

PowerLink IP

The power line carrier solution for digital transmission grids

Description

The deregulation of energy markets and rapidly growing decentralized power generation lead to a more complex management of power networks with ever more sophisticated redundancy requirements.

Traditional high-voltage (HV) substations require a low bit rate communication channel for applications like binary teleprotection signals, control center commands, or analog voice. Integration into enterprise IT is not required.

New digital HV substations typically use packet-based broadband communication infrastructure. Central data analytics and application services demand extended data bandwidth. The data flow is primarily asymmetrical; cybersecurity is an integral feature.

The PowerLink IP solution is designed for Ethernet/IP environments typically found in digital HV substations. It supports extended bandwidth requirements and can be seamlessly integrated into existing PLC and digital solutions.

Fields of Application

PLC systems utilize the high-voltage line between transformer substations as an economical communication path for data, teleprotection, or voice. Such systems are typically used as primary or backup communication connection between HV substations.

Even in modern power line networks, there are many HV substations where the installation of fiber is not cost-effective and where wireless communication is not sufficiently reliable. In those cases power line is the sole communication path between HV substations.



PowerLink IP Device
Equipped with 2 Amplifiers and iSWT

PowerLink IP serves as a single communications system for the diverse communication requirements of state-of-the-art HV substations. It supports any type of IP-based traffic as well as the transmission of teleprotection signals.

The optionally integrated SWT 3000 teleprotection provides highly reliable communication connections for distance protections.

PowerLink IP is the best solution for ensuring highest availability of major HV links by establishing an alternative communication path for critical grid applications (for example, protection devices, RTUs, and voice). In combination with fiber-optic communication technology PowerLink IP warrants the best possible reliability for critical HV links.

Simple operation, highest bandwidth-efficiency

Functions/Features

PLC functions / features

- Bandwidth up to 256 kHz
- Transmission rates up to 2 Mbps
- Efficient bandwidth utilization
 - Notching (non-contiguous frequency bands)
 - Channel spreading (dynamic transmission rate adaptation)
 - Asymmetrical data streams
- Integrated spectrum analyzer
- Stable operation and fast synchronization time even under adverse conditions
- Parallel operation to other PLC systems
- Primary or backup communication solution for HV power lines

Teleprotection functions/features

- Integrated teleprotection system
- Support of binary I/O and GOOSE (IEC61850) interfaces
- System alarms via alarm contacts or remote monitoring

Packet functions/features

- Pure packet-based architecture
- Web-based administration
- Integrated L2 switch
- Integration into network management system using latest SNMP technology

Benefits

- Highly efficient utilization of scarce bandwidth resources
- Smart frequency management
- Simplified network planning, system commissioning and operation
- High availability and reliability
- Optimized for packet-based architecture of modern HV substations
- Seamless integration into existing PLC infrastructure
- Cost-efficient consolidation of traditional PLCs
- Alternative communication channel for video, high-quality service telephony, or even data exchange
- Transition to packet-based substation at own pace through flexible migration scenarios (integration of legacy devices)



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