TRANSFORMERS

DESIGN GUIDELINES

1. Summary:
   a. This section provides guidelines and standards for Low-Voltage Dry-Type Transformers (600V and Below) and Medium Voltage Unit Substation Transformers.

2. Design
   a. General
      • Transformers shall be mounted on concrete pads with vibration isolators installed between transformer and pad, secured with 3/8” bolts to pad.
      • Transformers shall have both primary and secondary over-current protection.
      • Loads must be balanced by design.
      • Insulation Temperature Rise: 115 deg C temperature rise.
      • Insulation Class: Class 220 deg C continuous insulation.
      • All distribution transformers shall meet the DOE 10 CFR Part 431 (2016) standards for energy efficiency.
      • Windings: Copper or aluminum are acceptable.
      • For transformers 3kva and above: Six 2.5-percent taps, 2 above and 4 below rated high voltage.
   b. Low-Voltage Transformers
      • Transformers shall meet the NEMA standard ST-20 sound levels.
      • Transformers that serve heavy computer loads shall be K-13 rated with fully rated double neutral secondary.
      • Large (150-300 kVA and above) 480-208Y/120 V transformers shall feed distribution panels. Refer to Panelboard Design Standard.
      • Provide transformer lug kits for each transformer.
      • Dry Type Transformers Accessories: (Required where indicated to be installed by electrical engineer for that particular type of transformer.)
   c. Medium Voltage Unit Substation Transformers
      • Transformers in substations shall have a sound rating of minimum 6db below NEMA ST-20 standards. If substation transformer is located on a mid-level floor with occupied areas below, the sound rating shall be determined by an acoustical engineer and applicable sound/vibration mitigating solutions shall be applied.
      • Substation Transformers shall feed switchboards. Refer to Service and Distribution Design Standard.
• Accessories: (Required where indicated to be installed by electrical engineer for that particular type of transformer.)
  1. Equipped for forced-air cooling; Class AA/FA 33% Overload Rating with model 98 Temperature Monitor.
  2. Cooling fans.
  3. Fan control box.
  5. Thermometer with maximum temperature indicator (with contacts).
  6. Basic Impulse Insulation Level (BIL): Minimum 30kV or as required by the Engineer.

3. Related Sections
   a. Service and Distribution
   b. Panelboards
   c. Switchboards

EQUIPMENT and PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

1. Circuit Breakers
   a. Approved Manufacturers:
      • Square D
      • Eaton Cutler-Hammer

END OF SECTION