

## OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION 158

### AMENDMENT 1

#### GEC TYPE VMX 11/6.6kV CIRCUIT BREAKER

Information has been received from another DNO notifying us that there is the possibility of incorrect local indication on GEC VMX switchgear.

Two failures of the 'ON/OFF' indicator drive linkages have occurred and this has resulted in incorrect indication on the front of the circuit breaker. This is only a problem with the 'ON/OFF' indication on the front of the OCB the correct operation of the circuit breaker mechanism and contacts and that of the interlock mechanism is not in question.

Therefore the following **SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS** applies to all GEC Type VMX 11/6.6kV Circuit Breakers.

1. The 'ON/OFF' indication on the front of the circuit breaker is NOT to be relied upon as being accurate for operational purposes.
2. The operational state of the circuit breaker must be confirmed by other means such as remote indications, state of interlocks etc.
3. Where the circuit breaker is to be used as a Circuit Main Earth it should be confirmed closed by checking the interlock mechanism after closing.

The Operational Instruction can be withdrawn once Plant Modification Instruction 685 has been completed.

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