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How to connect OPGW fiber optic cable



Overview

This document provides procedures for installing OPGW fiber optic cables on transmission lines between 35kV and 400kV.

Key Takeaways

Connecting an OPGW fiber optic cable involves careful stringing, tensioning, splicing, and termination to ensure both mechanical integrity and reliable optical communication.

Preparation and Planning

Before installation, survey the transmission line to determine tower positions, drum lengths, and splice locations based on tower access, line crossings, and obstacles . Ensure all necessary equipment is available, including pullers, tensioners, anti-twisting counterweights, swivels, pulling grips, and pulleys . Verify that the OPGW cable is stored properly on drums to prevent deformation or moisture damage .

Stringing and Tensioning

The pull-and-tension method is commonly used. Begin by installing stringing blocks or pulleys on each tower to guide the cable and prevent abrasion . Connect the pulling cable to the OPGW using a swivel and pulling grip, ensuring the minimum bending radius is maintained to avoid fiber damage . Apply a constant tension throughout the stringing process to reduce sag and prevent mechanical stress . Gradually increase the laying speed, typically up to 30 meters per minute, while monitoring the cable for smooth passage over pulleys and tension rollers .

Splicing and Termination

Once the cable is in place, fusion splicing is used to join optical fibers, minimizing signal loss . Protective enclosures or splice closures are installed at splice points to shield fibers from environmental and mechanical stress . Terminate the OPGW cable at substations or connection points, ensuring secure integration with existing communication systems . Use pre-molded gaskets and galvanized clamps to anchor closures to towers, maintaining proper sealing and mechanical stability .

Testing and Commissioning

After installation, perform optical tests such as OTDR (Optical Time Domain Reflectometer) to verify fiber integrity and signal performance . Conduct electrical tests to ensure the cable provides adequate grounding and lightning protection. Inspect the entire installation for compliance with design specifications and safety standards .

Maintenance and Monitoring

Regular inspections and monitoring are essential for long-term reliability. Check for wear, mechanical stress, or environmental damage, and maintain tension and connections as needed . Implement monitoring systems to track performance in real time and schedule periodic maintenance to ensure optimal operation . By following these steps—careful planning, proper stringing and tensioning, precise splicing and termination, thorough testing, and ongoing maintenance—you can ensure a secure and reliable OPGW fiber optic connection that supports both communication and grounding functions in power transmission systems .

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