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NPS/001/011 – Technical Specification for Notice Plates and Signs

1. Purpose

This document details the requirements for all notice plates, signs and labels for use on the distribution network of Northern Powergrid (the Company).

This document supersedes the following documents, all copies of which should be destroyed;

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2. Scope

This Specification outlines the materials, dimensions, colours and technical requirements for notice plates, signs and labels use on the distribution networks of the Northern Powergrid. Appendix 1 details the Company commodity codes, descriptions and drawing numbers.

Signs and notices shall meet the requirements of the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 where applicable.

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3. Technical Requirements

3.1. General Requirements

Materials and Finish

The materials and finish of all component parts referred to in this specification shall be as required in the relevant clauses of national and international standards where applicable. Permanent outdoor signs shall provide colour fastness for a minimum period of 10 years in direct sunlight.

Markings

All signs, notices and labels shall be marked in an appropriate area with a manufacturer identifying mark or logo and two digits to indicate the year of manufacture.

3.2. Environmental Operating Conditions for Signs

All signs and plates shall be suitable for use in the following operating conditions:-

- Temperature range -10 °C to +40°C
- Located in direct sunlight (outdoor signs only)
- Mounted on creosote treated wood poles (where applicable).

3.3. Technical Requirements

3.3.1. Safety Signs

All safety signs shall fully comply with the requirements of the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2009 and ENATS 43-90: Issue 7.

Safety Signs shall be manufactured from a suitable material to provide colour fastness for a minimum period of 10 years in direct sunlight.

3.3.2. Caution and Danger Notices

Caution and Danger Notices shall be manufactured from ABS Grade 'A' white plastic with lettering and background colouring as specified on the appropriate drawing numbers.

A range of self-adhesive and magnetic notices is also included in this range.

Pole Scarves will be manufactured from reinforced plastic material with two 500-mm long Velcro strips to each of the opposite sides to form a fastening

3.3.3. Warning Signs

Circuit Warning Notices, Stop Think Tags, Confined Spaces and Asbestos Warning Labels shall be manufactured from ABS Grade 'A' plastic with lettering and background colours as specified on the appropriate drawings.

"G78 Connection Warning Plate to be manufactured as detailed in Section 3.3.1 for attachment to creosote treated wood poles".

Fishing Notices and Rail-track Markers shall be manufactured from a suitable material to provide colour fastness for a period of 10 years in direct sunlight.

3.3.4. Voltage Plates

Voltage plates shall be manufactured from a suitable material to provide colour fastness for a minimum period of 10 years in direct sunlight with letters and background colour as specified on the appropriate drawing.

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3.3.5. Substation Name Plates

Substation name plates shall be manufactured from a suitable material to provide colour fastness for a minimum period of 10 years in direct sunlight with letters and background colour as specified on the appropriate drawing.

They shall be manufactured from a two layered material so the unique substation name/number can be engraved internally by the Company's staff.

3.3.6. Phase Plates

Phase plates shall be manufactured from a suitable material to provide colour fastness for a minimum period of 10 years in direct sunlight.

3.3.7. Number Plates

Number plates and the base mounting plate shall be supplied in kit form. The pole number base plate shall be manufactured from aluminium of such thickness to allow for pole curve and finished in matt black. The preferred size is 500 x 50 mm.

Numbers and letters shown on the drawing shall be manufactured from 20mm wide aluminium at the correct height to allow a sliding fit into the base plate. Characters are 25mm high with colours as specified on the drawing. The material shall be treated to prevent ultra violet deterioration and be creosote resistant.

Labels for BT attachments to poles are manufactured from ICI Propathene 203/63/white code 005 with black heat and pressure film impregnated characters. Similar materials would be considered.

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4. References

4.1. External Documentation

The products described within this specification shall comply with the latest versions of the relevant International Standards, British Standard Specifications and all relevant Energy Networks Association Technical Specifications (ENATS) current at the time of supply.

Reference	Title
ENA TS 43-90 Issue 7 -2021	Anti-Climbing Measures and Safety Signs for High Voltage Overhead Lines
ESQCR	Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002, as amended
HSE L64	The Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Guidance on Regulations 1996

4.2. Internal Documentation

Reference	Title
N/A	

4.3. Amendments from Previous Version

Reference	Description
4.1	External document version updated
6.0	Authority of issue updated
Appendix 1	Additional items added to the schedule

5. Definitions

Term	Definition
The Company	Northern Powergrid

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6. Authority for Issue

6.1. CDS Assurance

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		Date
Liz Beat	Governance Administrator	27/09/2023

6.2. Author

I sign to confirm that I have completed and checked this document and I am satisfied with its content and submit it for approval and authorisation.

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Standard CDS review of 3 years?	Non Standard Review Period & Reason	
No	Period: 5	Reason: Duration of proposed contract term
Should this document be displayed on the Northern Powergrid external website?		Yes
		Date
Steven Salkeld	Policy and Standards Engineer	02/10/2023

6.3. Technical Assurance

I sign to confirm that I am satisfied with all aspects of the content and preparation of this document and submit it for approval and authorisation.

		Date
Aaron Chung	Policy and Standards Engineer	03/10/2023

6.4. Authorisation

Authorisation is granted for publication of this document.

		Date
Paul Black	Head of System Engineering	03/10/2023

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Appendix 1 – Schedule of Items

Commodity	Description	Drawing Ref	Drawing
SIGNS			
361628	S/S DOOR SAFETY SIGN: FOR DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS	C944788	1.10.102.0007 sheet 2
361613	S/S FENCE/COMPOUND SAFETY SIGN	C944789	1.10.102.0007 sheet 1
363318	SAFETY SIGNS FOR WOOD POLES	C944843	1.09.101.0229 sheet 1
363322	SAFETY SIGNS FOR STEEL MASTS	C944845	1.09.101.0229 sheet 2
363587	TOWER SAFETY SIGNS FOR DOULE CIRCUIT TOWERS	C944851	1.09.101.0229 sheet 3
360112	POLE SAFETY SIGN (SELF ADHESIVE) FOR STEEL POLES	C944887	1.09.1.1.0229 sheet 10
362541	LIVE CONDUCTORS OVERHEAD	C944829	1.10.110.0002 sheet 2
CAUTION & DANGER NOTICES			
321368	DANGER NOTICE EXTRA LARGE – 420 x 300mm	C944823	1.10.110.0001 sheet 1 item1
321369	DANGER NOTICE LARGE – 210 x 300mm	C944823	1.10.110.0001 sheet 1 Item 5
321372	DANGER NOTICE MEDIUM – 210 x 150mm	C944823	1.10.110.0001 sheet 1 Item 2
321264	DANGER NOTICE SMALL – 105 x 75mm	C944823	1.10.110.0001 sheet 1 Item 3
321350	DANGER NOTICE MAGNETIC – 105 x 75mm	C944823	1.10.110.0001 sheet 1 Item 4
321349	CAUTION NOTICE EXTRA LARGE – 210 x 300mm	C316822	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1 Item 1
321353	CAUTION NOTICE LARGE - 150 x 210mm	C316822	1.10.102.0004 sheet 1 item 2
329976	CAUTION NOTICE MEDIUM – 105 x 150mm	C316822	1.10.102.0004 sheet 1 item 3
329980	CAUTION NOTICE SMALL – 75 x 105mm	C316822	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1 Item 4
329985	CAUTION NOTICE SELF ADHESIVE – 60 x 90mm	C316822	1.10.102.0004 sheet 1 item 5
329986	CAUTION NOTICE MAGNETIC (Arrow left) – 60 x 90mm	C316822	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1 item 6
329987	CAUTION NOTICE MAGNETIC (Arrow Right) – 60 x 90mm	C316822	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1 item 7
362545	CONSTRUCTION EARTH MEDIUM- 150 x 210mm	C945293	1.10.110.0013 sheet 1 item 1
362527	CONSTRUCTION EARTH SMALL. – 75 x 105mm	C945293	1.10.110.0013 sheet 1 item 2
362551	CIRCUIT MAIN EARTH LARGE – 210 x 300mm	C317567	1.10.110.0012 sheet 1
362546	CIRCUIT MAIN EARTH MEDIUM – 150 x 210mm	C317567	1.10.110.0012 sheet 1
362528	CIRCUIT MAIN EARTH SMALL – 75 x 105mm	C317567	1.10.110.0012 sheet 1
300772	DANGER/CAUTION POLE SCARF	C317507	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1
300775	DANGER/CAUTION SCARF LARGE. FOR PRIMARY SS SUPPORT STRUCTURES (1770mm LONG x 500mm WIDE)	C317507	1.10.110.0004 sheet 1
300774	PROTECTION POLE SCARF	C317564	1.10.110.0008 sheet 1
362548	Danger Live Warning Tape: 25mm wide.	N/A	N/A
362549	Caution Warning Tape: 25mm Wide.	N/A	N/A
WARNING NOTICES			
297224	CIRCUIT IN COMMISSION NOTICE MEDIUM – 150 x 210mm	C317508	1.10.110.0005 sheet 1 Item 1
297296	CIRCUIT IN COMMISSION NOTICE SMALL – 75 x 105mm	C317508	1.10.110.0005 sheet 1 Item 2
297297	CIRCUIT IN COMMISSION NOTICE MAGNETIC 75 x 105mm	C317508	1.10.110.0005 sheet 1 Item 3
297310	SINGLE CIRCUIT SECURITY MAGNETIC – 105 x 75mm	C317562	1.10.110.0006 sheet 1 Item 3
297307	SINGLE CIRCUIT SECURITY SMALL – 105 x 75mm	C317562	1.10.110.0006 sheet 1 Item 2
297308	SINGLE CIRCUIT SECURITY MEDIUM – 150 x 210mm	C317562	1.10.110.0006 sheet 1 item 1
297311	PROTECTION ABNORMAL MAGNETIC – 105 x 75mm	C317563	1.10.110.0007 sheet 1 Item 3
297305	PROTECTION ABNORMAL MEDIUM – 210 x 150mm	C317563	1.10.110.0007 sheet 1 Item 1
297306	PROTECTION ABNORMAL SMALL – 105 x 75mm	C317563	1.10.110.0007 sheet 1 Item 2
297312	STOP THINK TAG – 65 x 40mm	C945294	1.10.102.0014 sheet 1
321348	G78 CONNECTION POLE PLATE – curved 200 x 150mm	C945297	1.09.101.0230 sheet 2
244015	FISHING WARNING NOTICE – 360 x 230mm	C318878	1.09.101.0229 sheet 8 item 1

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243953	FISHING PROHIBITION APPROACH NOTICE - 360 x 230mm	C318878	1.09.101.0229 sheet 8 item 2
243954	FISHING PROHIBITION NOTICE - 360 x 230mm	C318878	1.09.101.0229 sheet 8 item 3
362531	PREVENTION OF TRAGEDY NORTHERN SITE	C1003801	1.02.108.0006 sheet 7
362530	PREVENTION OF TRAGEDY YORKS. SITE	C1023906	1.02.108.0006 sheet 8
363445	RAILTRACK ROUTE MARKER OVERHEAD	C945298	1.09.101.0594 sheet 4
363483	RAILTRACK ROUTE MARKER OH. Tel NORTHERN	C945299	1.09.101.0594 sheet 5 Item 2
363446	RAILTRACK ROUTE MARKER OH. Tel YORKS.	C945299	1.09.101.0594 sheet 5 Item 3
363464	RAILTRACK ROUTE MARKER UG CABLES	C945299	1.09.101.0594 sheet 5 Item 1
362536	WARNING FOR RECREATIONALSITES 450 X 300MM	C944888	1.09.101.0229 sheet 11 Item 1
362535	PROHIBITION FOR RECREATIONALSITES 450 X 300MM	C944888	1.09.101.0229 sheet 11 Item 2
363482	Notice: Underground Electricity Cable Warning Notice. Yorkshire Area	C1058915	1.10.102.0029 sheet 2
363481	Notice: Underground Electricity Cable Warning Notice. Northern Area	C1058914	1.10.102.0029 sheet 1
294827	CONFINED SPACES NOTICE	C945301	1.10.102.0022 sheet 1
294843	CONFINED SPACE RISK ASSESSMENT	C945303	1.10.102.0023 sheet 1
294868	CONFINED SPACE RISK ASSESSMENT SELF ADHESIVE	C945303	1.10.102.0023 sheet 1
294173	ASBESTOS WARNING LABEL SELF ADHESIVE 155 x 80mm	C945304	1.10.102.0024 sheet 1 Item 1
294181	ASBESTOS WARNING LABEL RIGID – 155 x 80mm	C945304	1.10.102.0024 sheet 1 Item 1
294140	ASBESTOS CHECKED SELF ADHESIVE 155 x 80mm	C945305	1.02.108.0007 sheet 1 Item 2
294157	ASBESTOS CHECKED RIGID	C945305	1.02.108.0007 sheet 1 Item 1
362540	ACCESS WARNING FIM LANDSCAPE XL 420 x 300mm	C103408	1.10.110.0009 sheet 1 Item 1
362526	ACCESS WARNING FIM LANDSCAPE SMALL 75 x 105mm	C103408	1.10.110.0009 sheet 1 Item 2
362529	ACCESS RESTRICTED NOTICE MEDIUM – 150 x 230mm	C317566	1.10.110.0011 sheet 1
362537	ISOLATOR FAULT INTERFERING MODE	C317565	1.10.110.0010 sheet 1
362710	EMERGENCY EXIT EXTERNAL RIGID	C940639	1.10.102.0028 sheet 1 item 1
362711	EMERGENCY EXIT EXTERNAL SELF ADHESIVE	C940639	1.10.102.0028 sheet 1 item 1
362712	EMERGENCY EXIT INTERNAL RIGID	C940639	1.10.102.0028 sheet 1 item 2
362713	EMERGENCY EXIT INTERNAL SELF ADHESIVE	C940639	1.10.102.0028 sheet 1 item 2
361651	CO2 DOOR WARNING	C963530	1.13.116.0012 sheet 1
296348	NO PARKING, 24H ACCESS REQUIRED 500X400MM	N/A	N/A
362553	NO SMOKING RIGID PLASTIC 100 X 100MM	N/A	N/A
362552	NO SMOKING S/A 100 X 100MM	N/A	N/A
362715	SAFETY LOCK REPLACEMENT LABEL FOR AIR BREAK SWITCH DISCONNECTOR (	N/A	N/A
VOLTAGE PLATES			
362917	VOLTAGE PLATE - 433 V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
363040	VOLTAGE PLATE - 5,500V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
362599	VOLTAGE PLATE - 11,000V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
362584	VOLTAGE PLATE - 20,000V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
362565	VOLTAGE PLATE - 33,000V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
362550	VOLTAGE PLATE - 66,000V	C945308	1.02.112.0001 sheet 1
367770	VOLTAGE PLATE DC TOWERS DANGER 33,000 VOLTS	C317962	1.09.101.0512 sheet 3
362620	VOLTAGE PLATE DOUBLE CIRCUIT TOWERS NPG NORTHERN DANGER 132,000 VOLTS	C406466	1.09.101.0512 sheet 1
362532	NPG YORKSHIRE DANGER 132,000 VOLTS	C406467	1.09.101.0512 sheet 8
SUBSTATION NAME PLATES - (Layered Material Suitable for Engraving)			
241040	NPG NORTHERN DISTRIBUTION PROPERTY PLATE	C318377	1.02.108.0006 sheet 3
240226	NPG NORTHERN PRIMARY PROPERTY PLATE	C319543	1.02.108.0006 sheet 4
362533	NPG YORKSHIRE DISTRIBUTION PROPERTY PLATE	C317642	1.02.108.0008 sheet 2
362534	NPG YORKSHIRE PRIMARY PROPERTY PLATE	C317641	1.02.108.0008 sheet 1

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362561	IDNO PRIMARY SUBSTATION PROPERTY PLATE, NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) PLC	C1003587	1.02.108.0009 sheet 1
362562	IDNO PRIMARY SUBSTATION PROPERTY PLATE, NORTHERN POWERGRID (YORKSHIRE) PLC	C1003634	1.02.108.0009 sheet 3
362563	IDNO DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION PROPERTY PLATE, NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) PLC	C1003629	1.02.108.0009 sheet 2
362564	IDNO DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION PROPERTY PLATE, NORTHERN POWERGRID (YORKSHIRE) PLC	C1003641	1.02.108.0009 sheet 4
FEEDER PILLAR PLATES			
362555	PROPERTY PLATE FOR NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST PLC) DISTRIBUTION FEEDER PILLAR.	C1016619	1.02.108.0006 sheet 6
362559	PROPERTY PLATE FOR NORTHERN POWERGRID (YORKSHIRE PLC) DISTRIBUTION FEEDER PILLAR.	C1016619	1.02.108.0006 sheet 6
PHASE PLATES			
363375	PHASE PLATE ON WOOD POLES –RED	C318988	1.09.101.0226 sheet 1
363394	PHASE PLATE ON WOOD POLES - YELLOW	C318988	1.09.101.0226 sheet 1
363407	PHASE PLATE ON WOOD POLES - BLUE	C318988	1.09.101.0226 sheet 1
363337	PHASE PLATE FOR DOUBLE CIRCUIT TOWER-RED	C318987	1.09.101.0226 sheet 2
363356	PHASE PLATE FOR DOUBLE CIRCUIT TOWER-YELLOW	C318987	1.09.101.0226 sheet 2
363360	PHASE PLATE FOR DOUBLE CIRCUIT TOWER-BLUE	C318987	1.09.101.0226 sheet 2
NUMBER PLATES			
243258	NUMBER BASE PLATE FOR WOOD POLES	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244369	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.1	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249697	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.2	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249714	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.3	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249729	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.4	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249733	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.5	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249748	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.6	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249752	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.7	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249767	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.8	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249771	POLE NUMBER PLATE – ZINC No.9	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249786	NUMBER PLATE P.H. HV. ZINC No.0	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249324	POLE LETTER PLATE A- ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249339	POLE LETTER PLATE E - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
242664	POLE CONDITION PLATE LETTER D - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
242665	POLE LETTER PLATE S - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
249339	POLE LETTER PLATE E - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244371	POLE LETTER PLATE B - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244372	POLE LETTER PLATE L - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244374	POLE LETTER PLATE H - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244275	POLE LETTER PLATE W - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244276	POLE LETTER PLATE V - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244277	POLE LETTER PLATE BLANK - ZINC	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
244278	POLE LETTER PLATE - ZINC, SYMBOL / (forward slash)	C101317	1.09.101.0228 sheet 3
248745	LABLE POLE JOINT BT ATTACHMENT LETTER A	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248764	LABEL POLE JOINT BT ATTACHMENT LETTER B	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248571	LABEL POLE JOINT BT ATTACHMENT LETTER C	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248567	LABEL POLE JOINT BT ATTACHMENT LETTER J	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248618	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 1	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248622	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 2	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248637	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 3	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248641	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 4	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1

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248656	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 5	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248660	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 6/9	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248675	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 7	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248726	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 8	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
248730	BT ATTACHMENT NUMBER 0	C316969	1.09.119.3160 sheet 1
244466	NUMBER PLATE FOR DC TOWERS	C1029822	1.09.101.0511 sheet 2
244458	CIRCUIT ID FOR DC TOWERS 22MM HOLE	C1004023	1.09.101.0355 sheet 1
241144	CIRCUIT ID FOR DC TOWERS 18MM HOLE	C1004023	1.09.101.0355 sheet 1

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Appendix 2 – Addendum to Supplier Requirements

Suppliers are required to provide evidence that the colour fastness of all permanent outdoor signs meet the minimum 10 year life requirements of the Company. Examples of evidence that may be considered could be test evidence, customer references or proven service life.

Supporting evidence of compliance with type tests shall be submitted with the completed tender document.

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Appendix 3 – Technical Information Checklist

The following information shall be provided by the supplier for review by the Company. Additional information shall be provided if requested.

Requirement	Provided (Y/N)
Material descriptions and part number/reference	
Drawings for items that deviate from the standard Company drawings issued.	
Test evidence – UV stability, temperature range, resistance to creosote (applicable to all outdoor signage)	
Packaging information	