2015, during the time of the testing the transformer was confirmed by facility operations staff to be operating at the rated voltage with the wind farm producing a load as indicated in Table 5 for each cooling operating mode.

Table 5: Transformer Operation During Testing

Cooling Operating Mode	Transformer Load (MVA)		
	Min	Max	Average
ONAN	84	91	87
ONAF2	88	91	89

From Section 13.3.3.2 of the IEEE standard, determination of the transformer's load audible sound output can be based on measurements where the transformer is operating below the rated load, so long as the measurements correspond to loads between 60% and 130% of the rated load. The measurements of the Nation Rise transformer represent approximately 75% of the maximum rated load, which is 115 MVA², and the load audible sound level of the transformer at rated load has been calculated using equation (33) of IEEE C57.12.90-2015.

5 Transformer Audit Measurements

5.1 Measurement Procedure

Sound intensity levels were measured in accordance with IEEE C57.12.90-2015 in the determination of the transformer sound power levels along the ONAN and ONAF2 measurement contours.

ONAN measurement points were taken at intervals 0.9 m apart, 0.3 m from the surface of the transformer casing and external cooling fans. ONAF2 measurement points were taken at intervals 1 m apart, 2 m from the surface of the transformer casing and external cooling fans. As the transformer is greater than 2.4 m tall, the measurements were taken at two heights, 1/3 and 2/3 the height of the transformer.

The transformer height determined using the dimensioned drawings from the Prolec GE Engineering, dated May 31, 2019 [4] which have been included in Appendix B. The height of 5.1 m used for the measurement surfaces is based on the height of the low voltage bushing and represents a conservative assessment; the major noise-producing sources on the transformer (the core and fans) are at heights of 4.2 m or lower. The low voltage bushing height and cover height are illustrated on the schematic included in Appendix B.

These key physical parameters are detailed below in Table 6.

² The 115 MVA rated load for the Nation Rise transformer refers to the 'apparent power' load on the transformer. The apparent power load is determined by calculating the vector of the 'real power' load on the transformer (i.e. the production of the wind farm, with a maximum of 99.76 MW) and the maximum 'reactive power' load that can be placed on the transformer by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), which is 60 MVAR. It is important to note that this maximum reactive load has only been achieved during IESO testing of the transformer, and thus the rated 115 MVA load is understood to be unlikely to occur during normal operation of the wind farm, even at the maximum 99.76 MW production of the site.

Table 6: Nation Rise Transformer – Key Physical Parameters

Parameter	Measurement Value
Measurement Distance from all vertical noise-producing surfaces (ONAN / ONAF2)	0.3 m / 2 m
Horizontal Spacing between Measurement Locations (ONAN / ONAF2)	0.9 m / 1.0 m
Height of Transformer (H)	5.1 m
Height of microphone 1 above ground	1.7 m (1/3H)
Height of microphone 2 above ground	3.4 m (2/3H)

5.1.1 Deviations from IEEE C57.12.90-2015

It is noted that the horizontal spacing between measurement locations of 0.9 for the ONAN measurement series differs from the 1.0 m separation distance stipulated by the standard. The IEEE C57.12.90-2015 standard stipulates a minimum number of measurement points but does not stipulate a maximum number. The spacing used between measurement locations has the effect of increasing the total number of measurement locations across the measurement surface, which provides a higher resolution determination of the average surface sound intensity level. As such, this deviation is not expected to have any material impact on the calculated sound power output of the transformer.

5.1.2 Far-Field Measurements

The transformer audit measurements were conducted during periods of high winds in order to achieve the apparent power ratings required to assess the worst-case operation of the transformer. As a result, the transformer noise impact in the far-field was observed to be dominated by noise from the wind. Aercoustics' personnel noted that the transformer was inaudible at 5 m from the outside of the noise barrier. The tone associated with transformer operation was also noted to be inaudible at a short distance from the substation walls.

5.2 Measurement Results

5.2.1 Sound Intensity Level measurements

The average sound intensity measured for the transformer was 64 dBA and 68 dBA for the ONAN and ONAF2 operating modes, respectively. Spectral data is summarized in Table 7 while overall sound levels for each measurement location around the transformer is provided in Appendix C for measurement locations as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The summary of results for sound pressure and sound-intensity is provided in Table 7 and Table 8.

Table 7: Average Measured Transformer Sound Intensity Spectra

Transformer Sound Intensity Level (dB)	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)									Total (dBA)
	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
ONAN	76	66	75	63	66	47	41	38	35	64
ONAF2	75	67	74	67	69	61	54	42	35	68

Table 8: Averaged Sound Pressure and Sound Intensity Measurements

Compilation of Transformer Results	ONAN	ONAF2
Logarithmic average of sound pressure measurements (dBA)	67	69
Logarithmic average of sound-intensity measurements (dBA)	64	68
(Pressure – Intensity) index (dB)	3.3	1.9
Environmental Correction (dB)	0	0
Measured sound level corrected for environmental correction (dBA)	65	68

5.2.2 Evaluation of Sound Power Level

The determination for the total transformer sound power level at the rated 115 MVA load according to the IEEE C57.12.90-2015 standard is based on the average measured sound intensity levels for the ONAN and ONAF2 measurement series and additional adjustments and conversions per the IEEE standard as detailed below:

1. Average sound intensity levels from the ONAN and ONAF2 measurement series are converted to sound power levels using Equation 36 of the standard, correcting for the surface area of the measurement test surface for each series.
2. The contribution from the transformer's core noise is scaled from the load observed during testing to the transformer's maximum rated 115 MVA load using Equation 33 of the standard.
3. A 5 dB tonal penalty³ is applied to the core noise according to NPC-104.
4. The contribution from the transformer fans is determined by subtracting the measured ONAN sound level from the measured ONAF2 sound level.

³ The core noise from the transformer was observed to be audibly tonal in the nearfield but was not observed to be tonal even at close distances away beyond the transformer walls. The addition of a tonal penalty therefore represents a conservative determination of the transformer noise as it relates to the receptor sound level.

5. The total transformer sound power level is determined by logarithmically summing the scaled core noise with tonal penalty (3) and the fan noise (4).

Key adjustments made in the determination of the worst-case transformer noise output have been detailed below with additional information included in the form of a sample calculation in Appendix D

Adjustment for Measurement Surfaces

The measurement surface used includes the vertical planes as well as the horizontal top plane. In this report, the top plane is calculated based the actual surface area, rather than a 25% correction as noted in equation 36 the IEEE C57.12.90-2015 standard. This approach is based on previous comments from the regulator indicating this as the preferred method for calculating the total measurement surface. The parameters used to calculate the ONAN and ONAF2 sound power levels are provided in Table 9 and illustrated in Figures 2 and 3.

Table 9: Sound Power Calculations

Parameter	ONAN	ONAF2
Height of Sound Measuring Surface	5.1 m	5.1 m
Length of Sound Measuring Surface	27 m	37 m
Vertical Measurement Surface Area	137 m ²	188 m ²
Top Measurement Surface Area	45 m ²	92 m ²
Total measurement Surface Area	182 m ²	280 m ²
Average Sound Power Level at Test Load	87 dBA	93 dBA

Adjustment from Test Load to Rated Load

To represent the maximum noise output of the transformer, an adjustment to the ONAN sound power level is made according to Equation 33 of the IEEE standard as detailed in Table 10. The load on the Nation Rise transformer during the audit measurement period is illustrated in Appendix E

Table 10: Sound Level Adjustment to Rated Load

Parameter	ONAN
Transformer Maximum Operational Load	115 MVA
Average Load during Measurement	87 MVA
Sound Power Adjustment to Rated Load	4.5 dB
Adjusted Core Noise Sound Power Level at Rated Load	91 dBA

Determination of Worst-Case Transformer Noise Output

The transformer total sound power level at rated load is the logarithmic sum of the transformer core noise level at rated load and the transformer fan noise as detailed above and further detailed in Appendix D.

Based on the evaluation procedures outlined in IEEE C57.12.90:2015, the transformer had a sound power level of 98 dBA in the worst-case operating condition. The calculated sound power spectrum is shown in Table 11 and includes a tonal penalty of +5 dB as outlined by NPC-104. As noted earlier, the transformer was observed to be inaudible when standing beyond the noise barriers and as such it is not expected that any tone emitted from the transformer will be audible at receptor locations. Incorporation of a tonal penalty therefore reflects a conservative determination of the transformer sound power output.

Table 11: Calculated Transformer Total Sound Power Level at Rated Load

	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)									Total [dBA]
	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
Transformer Core Noise at Rated Load ¹ (ONAN) [dB]	108	98	107	95	98	79	73	70	67	96
Transformer Fan Noise ² [dB]	92	89	93	91	92	85	78	65	55	91
Transformer Total Sound Power Level at Rated Load [dB]	108	98	107	97	99	86	79	71	67	98

¹ – Including 5 dB Tonal Penalty per NPC-104

² – ONAF2 measurement with core noise logarithmically subtracted to get fan-only noise level.

6 Compliance Summary

Table 12 compares the sound power level limit⁴ for the transformer with the sound power levels measured as part of this acoustic audit.

Table 12: Measured vs. REA Transformer Sound Power Level

Parameter	Sound Power Level (dBA)*
PWL: Transformer Substation	98
PWL: Most Recent AAR [3]	101.7
PWL: Schedule B of REA #0871-AV3TFM	109.9

⁴ It is noted that the estimated transformer sound power level was revised down in subsequent versions of the Nation Rise AAR from 109.9 dBA [3] to a final sound level of 101.7 dBA in a later AAR [5] and subsequently acknowledged by the MECP in a letter dated August 16, 2019 [6].

* All Sound Power Level (PWL) values include a +5 dB tonal adjustment.

The acoustic emission testing indicates that the overall sound power level of the transformer substation complies with the maximum sound power level permitted in Schedule B of the Nation Rise REA #0871-AV3TFM as well as that of the most recent AAR.

6.1 Compliance Summary

Per the requirements of REA condition E4, the following compliance summary is provided.

Table 13: Compliance Summary – Sound Power Levels (overall level and frequency spectra in octave bands)

Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	Total dBA
Transformer Total Sound Power Level (dB), including +5 tonal penalty	108	98	107	97	99	86	79	71	67	98

Based on the above table, and the results presented in this report, the overall A-weighted sound power level of the transformer does not exceed the maximum sound power level specified in Schedule B of REA #0871-AV3TFM and that which was included in the most recent AAR.

7 Conclusion

Based on the results of the acoustic audit conducted on November 21, 2022, the overall measured transformer sound power level for the worst-case operating mode is 98 dBA with the associated octave band frequency spectra in Table 13. The acoustic emission of the Nation Rise transformer substation was found to be in compliance with the sound level limits provided in the Nation Rise REA #0871-AV3TFM and the most recent AAR.

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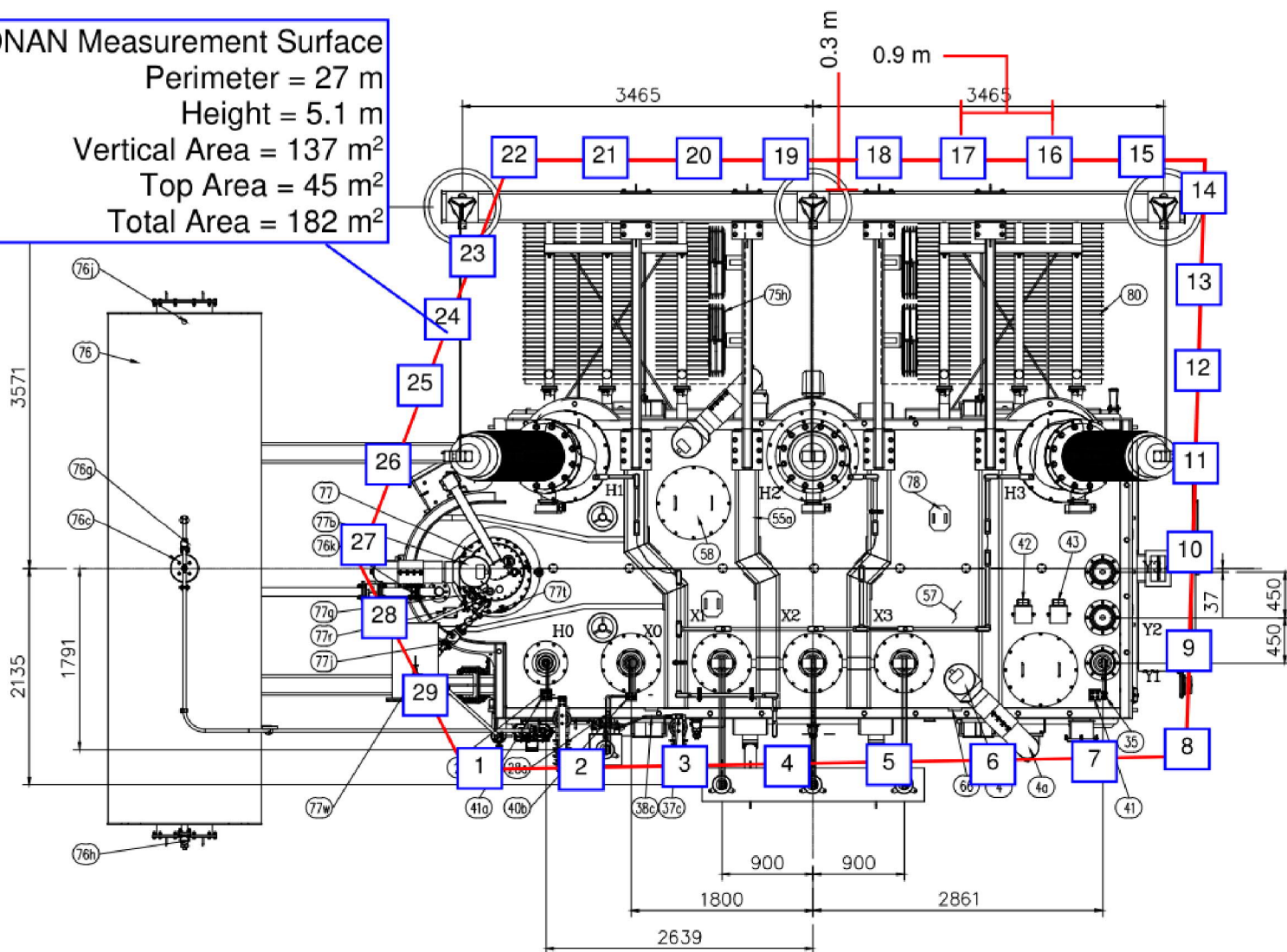
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Nation Rise Transformer - Site Photo

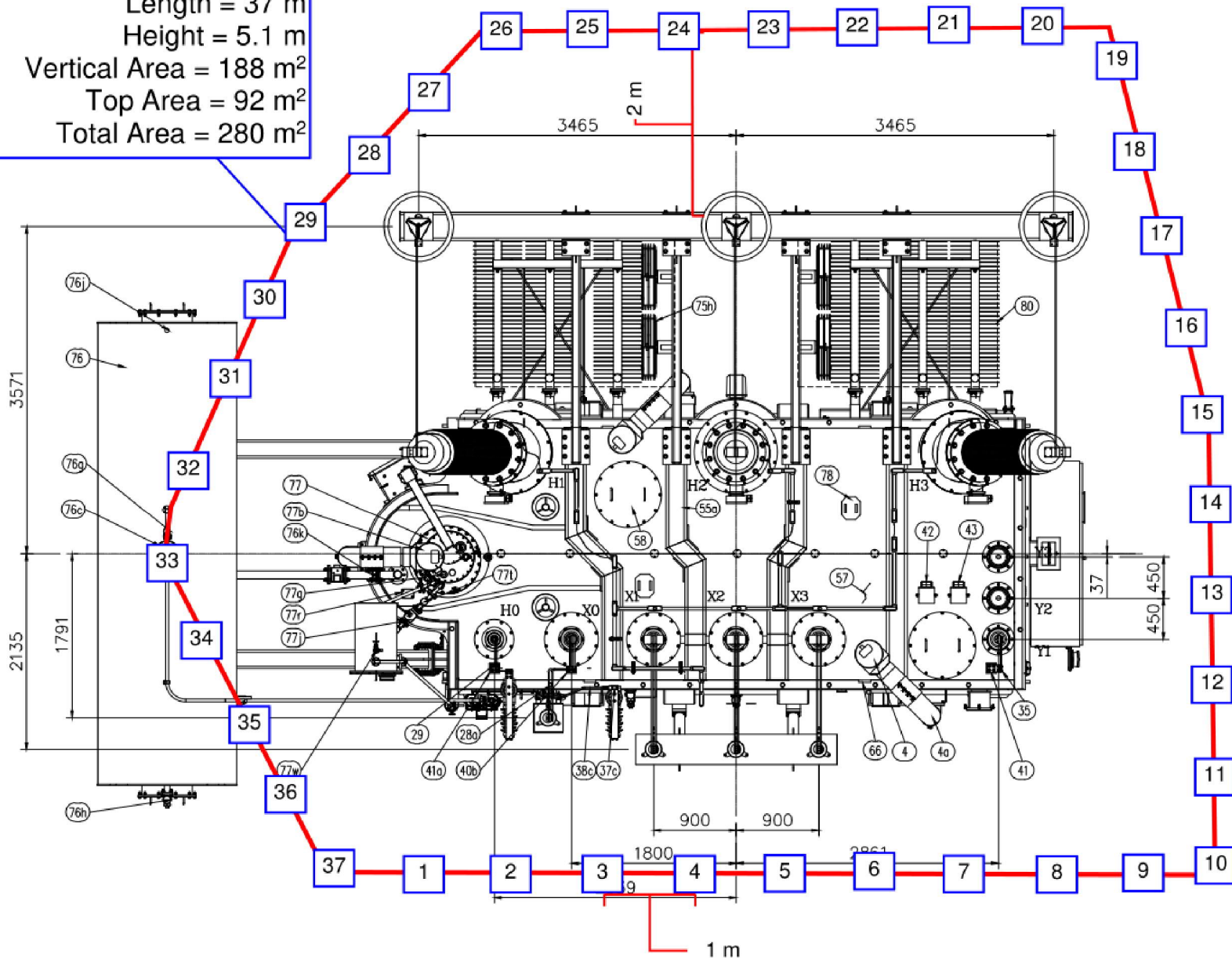
Figure 1

ONAN Measurement Surface
 Perimeter = 27 m
 Height = 5.1 m
 Vertical Area = 137 m²
 Top Area = 45 m²
 Total Area = 182 m²



ONAF2 Measurement Surface

Length = 37 m
 Height = 5.1 m
 Vertical Area = 188 m²
 Top Area = 92 m²
 Total Area = 280 m²



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Nation Rise Transformer in Plan View with ONAF2 Measurement Locations

Figure 3

Appendix A

Instrument Calibration Certificates

CERTIFICATE of CALIBRATION

Make : Larson Davis

Reference # : 166953

Model : 2900B

Customer : Aercoustics Engineering Ltd
Mississauga, ON

Descr. : Sound Level Meter Type 1/ 2 ch Spec Ana

Serial # : 1054

P. Order : 2021.07.28C

Asset # : 00081

Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.
With 4190 s#2133476 and PRM900B s#3887.

Navair Technologies certifies that the above listed instrument was calibrated on date noted and was released from this laboratory performing in accordance with the specifications set forth by the manufacturer.

Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-9001-2015 and is registered under certificate CA96/269, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated : Aug 05, 2021

By :



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Cal. Due : Aug 05, 2023

Temperature : 23 °C ± 2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used : J-216 J-303 J-512

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Make : G.R.A.S

Reference # : 170647

Model : 50GI

Customer : Aeroustics Engineering Ltd
Mississauga, ON

Descr. : CCP Intensity Probe

Serial # : 112774-112784

P. Order : 2020.04.07C

Asset # : NAN

Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated : May 12, 2022

By : 

Cal. Due : May 12, 2024

Petro Onasko

Temperature : 23 °C ± 2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used : J-163 J-216 J-324 J-333 J-420 J-512

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Calibration Report for Certificate

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Make		Model	Serial No	Asset	Cal by
G.R.A.S.		50GI	nsn		
G.R.A.S.	CH1	40GI	112774		
G.R.A.S.	CH1	26CB	104781	NAN	P.O.
G.R.A.S.	CH2	40GI	112784		
G.R.A.S.	CH2	26CB	104771		

Ambient Conditions:

Barometric Pressure	100.5 kPa
Temperature	23.4°C
Relative Humidity	23%

System Test of CH1 Microphone/Preamplifier Pair

40GI	Serial No	112774
26CB	Serial No	104781

Sensitivity at 250 Hz

Specs Nom	Unit	Min	Reading	Max	In/Out
10.0 mV/Pa		Nom	13.3 mV/Pa	Nom	Pass
-40 dB	re 1 V/Pa	Nom	-37.5 dB	Nom	Pass
0 dB	re 10 mV/Pa	Nom	+2.5 dB	Nom	Pass

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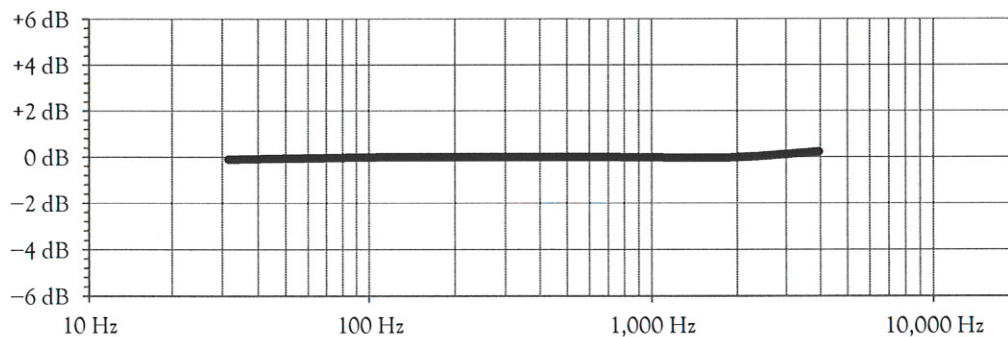
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	32 Hz	-0.10 dB
	63 Hz	-0.04 dB
	126 Hz	-0.01 dB
Reference	251 Hz	0.00 dB
	503 Hz	0.00 dB
	1005 Hz	-0.02 dB
	1979 Hz	-0.02 dB
	3958 Hz	+0.23 dB

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System Test of CH2 Microphone/Preamp Pair

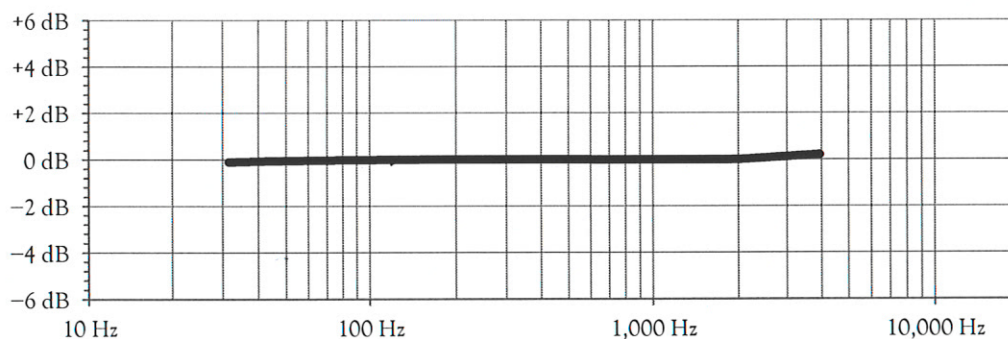
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Sensitivity at 250 Hz

Specs Nom	Unit	Min	Reading	Max	In/Out
10.0 mV/Pa		Nom	10.0 mV/Pa	Nom	Pass
-40 dB	re 1 V/Pa	Nom	-40.0 dB	Nom	Pass
0 dB	re 10 mV/Pa	Nom	-0.0 dB	Nom	Pass

Frequency Response

Frequency	Pressure
32 Hz	-0.11 dB
63 Hz	-0.04 dB
126 Hz	-0.01 dB
Reference 251 Hz	0.00 dB
503 Hz	0.00 dB
1005 Hz	-0.01 dB
1979 Hz	+0.01 dB
3958 Hz	+0.22 dB



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Certificate of Calibration

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SOUND CALIBRATOR

Manufactured by: BRUEL & KJAER
Model No: 4231
Serial No: 2513184
Calibration Recall No: 32879

Submitted By:

Customer: Iwona Stasiewicz
Company: Aercoustics Engineering Ltd
Address: 1004 Middlegate Road, Unit 1100
Mississauga, ON. Canada L4Z 4A9

The subject instrument was calibrated to the indicated specification using standards traceable to the SI through the National Institute of Standards and Technology or to accepted values of natural physical constants. This document certifies that the instrument met the following specification upon its return to the submitter.

West Caldwell Calibration Laboratories Procedure No. 4231 BRUE

Upon receipt for Calibration, the instrument was found to be:

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tolerance of the indicated specification. See attached Report of Calibration.

The information supplied certifies that the item listed above meets acceptance criteria under the decision rule: $A=(L-(U95))$, where A is the acceptance criteria, L is manufacturer specifications, and U95 is confidence level of 95% at $k=2$. The decision rule has been communicated and approved by customer during contract review. Measurements marked with (*) are not covered by the scope of current A2LA accreditation.

West Caldwell Calibration Laboratories' calibration control system meets the following requirements: ANSI/NCSL Z540-1, ISO 9001, and ISO 17025.

Note: With this Certificate, Report of Calibration is included.

Approved by:

James Zhu

Quality Manager

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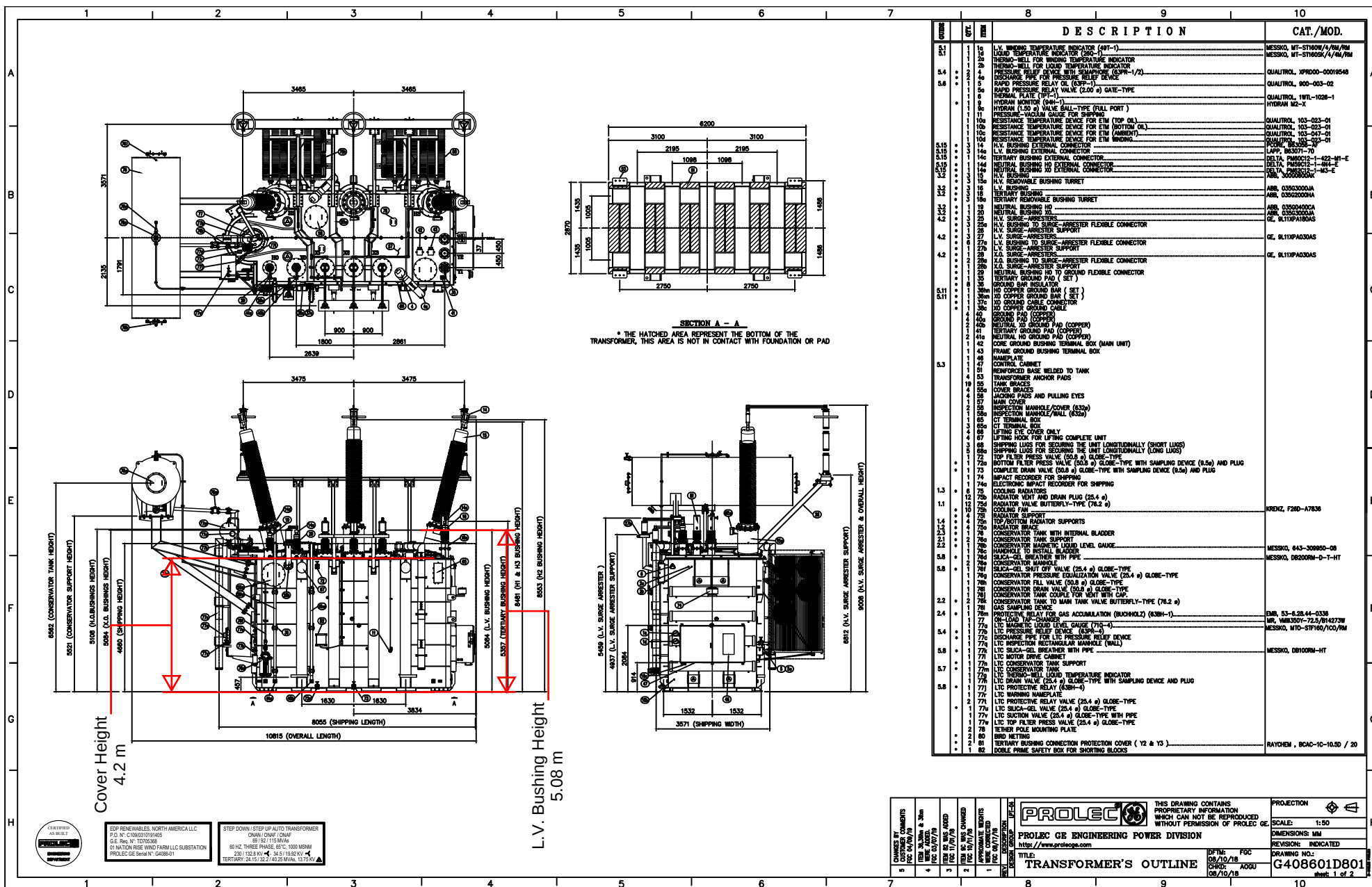


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Appendix B

Transformer Substation Drawings



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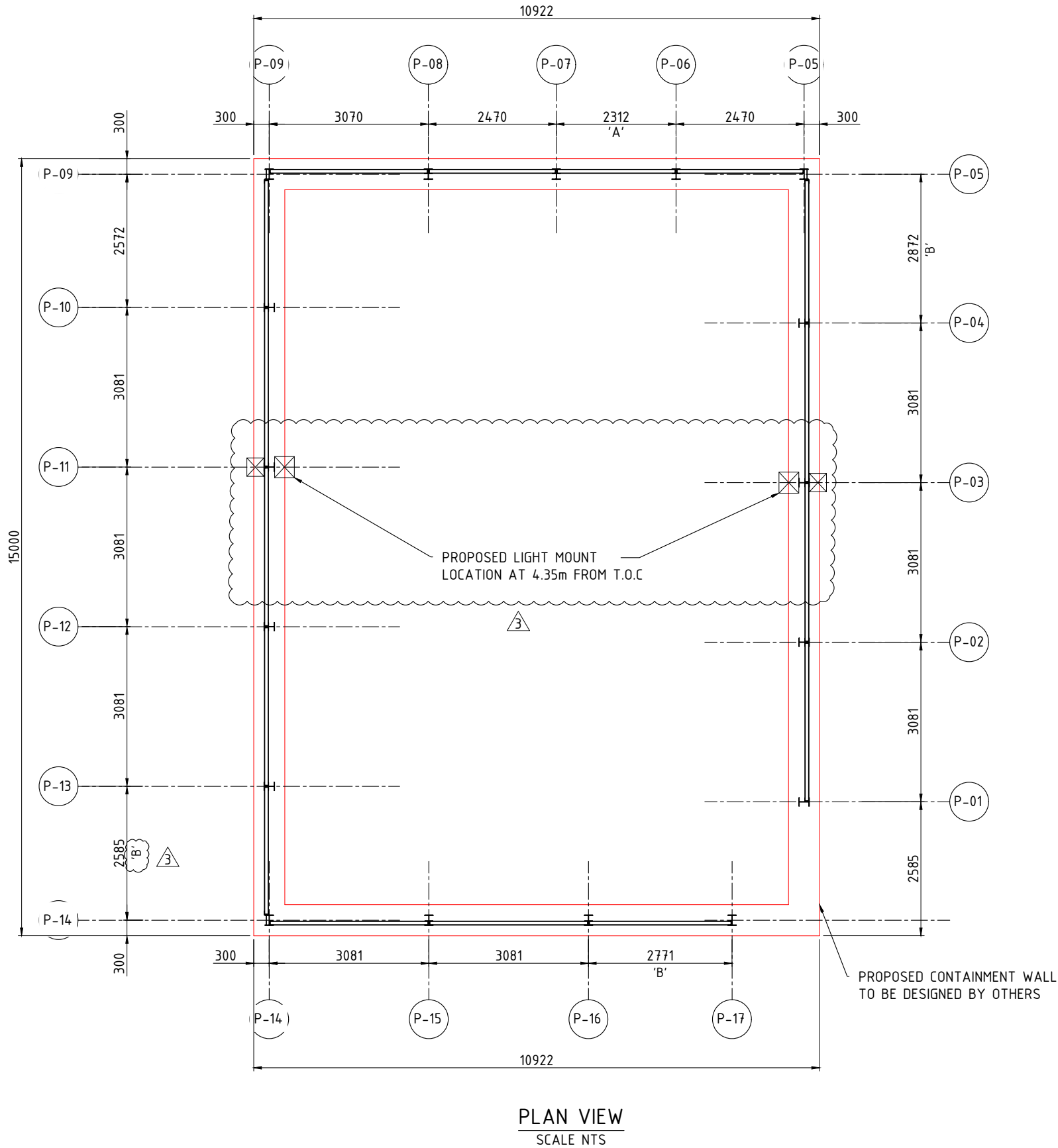
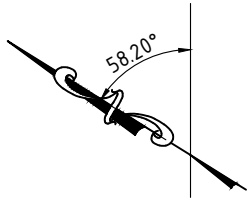
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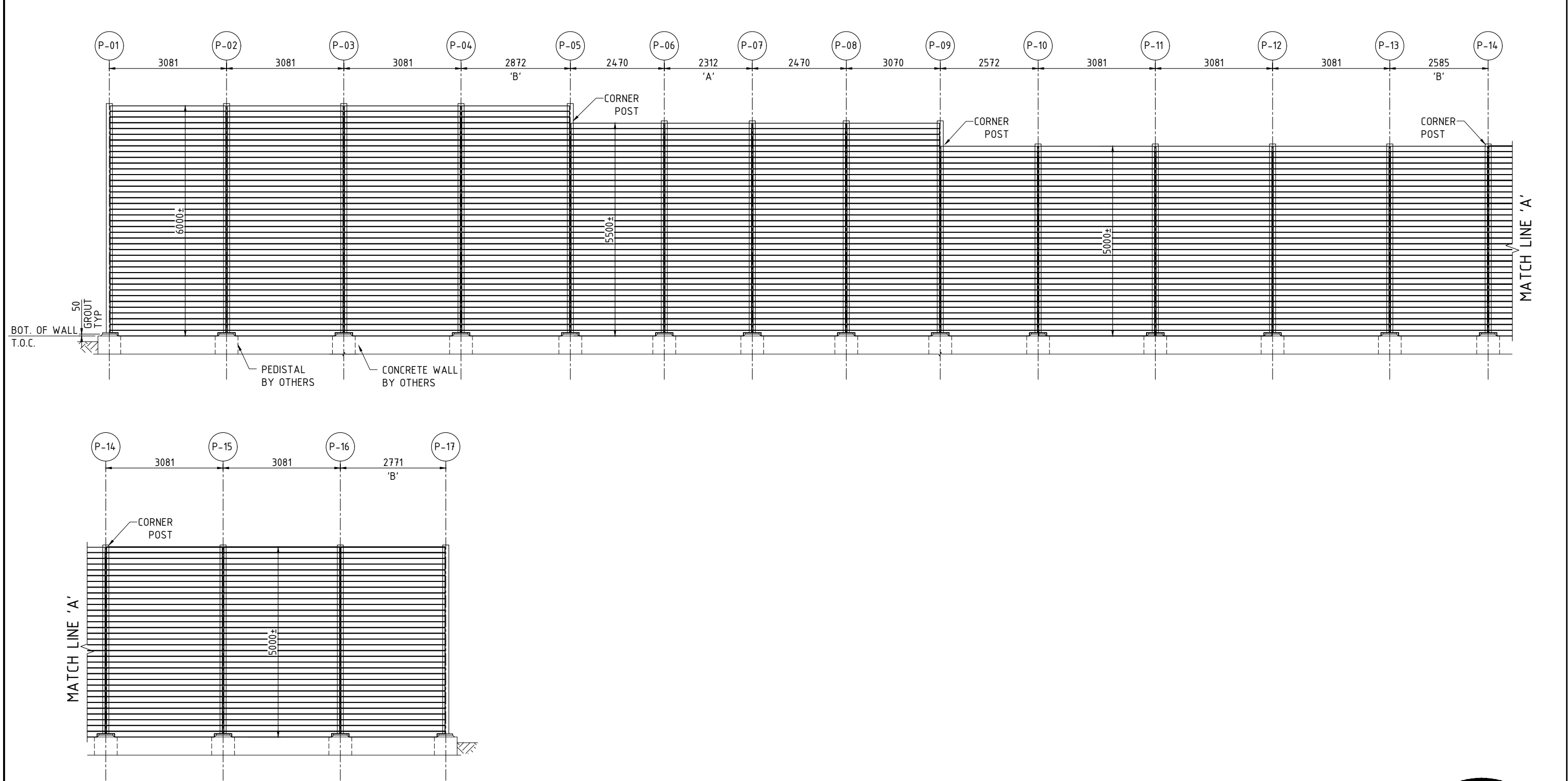
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Appendix C

Transformer Measurement Data

Table C-1: Average Measured Sound Pressure and Intensity Levels – ONAN Operation

Measurement Position	SPL / SIL (dBA), as per IEEE 57.12.90-2015			
	Sound Pressure measurements		Sound-intensity measurements	
	1/3 Height	2/3 Height	1/3 Height	2/3 Height
1	67	65	65	63
2	65	70	63	67
3	72	69	65	66
4	67	67	66	64
5	68	68	67	65
6	66	66	64	65
7	59	64	55	59
8	69	69	67	70
9	69	68	67	66
10	67	65	63	65
11	69	67	68	65
12	66	63	63	64
13	67	63	65	64
14	65	59	64	59
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16	61	62	58	59
17	63	63	63	61
18	65	65	64	63
19	60	65	59	66
20	66	64	61	60
21	60	60	59	59
22	61	58	60	59
23	65	60	63	61
24	72	67	65	65
25	74	71	68	69
26	71	67	65	65
27	72	68	69	64
28	66	66	64	65
29	59	64	55	59

* Measurement locations are shown in Figure 2

Table C-2: Average Measured Sound Pressure and Intensity Levels – ONAF2 Operation

Measurement Position	SPL / SiL (dBA), as per IEEE 57.12.90-2015			
	Sound Pressure measurements		Sound-intensity measurements	
	1/3 Height	2/3 Height	1/3 Height	2/3 Height
1	65	64	63	62
2	68	67	61	63
3	68	69	64	68
4	68	66	67	62
5	65	66	64	63
6	65	66	63	63
7	62	66	61	64
8	70	73	67	72
9	68	66	69	63
10	66	66	66	66
11	68	68	68	66
12	69	70	69	69
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18	72	72	72	71
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27	70	71	69	70
28	68	71	68	71
29	67	68	68	66
30	66	68	63	68
31	68	69	67	68
32	65	64	62	61
33	65	64	64	61

SPL / SiL (dBA), as per IEEE 57.12.90-2015				
34	65	63	65	60
35	65	63	65	60
36	65	68	65	65
37	64	67	63	65

* Measurement locations are shown in Figure 3

Appendix D

Sample Calculation – Transformer Sound Power

Appendix D - Sample Calculation - Determination of Transformer Total Sound Power Level at Rated Load

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Nation Rise 115 MVA Transformer - Transformer Core Noise

Transformer Rated Load	115 MVA
Average Load during ONAN Measurements	89 MVA
ONAN Measurement Surface Area	182 m ²



Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency [Hz]										Total [dBA]
Average Measured Sound Intensity Level - ONAN [dB]	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000		
Conversion from SIL to PWL [1]	76	66	75	63	66	47	41	38	35		64
Sound Power Level - Core Noise at Test Load [dB]	+23 dB										
Correction from Test Load to Rated Load [2]	99	88	97	86	88	69	64	60	57		87
Sound Power Level - Core Noise at Rated Current [dB]	+4.5 dB										
5 dB Tonal Penalty [3]	103	93	102	90	93	74	68	65	62		91
Sound Power Level - Transformer Core Noise at Rated Load [dB]	+ 5 dB										
	108	98	107	95	98	79	73	70	67		96

[1] - Equation (39) of the IEEE Standard

[2] - Equation (33) of the IEEE Standard

[3] - Tonal penalty added per NPC-104. Tones from the transformer noise were observed to be inaudible even at short distances away from the transformer substation; this represents a conservative assessment.

Nation Rise 115 MVA Transformer - Transformer Fan Noise

ONAF2 Measurement Surface Area	280 m ²
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Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency [Hz]										Total [dBA]
Average Measured Sound Intensity Level (ONAF2) [dB]	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000		
Conversion from SIL to PWL [1]	75	67	74	67	69	61	54	42	35		68
Sound Power Level at Test Load - Fans and Core (ONAF2) [dB]	+24 dB										
Sound Power Level - Fan Noise Only [dB] [2]	100	92	99	92	94	85	78	66	59		93
	92	89	93	91	92	85	78	65	55		91

[1] - Equation (39) of the IEEE Standard

[4] - Logarithmic subtraction of *Sound Power Level - Transformer Core Noise at Test Load* from *Sound Power Level at Test Load - Fans and Core (ONAF2)*; this result represents the acoustic contribution from the cooling fans, which spin at a fixed speed. Fan noise does not scale with transformer load in the way that core noise does.

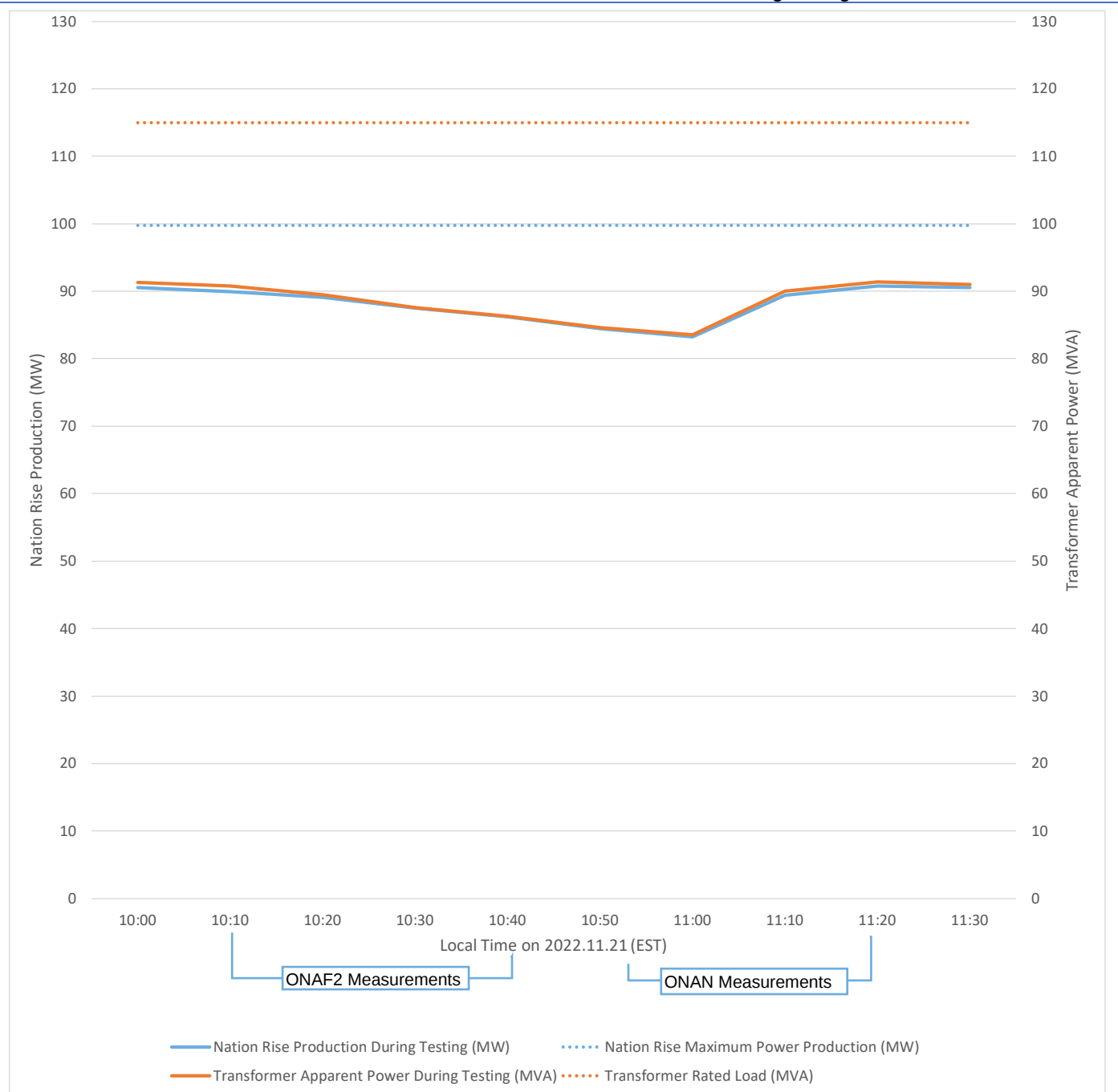
Nation Rise 115 MVA Transformer - Transformer Total Noise at Rated Load

Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency [Hz]										Total [dBA]
Sound Power Level - Transformer Core Noise at Rated Load [dB]	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000		
Sound Power Level - Fan Noise Only [dB]	108	98	107	95	98	79	73	70	67		96
	92	89	93	91	92	85	78	65	55		91
Transformer Total Sound Power Level at Rated Load [dB]	108	98	107	97	99	86	79	71	67		98

Appendix E

Nation Rise Production Data During Testing

Nation Rise 115 MVA Transformer - Transformer Load During Testing



Please Note - the determination of the Transformer Total Sound Power Level at Rated Load is based on adjustments per the IEEE C57.12.90-2015 standard and is reflective of the transformer operation at the rated 115 MVA load. Please see Section 5.2.2 and Appendix D for further details.

End of Report
