

# **Three Case Studies of High Reliability Power Systems**

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# **Project No. 1: H-3 Tunnel**

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- **1.6 km (1 mile) long, twin-bore tunnel thru Koolau mountains**
- **Part of 26-km highway in Honolulu, Hawaii**
- **Tunnel connects Halawa valley to west and Haiku valley to east**
- **Cost: \$1.3 billion (US) = 90% from FHWA + 10% from HDOT**



**Haiku Portal -  
Inbound Tunnel**

**Haiku Portal -  
Outbound Tunnel**

# Haiku Cross-Over Vault



# **4 Sources of power**

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- **For high reliability, 4 sources:**
- **2 utility HV transmission circuits**
- **1-500 kW emergency generator**
- **Numerous UPS and battery/inverter units**

# Utility power source

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- **2-46 kV HECO transmission lines for high reliability**
- **Radial circuits terminate at portal substations: Halawa & Haiku**
- **Separate substations for redundancy**
- **10 MVA, 46-12.47 kV transformer, fully sized for redundancy**



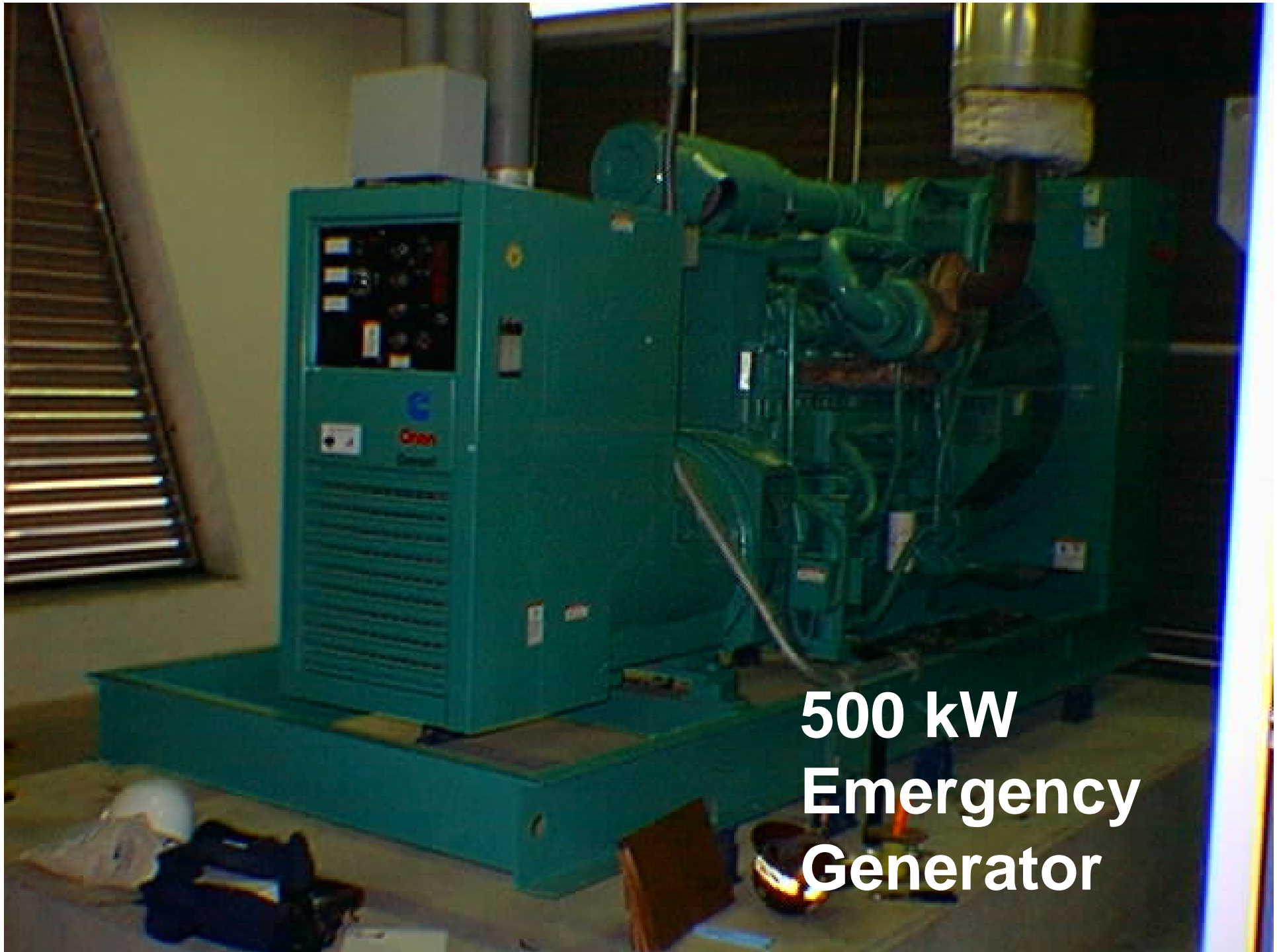
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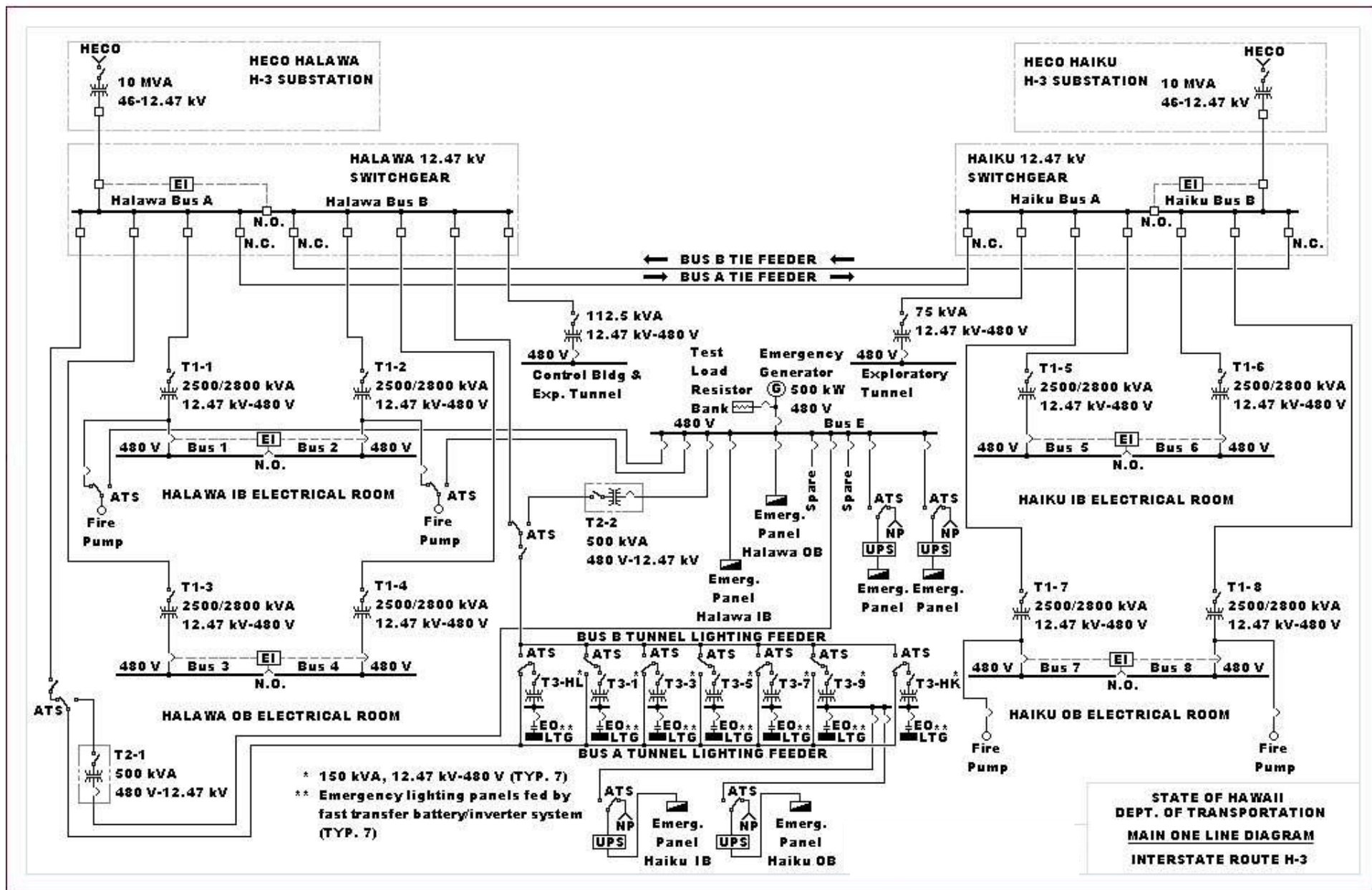
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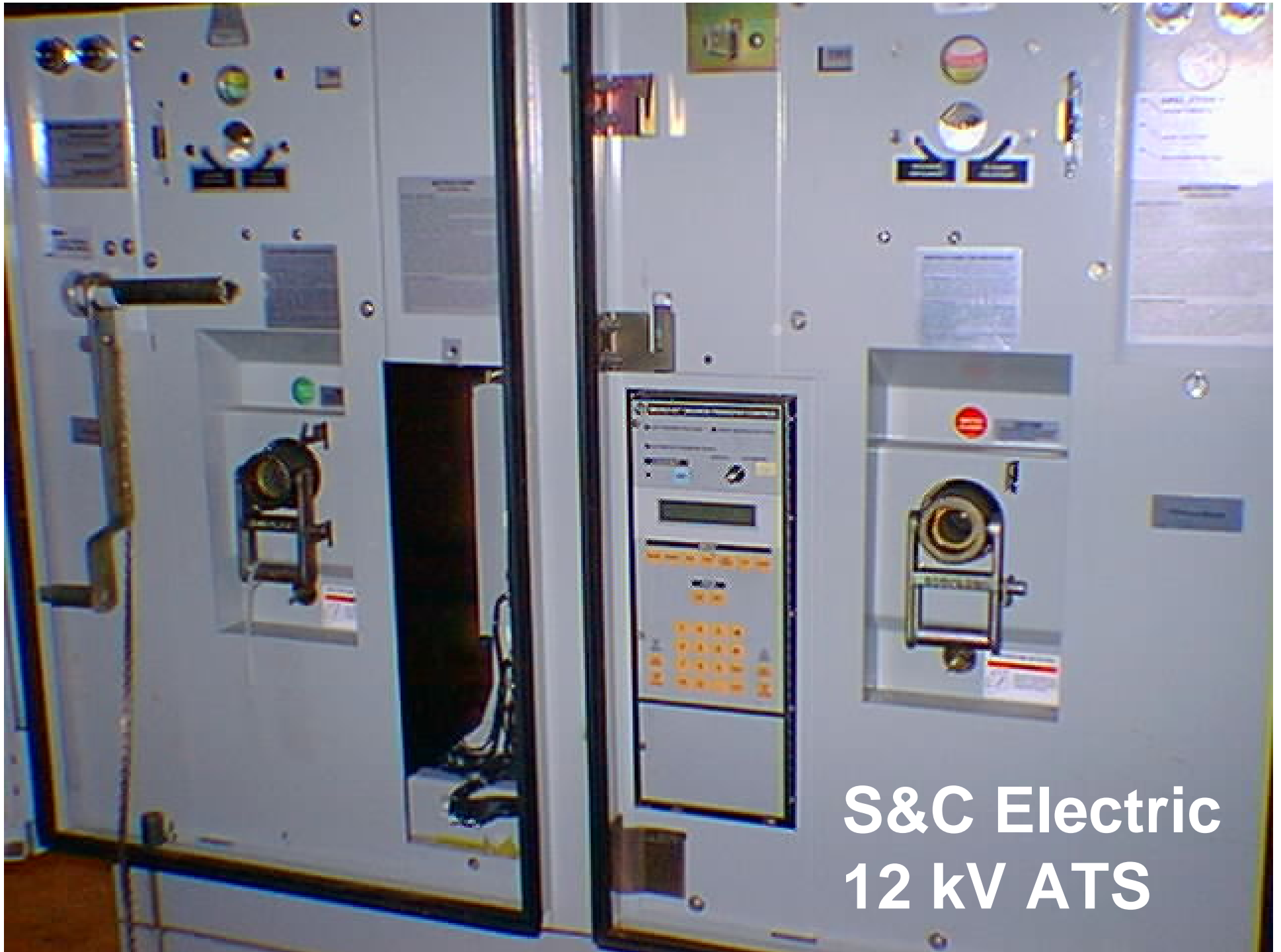
# Emergency power sources

- **Emergency diesel engine-generator: 500 kW, 480 V**
- **UPS units (15 min. battery capacity): computer-type loads**
- **Fast transfer battery/inverter units (90 min. battery capacity): HID lighting**



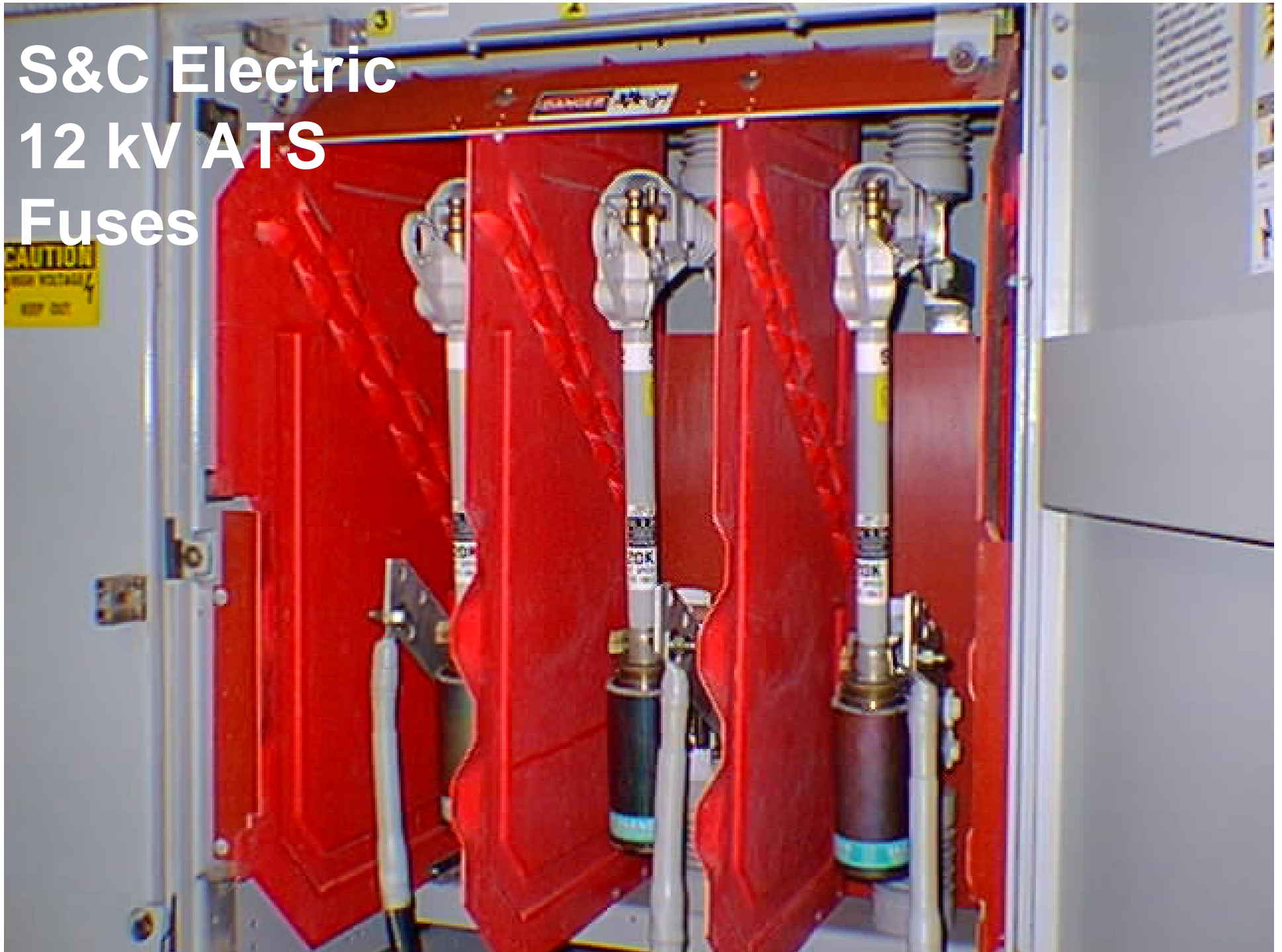
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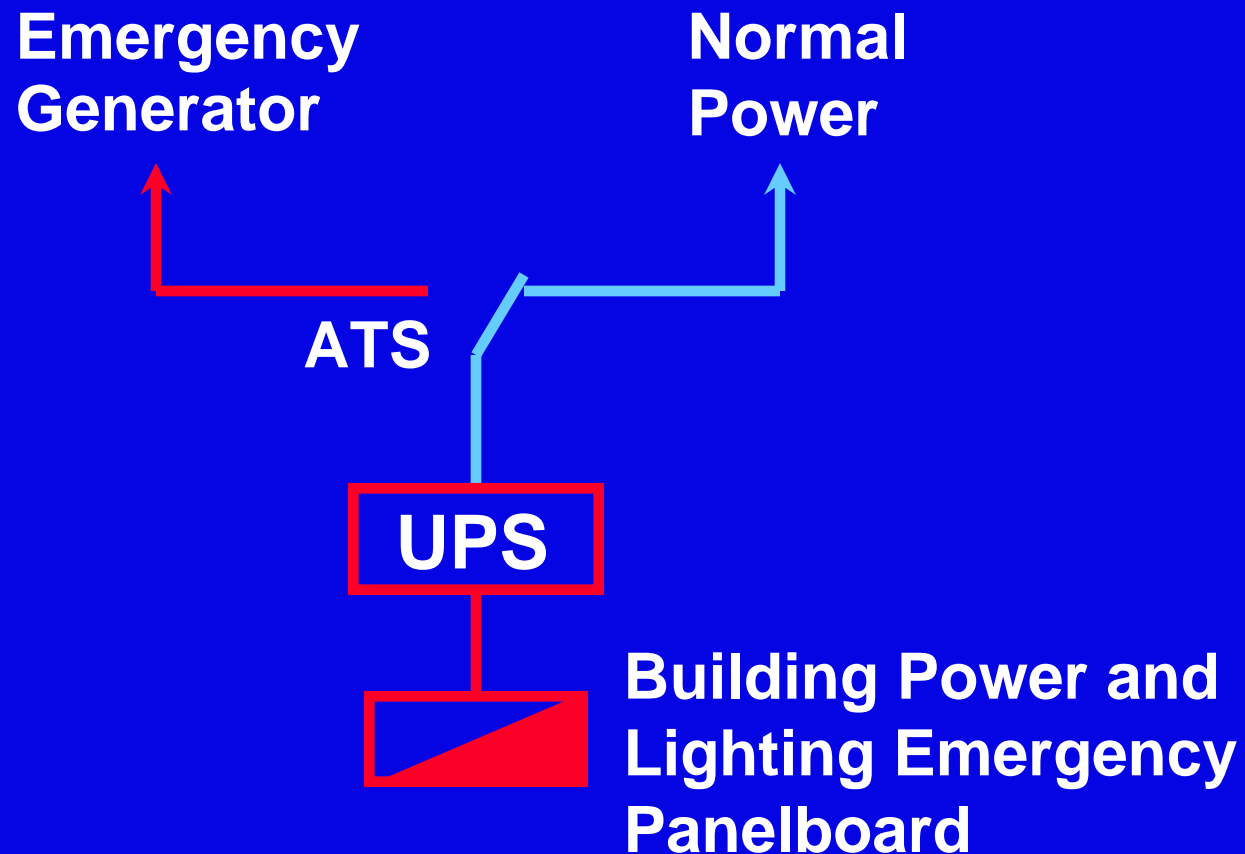


# S&C Electric 12 kV ATS Fuses

CAUTION  
HIGH VOLTAGE  
KEEP OUT



# Emergency panelboards



# **12.47 kV switchgear system**

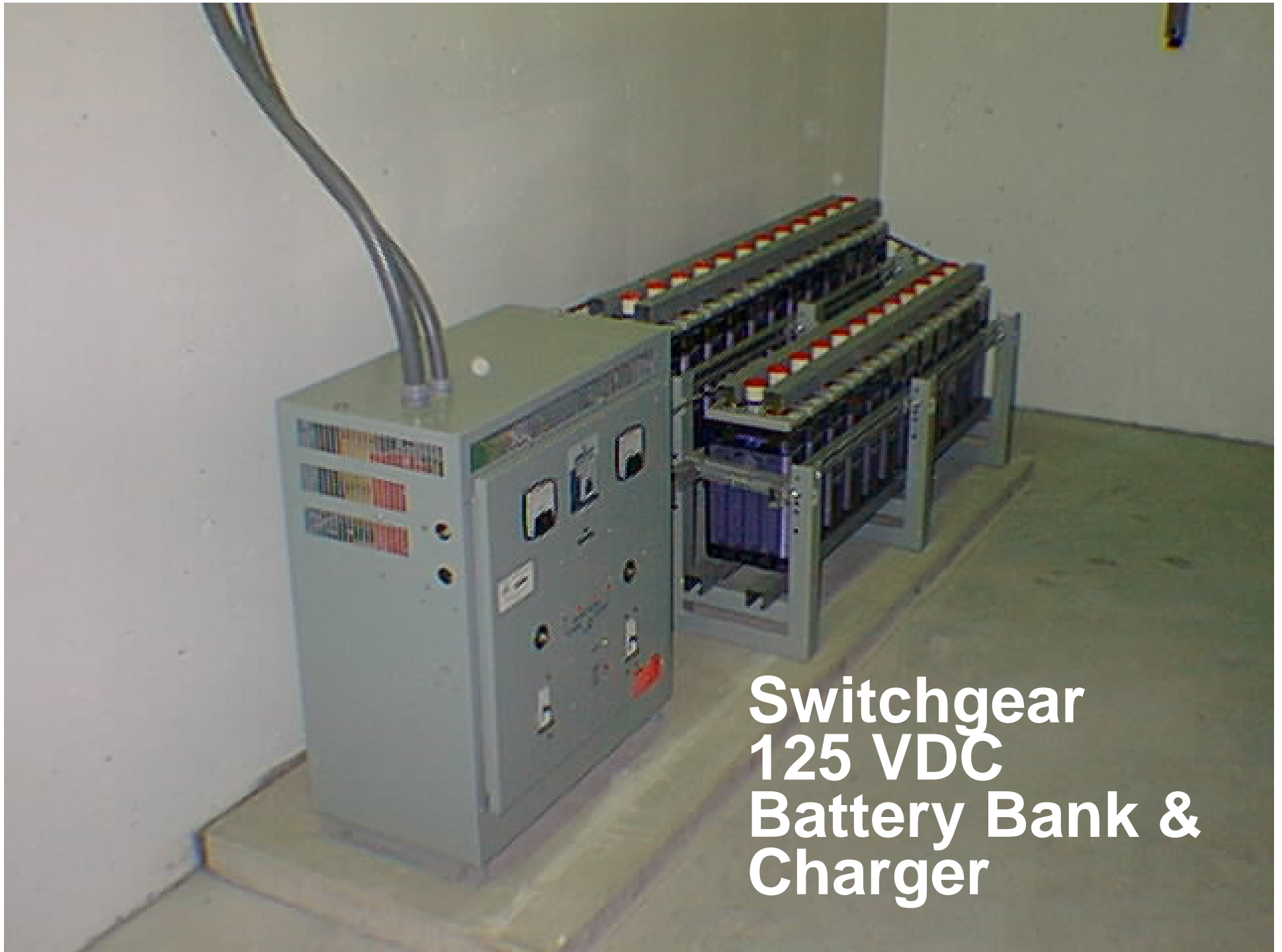
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- **Metal-clad switchgear**
- **Vacuum circuit breakers**
- **Draw-out**
- **Electrically operated**

**12.47 kV  
Switchgear**

**480 V  
Switchgear**





**Switchgear  
125 VDC  
Battery Bank &  
Charger**

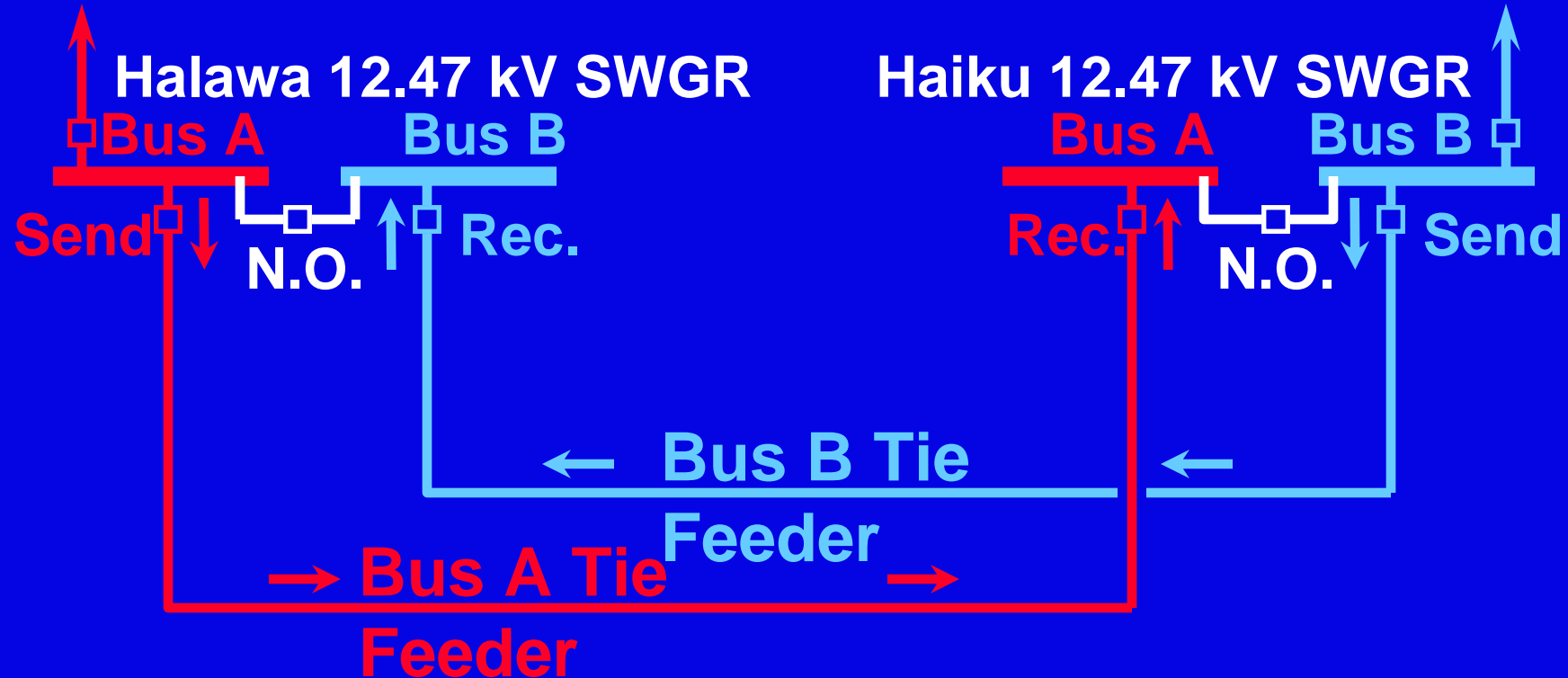
# **Split bus configuration**

- **Bus A = HECO Halawa H-3 substation**
- **Bus B = HECO Haiku H-3 substation**
- **Bus A tie feeder thru outbound tunnel via concrete duct bank**
- **Bus B tie feeder thru inbound tunnel via concrete duct bank**
- **Avoids coincident damage**

# Split bus configuration

HECO Halawa  
H-3 Substation

HECO Haiku  
H-3 Substation



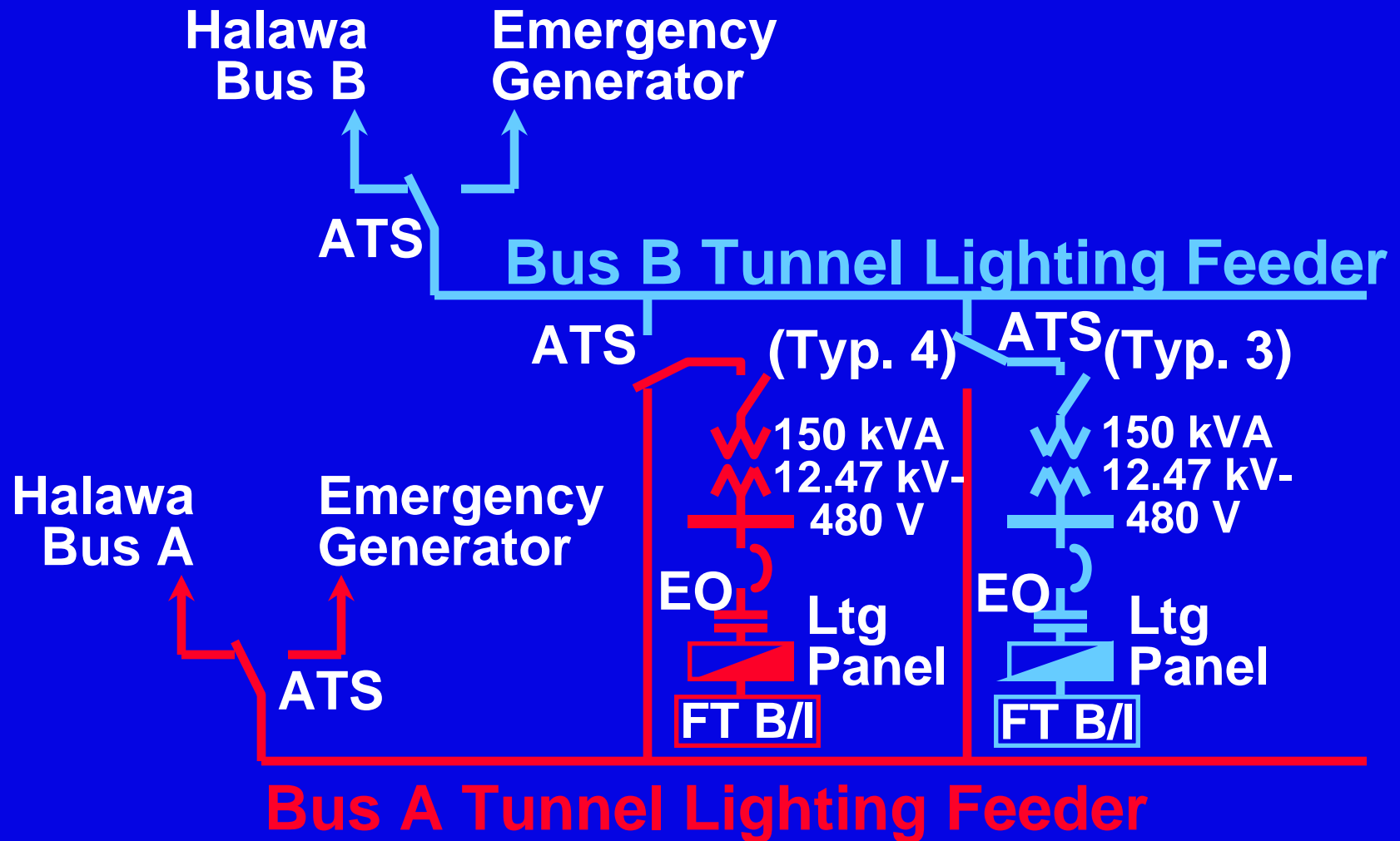
# **Tunnel lighting feeders**

- **2-12.47 kV tunnel lighting feeders**
- **7-12.47 kV ATs and 7-150 kVA, 12.47 kV-480 V transformers:**
- **5 cross-passages: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9**
- **2 cross-over vaults: Halawa & Haiku**
- **Electrically-operated contactors, fast transfer battery/inverter units**

# Batteries for Emergency Lighting



# Tunnel lighting feeders



# Approach from Halawa Valley











Exit to  
Haiku Valley





# **12.47 kV swgr interlocking**

- **Most significant reliability feature**
- **Auto restoration following HECO loss, feeder or bus fault**
- **Control wiring w/interposing relays between Halawa and Haiku swgr**
- **Most common failure - loss of one HECO line**

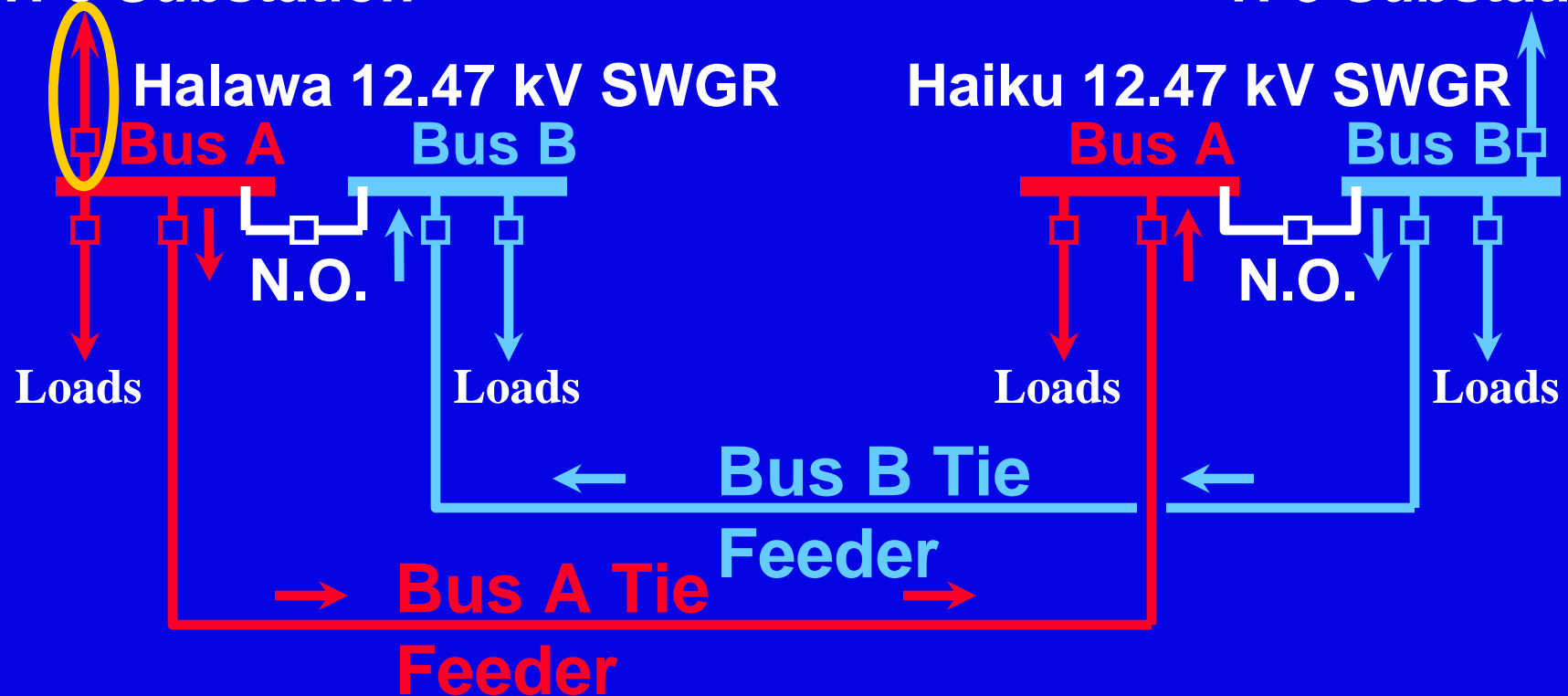


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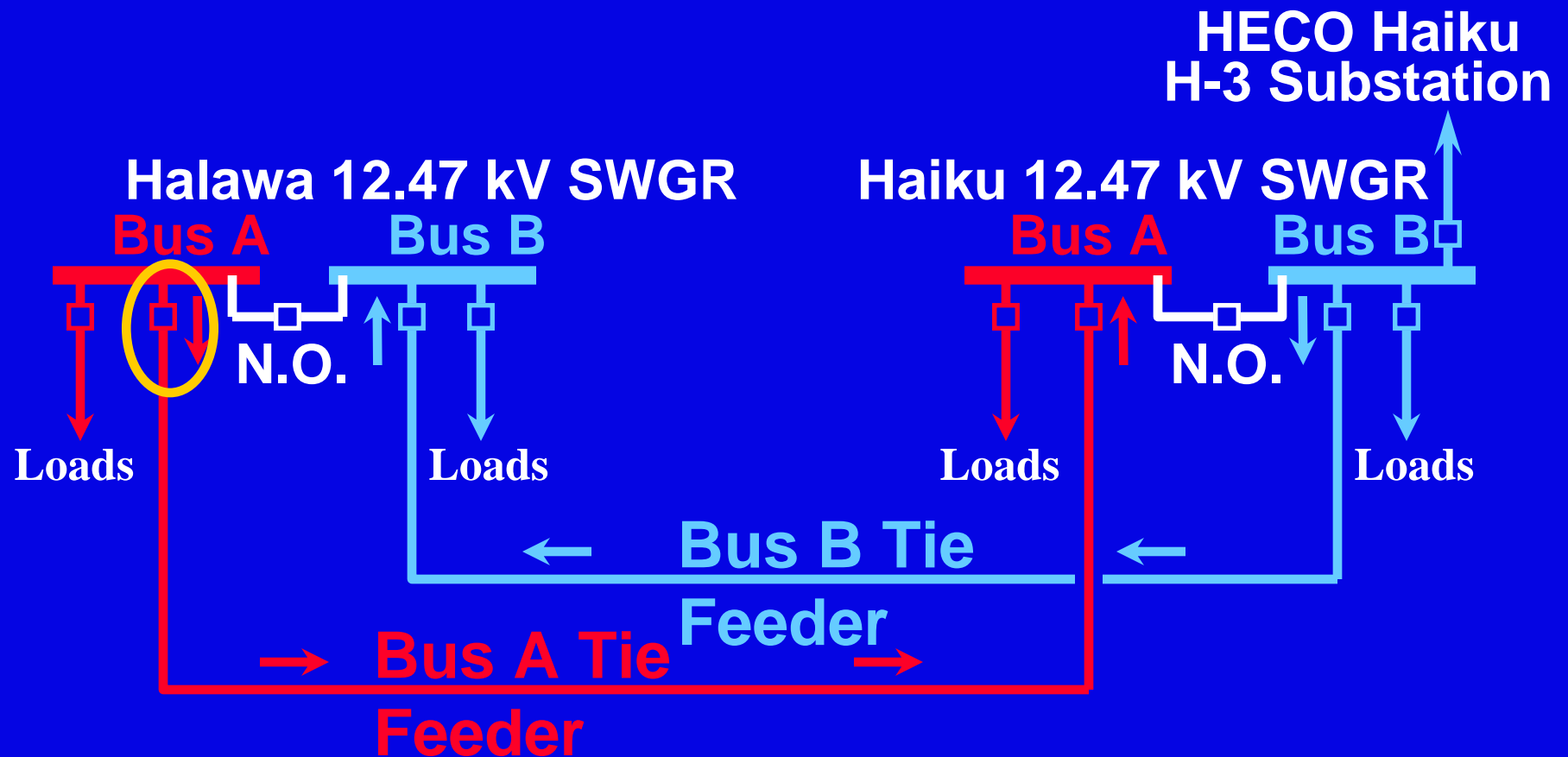
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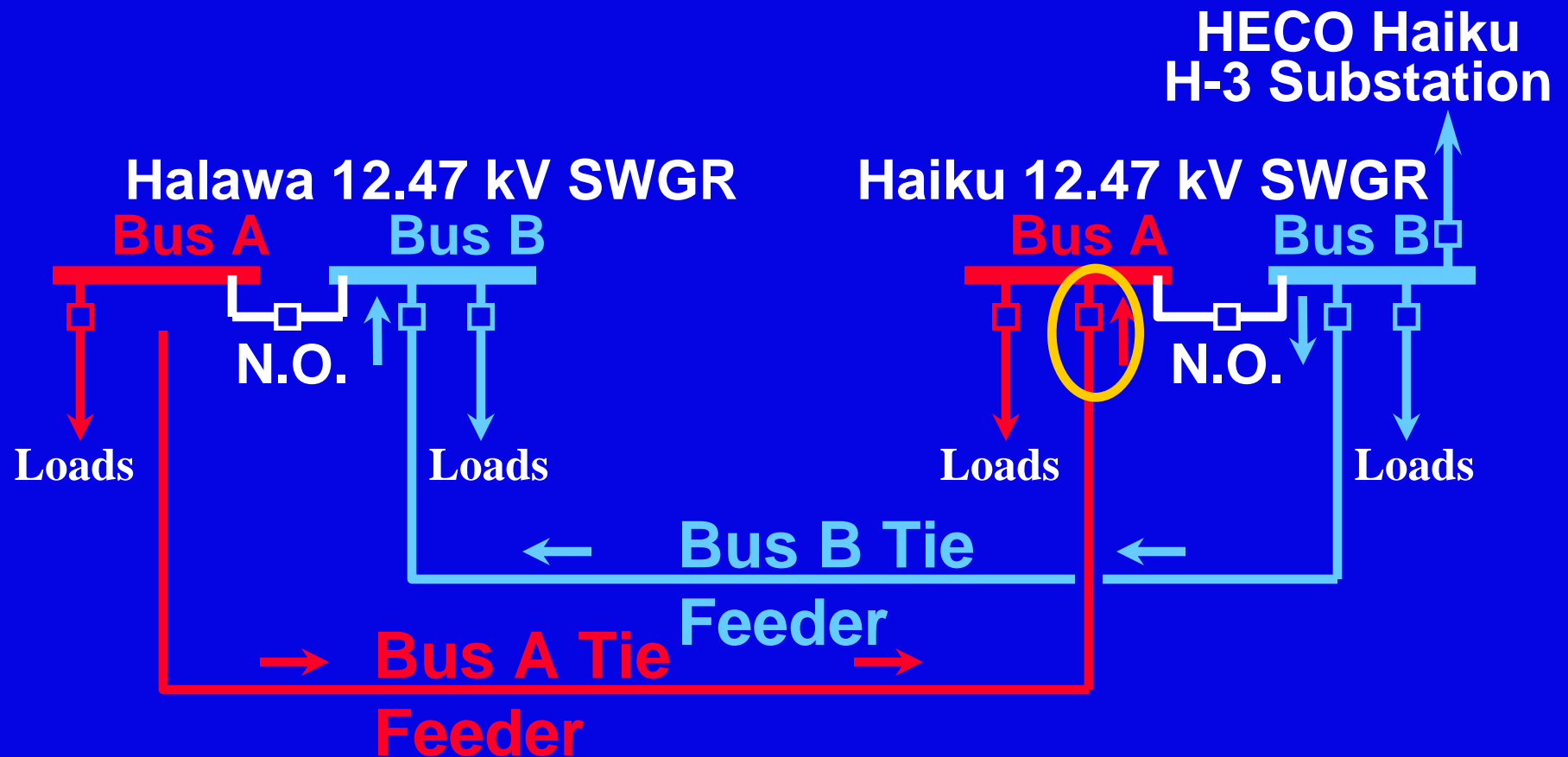
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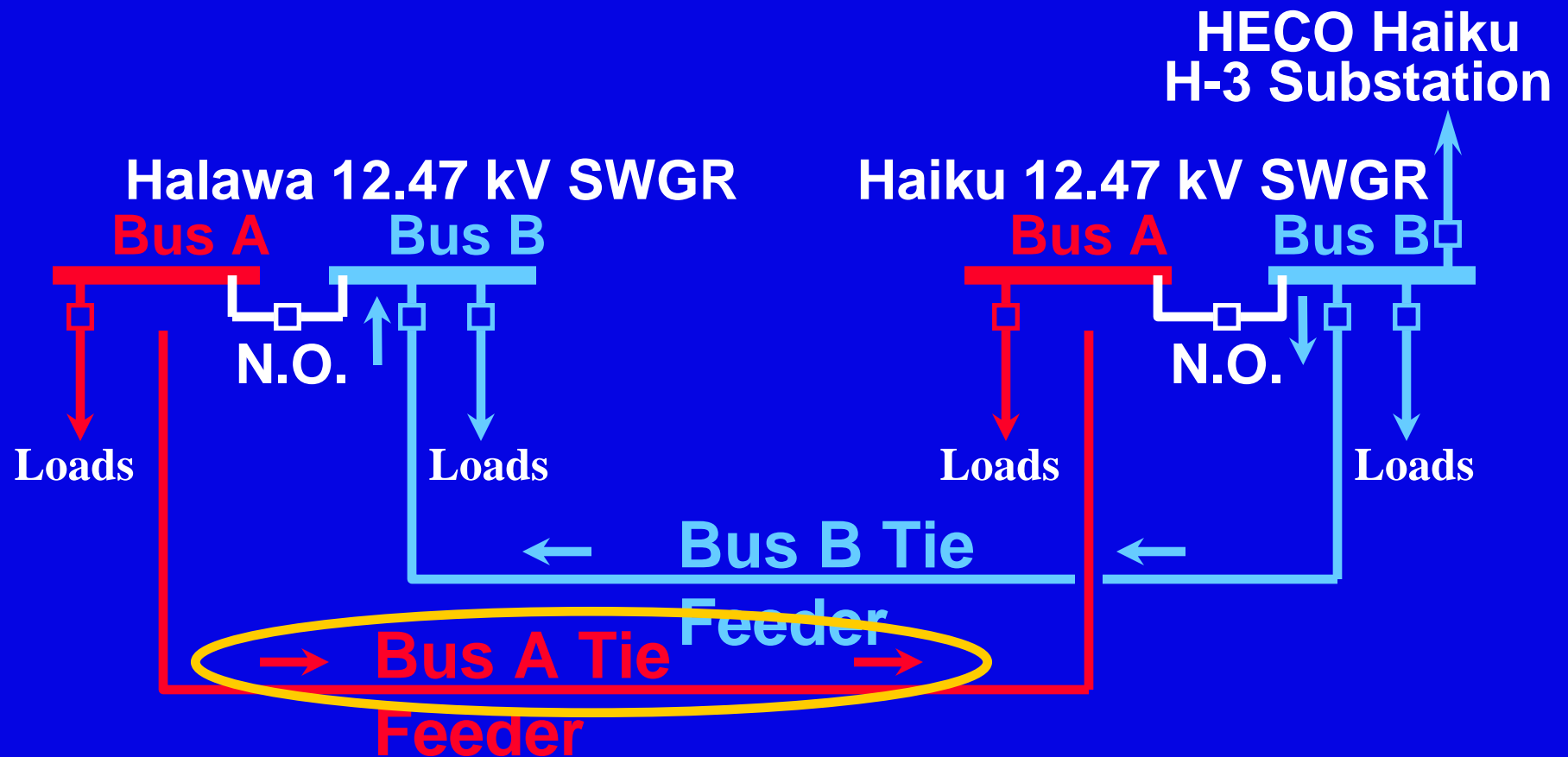
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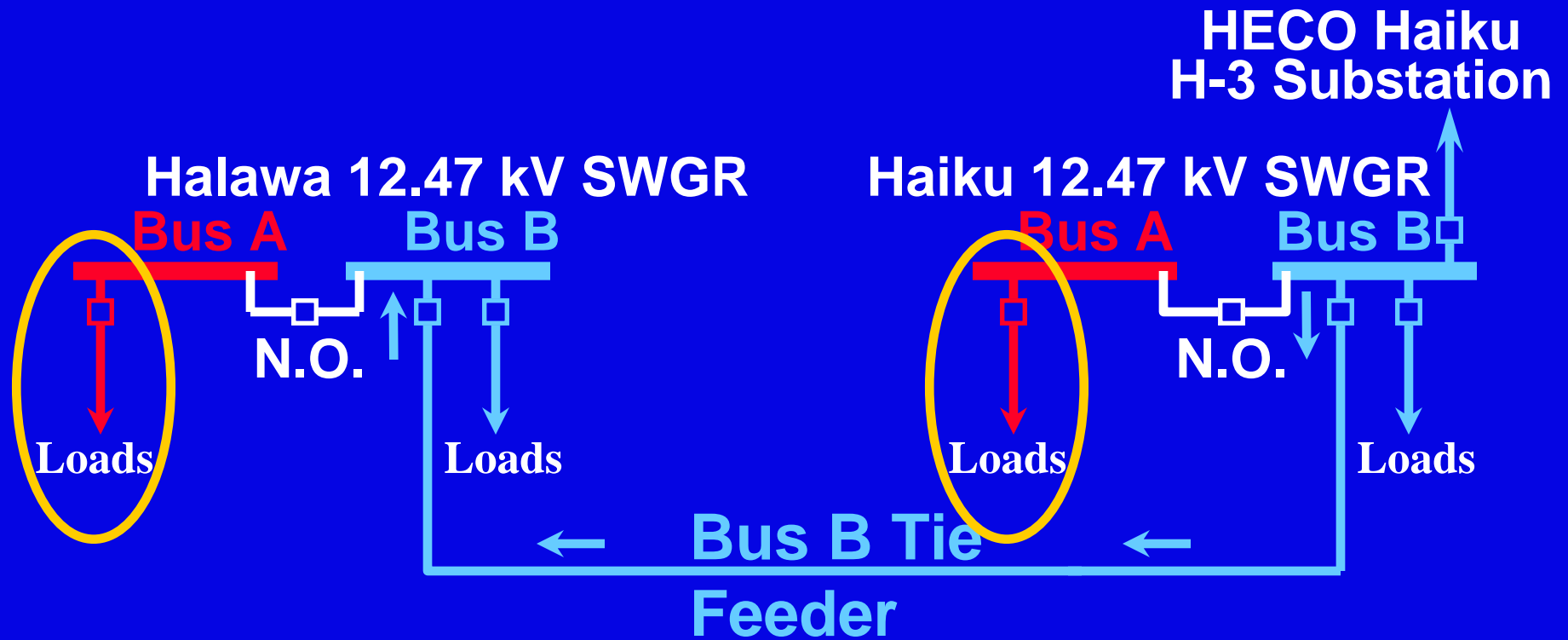
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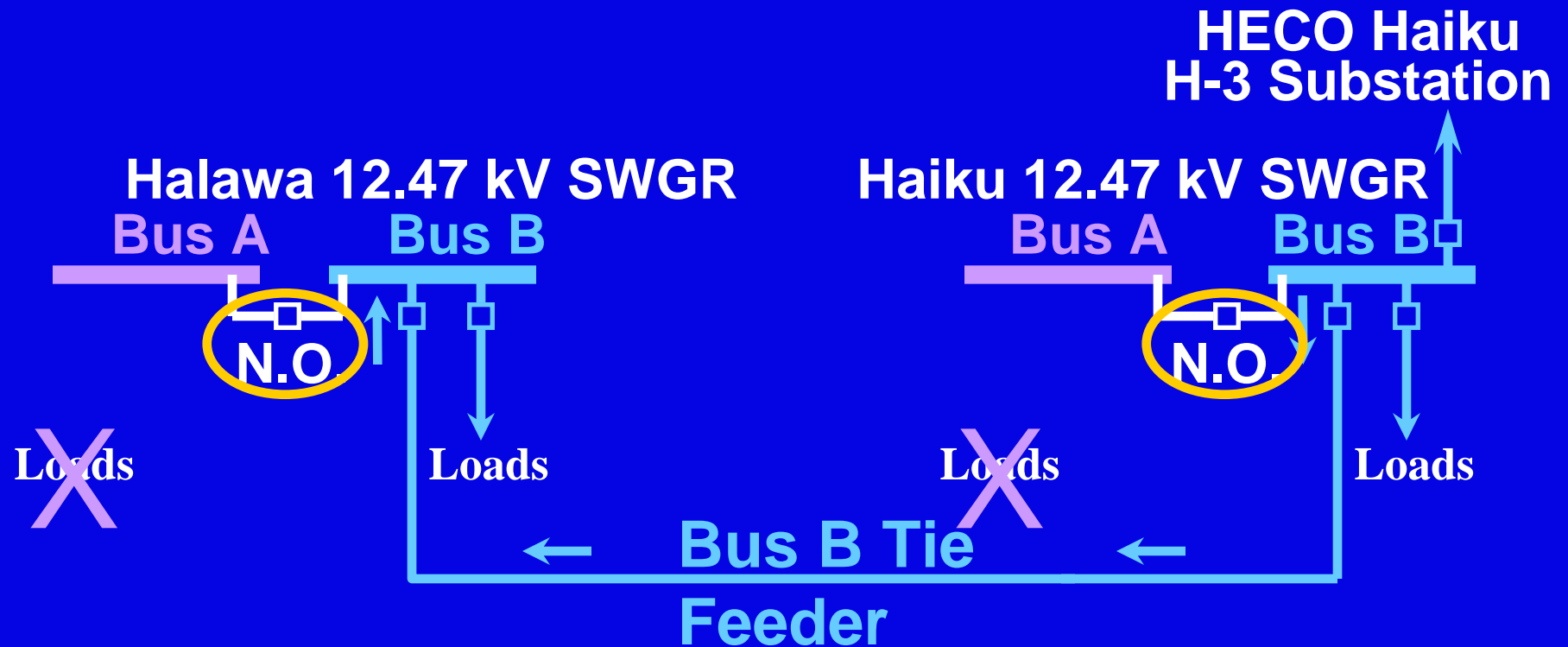
# Loss of HECO restoration - 4



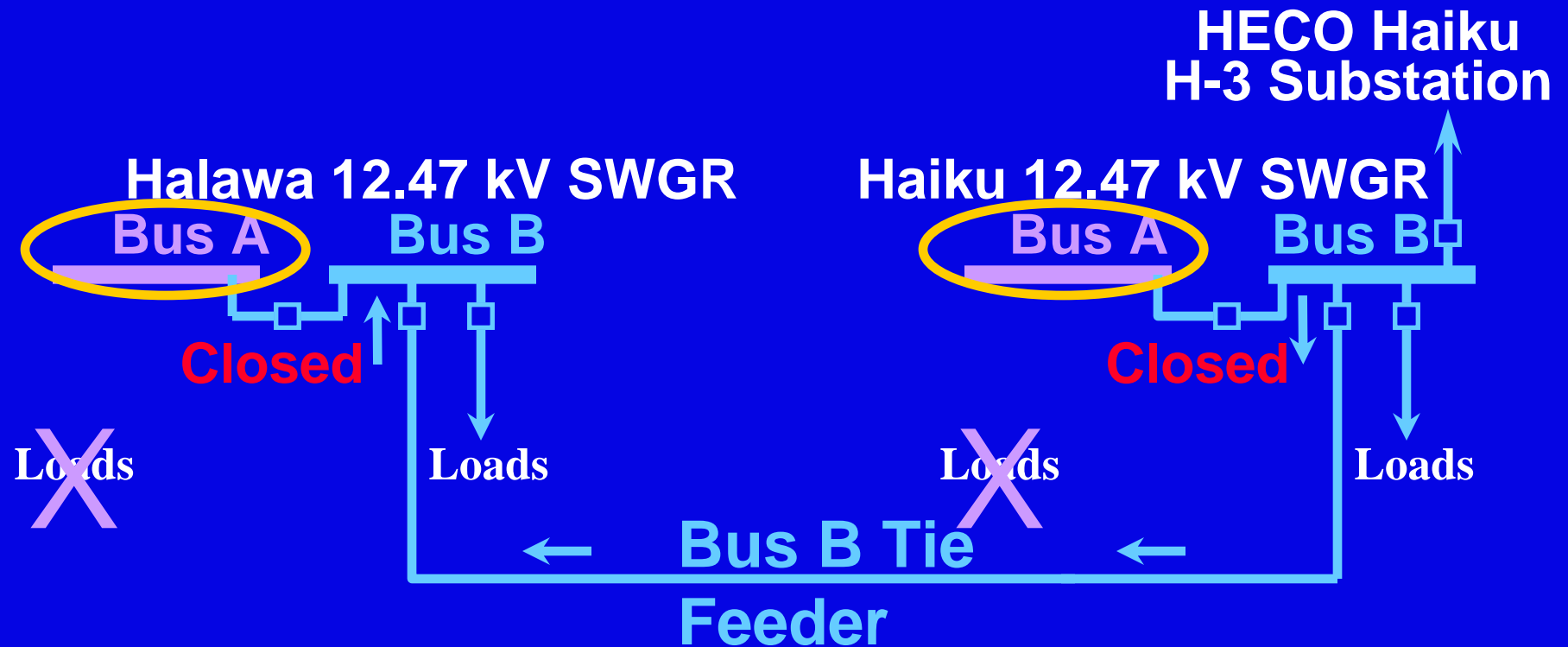
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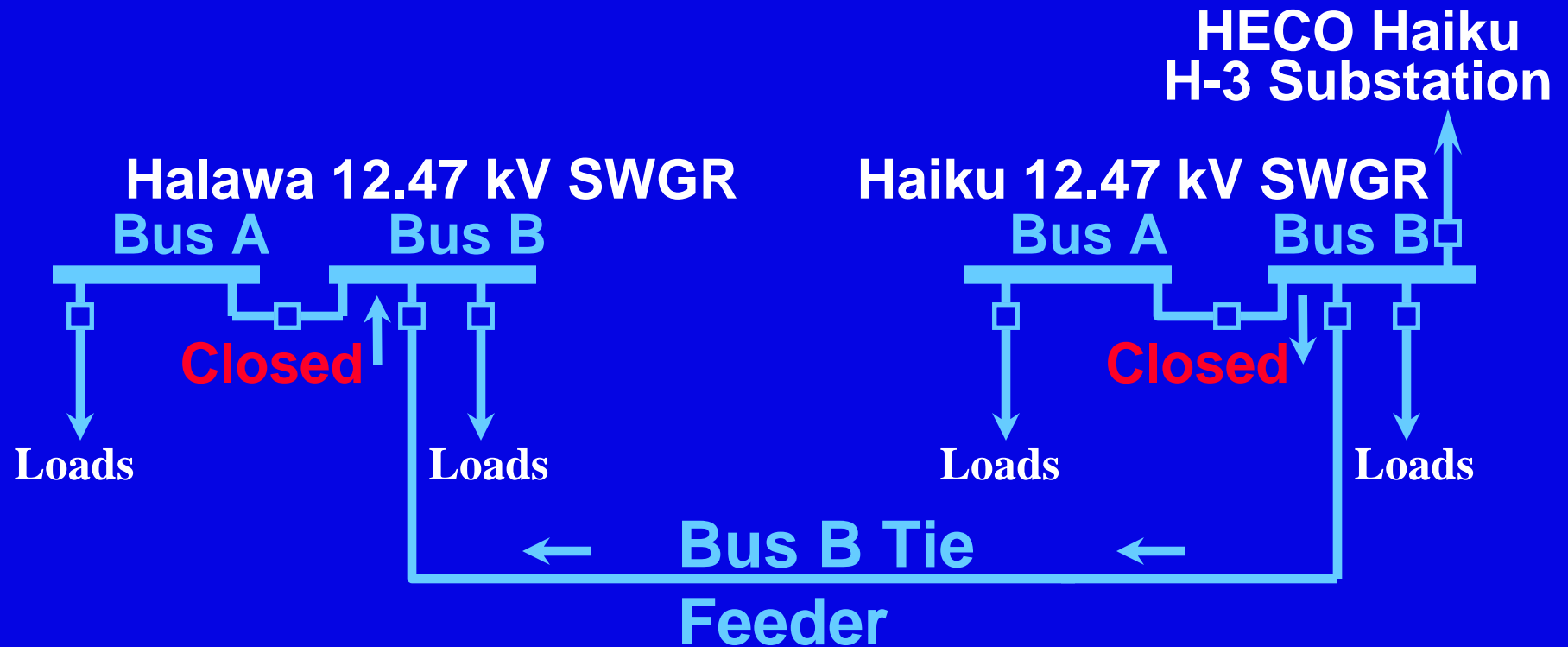
# Loss of HECO restoration - 6



# Loss of HECO restoration - 7



# Loss of HECO restoration - 8



# **Local manual restoration**

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- **Personnel required at both Halawa and Haiku swgr**
- **Local auto-manual switch (43AM)**
- **43AM in manual to override switchgear automatic features**
- **Random operations will open and close other breakers**

# Remote manual restoration

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- **Through control room computer**
- **43COMP is similar to local 43AM switch**
- **43COMP is a control relay**
- **Energize 43COMP relay = manual**



**Control  
Room**

# **12.47 kV relay settings**

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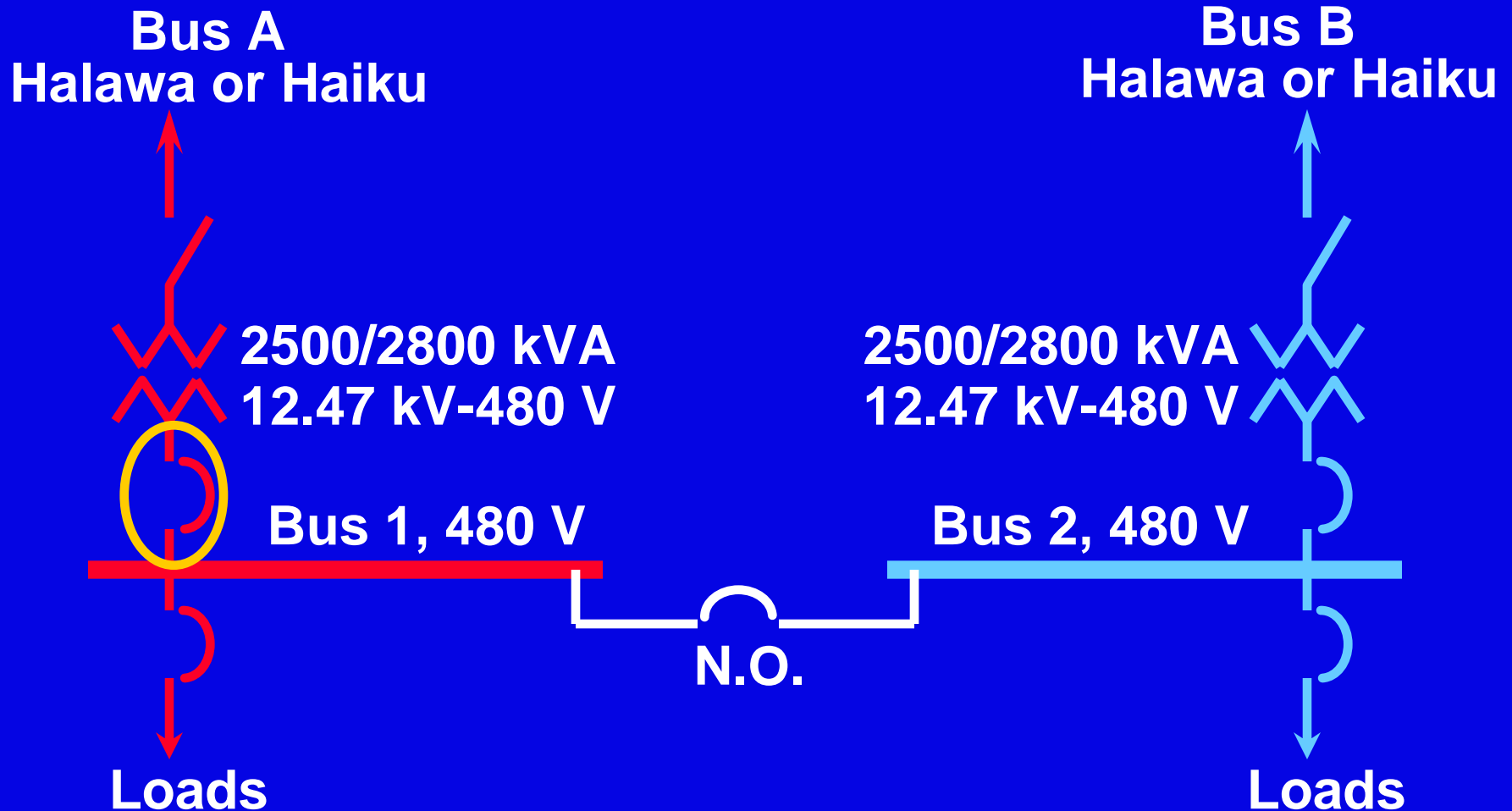
- **Very inverse OC relays set for max loading**
- **Coordination very difficult, many combinations**
- **Special setting for instantaneous relays**
- **Large inrush current from many transformers**

# **480 V load centers**

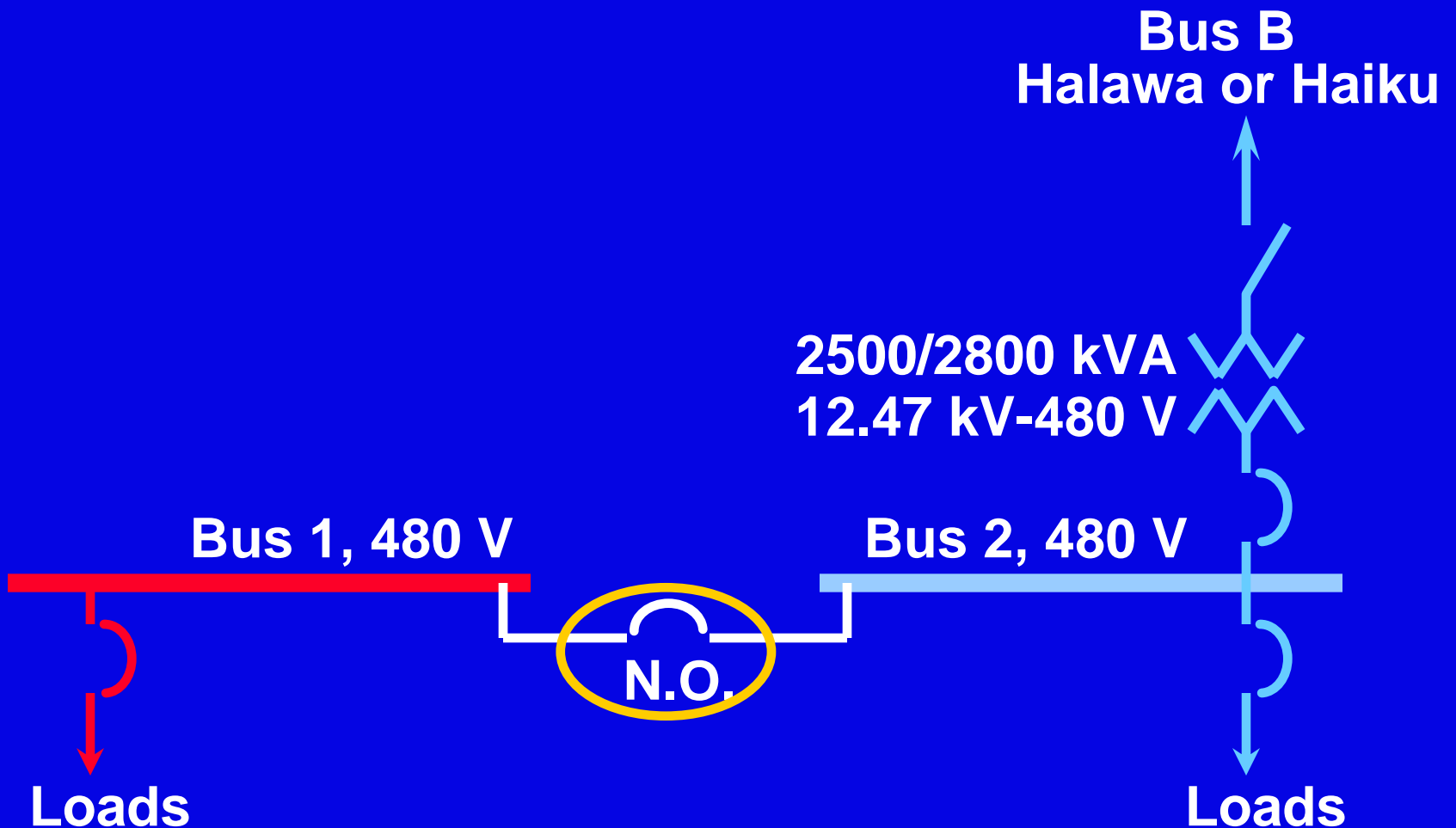
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- **Two 2,500 kVA, 12.47 kV - 480Y/277 V transformers**
- **Fully-sized, all 4 portal buildings**
- **Also split-bus configuration w/automatic restoration**
- **Restoration via local or remote**

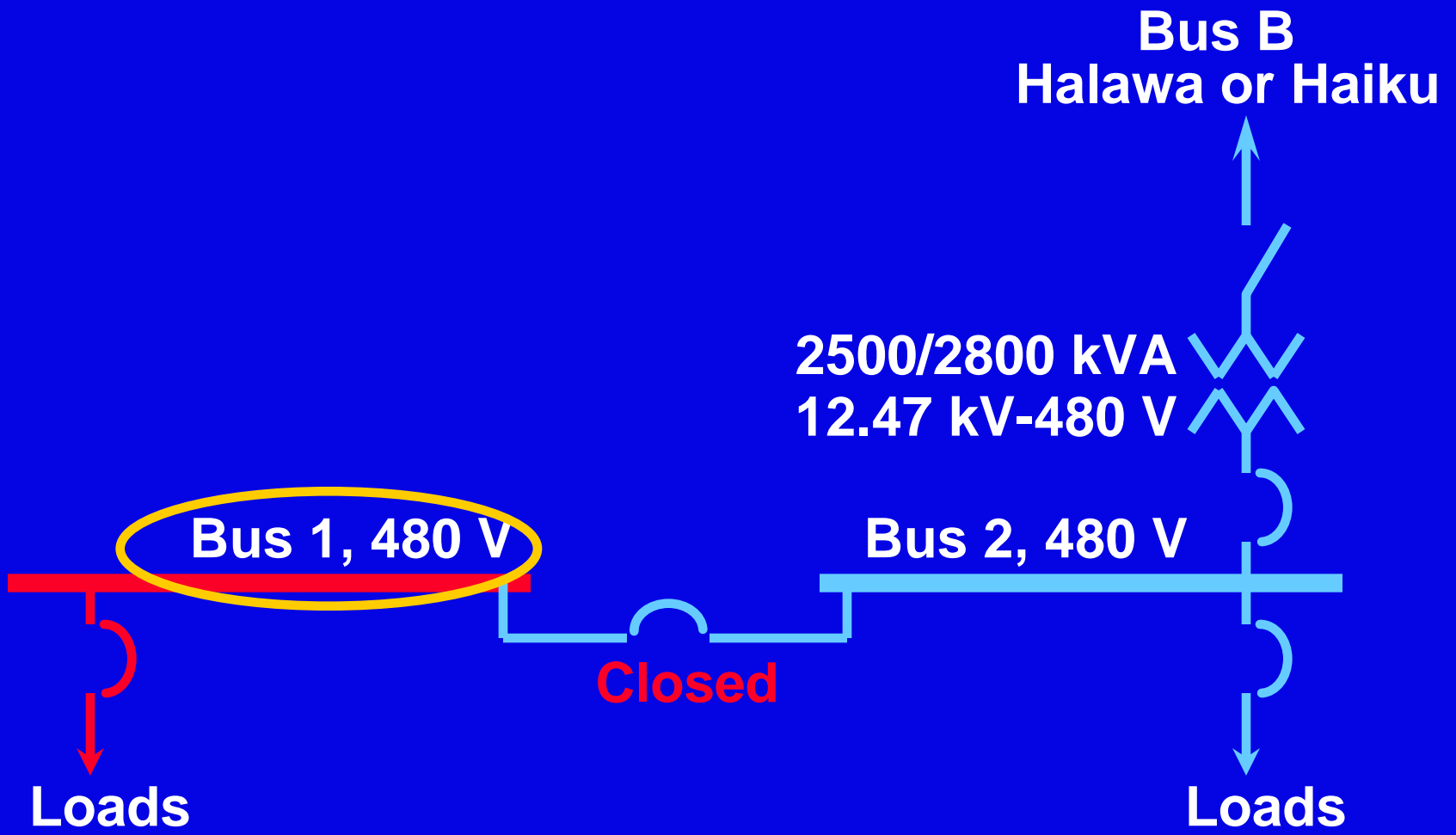
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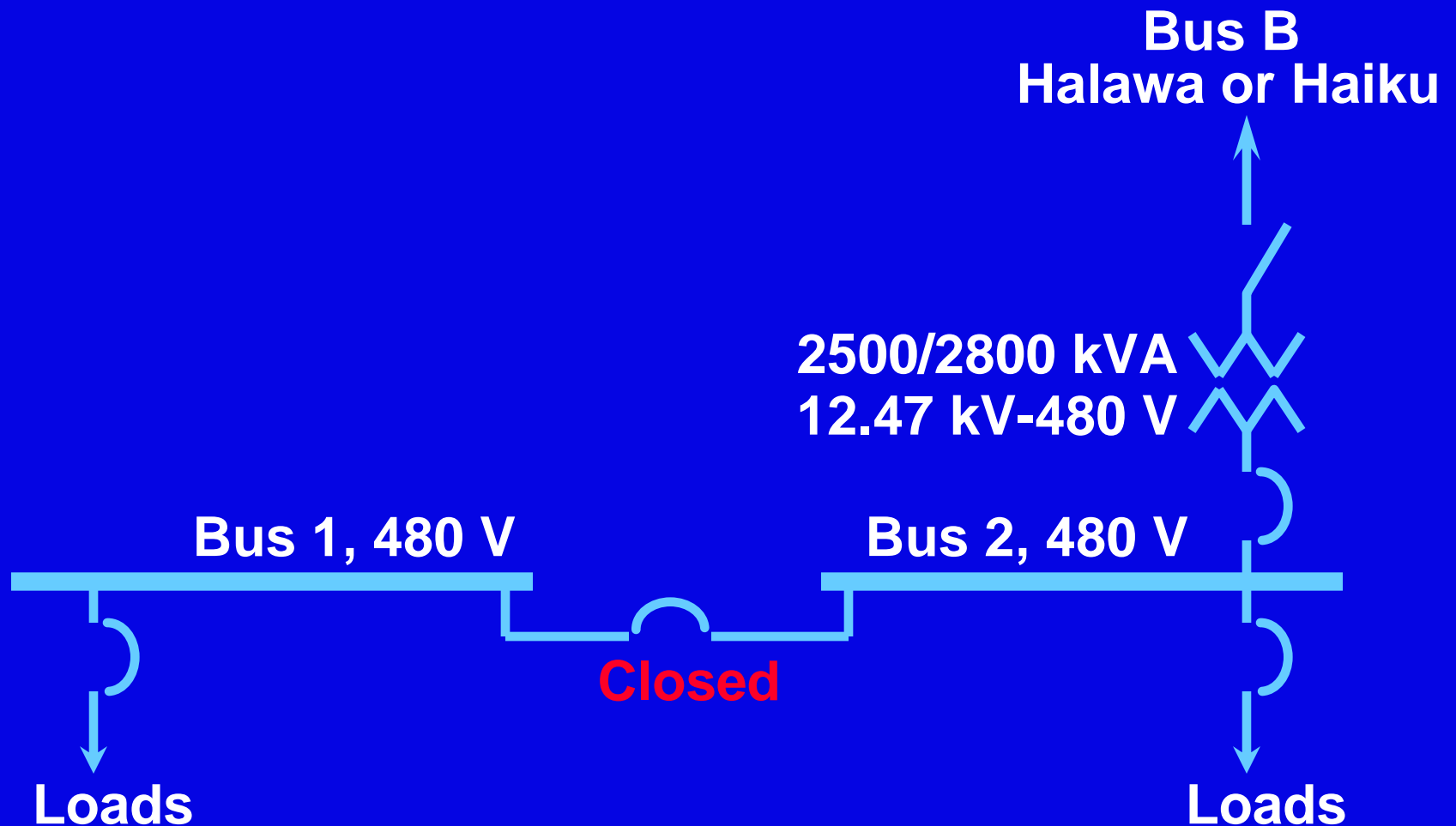
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# 480 V restoration - 3



# 480 V restoration - 4



# **Project No. 2: Biosphere 2**

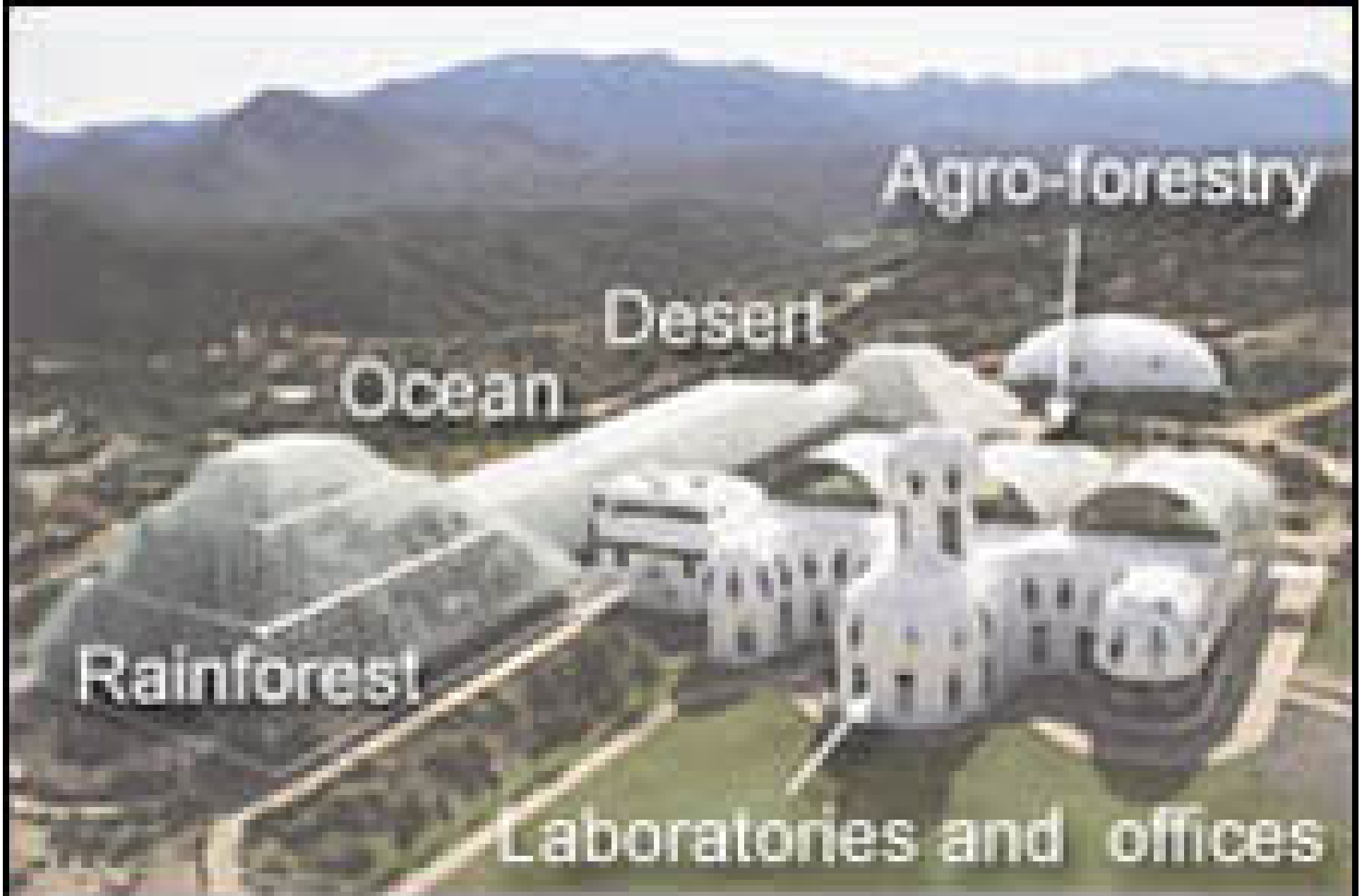
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- **Biosphere 2 is a 3.15 acre closed ecosystem with 5 biomes:**
  - **1. Desert**
  - **2. Marsh**
  - **3. Savannah**
  - **4. Rainforest**
  - **5. Ocean**

# **Project No. 2: Biosphere 2**

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- **Original intent: experimentation for space travel**
- **Learn from sealing 8 people in closed system**
- **1<sup>st</sup> mission: 2 years, September 1991**
- **Mission-critical: requires high reliability power system**





# **Cogeneration power plant**

- **Biosphere 2 cogeneration power plant produces:**
- **Electrical energy**
- **Hot water for heating**
- **Cold water for cooling**
- **Waste heat from engine captured to run absorption chiller**

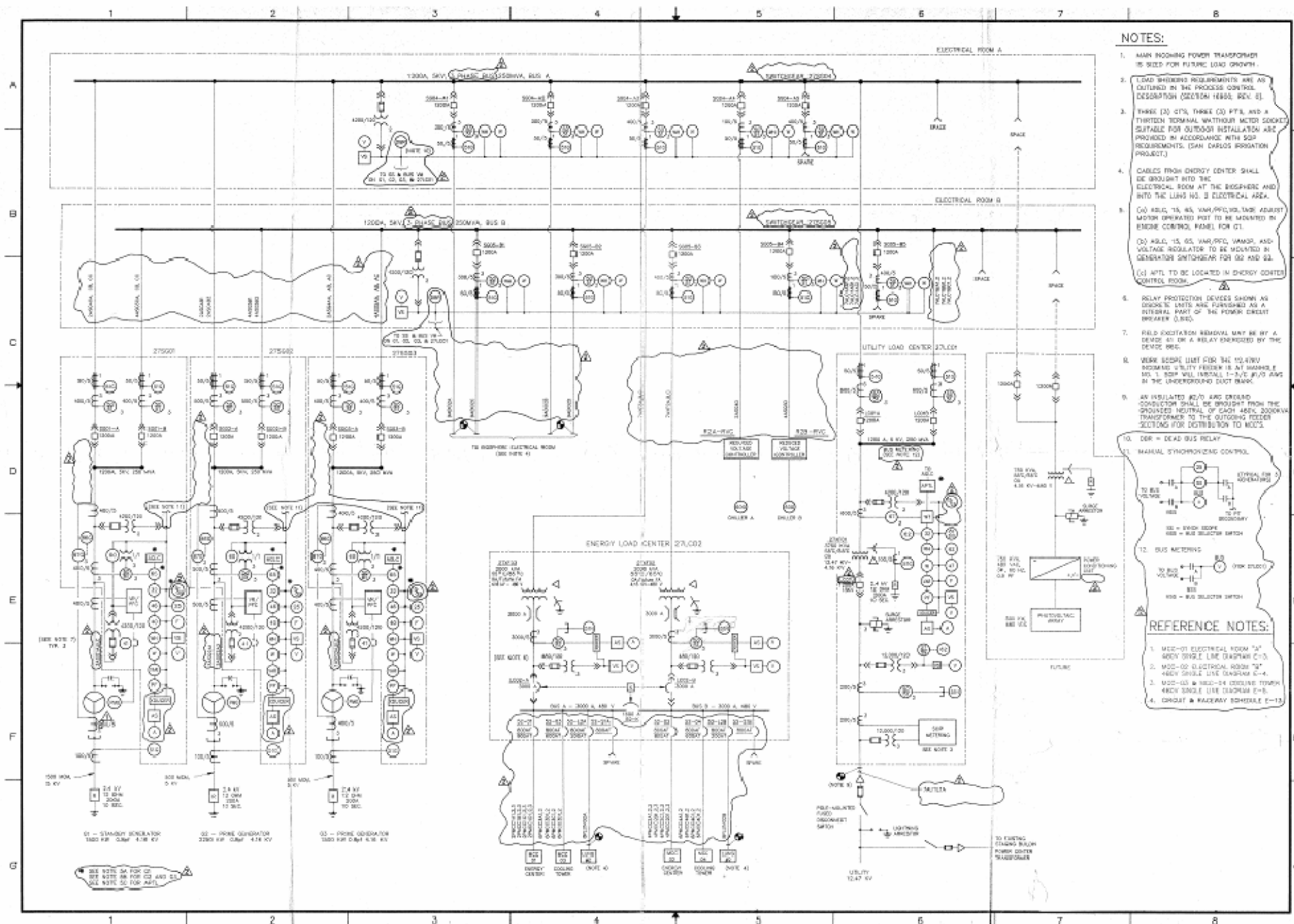
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# BIOSPHERE 2 CENTER



## **4.16 kV double bus swgr**

- **Heart of electrical system is 4.16 kV double-bus system**
- **Bus A & Bus B with metal-clad swgr**
- **Two buses located in separate electrical rooms**
- **Prevent coincident damage**



# **Redundant 4.16 kV feeders**

- **Four 4.16 kV feeders total**
- **Bus A: two feeders, A1 & A2**
- **Bus B: two feeders, B1 & B2**
- **Only one feeder required to run Biosphere 2 experiment**

# **Engine-generators, 4.16 kV**

- **3 engine-generators, dual-fuel**
- **Standby & prime: 5,250 kW total**
- **G1, standby generator, 1,500 kW**
- **G2, prime generator, 2,250 kW**
- **G3, prime generator, 1,500 kW**
- **2 generator breakers to Bus A & B**

# **480 V double-ended subs**

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- **Power plant parasitic loads from load center 27LC02**
- **Double-ended substation**
- **Two 2,000 kVA, 4160-480 V transformers, fully-sized**
- **Split bus configuration: main-tie-main**

# Utility as back-up

- Energy center generators provide primary power
- Electric utility serves as back-up
- One 3,750 kVA, 12.47-4.16 kV transformer
- Import of 50 kW, APTL controller

# **Future solar PV array**

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- **Provisions for 3rd power source:**
- **500 kW solar photovoltaic array**
- **DC to AC inverter**
- **750 kVA, 480-4160 V step-up transformer**

# **Project No. 3: Motorola**

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- **HV Distribution System Upgrade**
- **Design/build for Motorola plant in Plantation, Florida**
- **30-year-old electrical system**
- **Failures: Al feeder cables and transformer**



# **Project No. 3: Motorola**

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- **Prime directive: keep production lines running**
- **Downtime costs: \$300,000 per hour**
- **Motorola required highly reliable power system**

# **Old 13.2 kV utility**

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- **Two FP&L services at 13.2 kV**
- **Shared with other customers**
- **1. Vault with transformers & 480 V feeders**
- **2. 13.2 kV fused switches & 13.2 kV feeders**
- **Radial feeders to transformers**

# **New 23 kV distribution**

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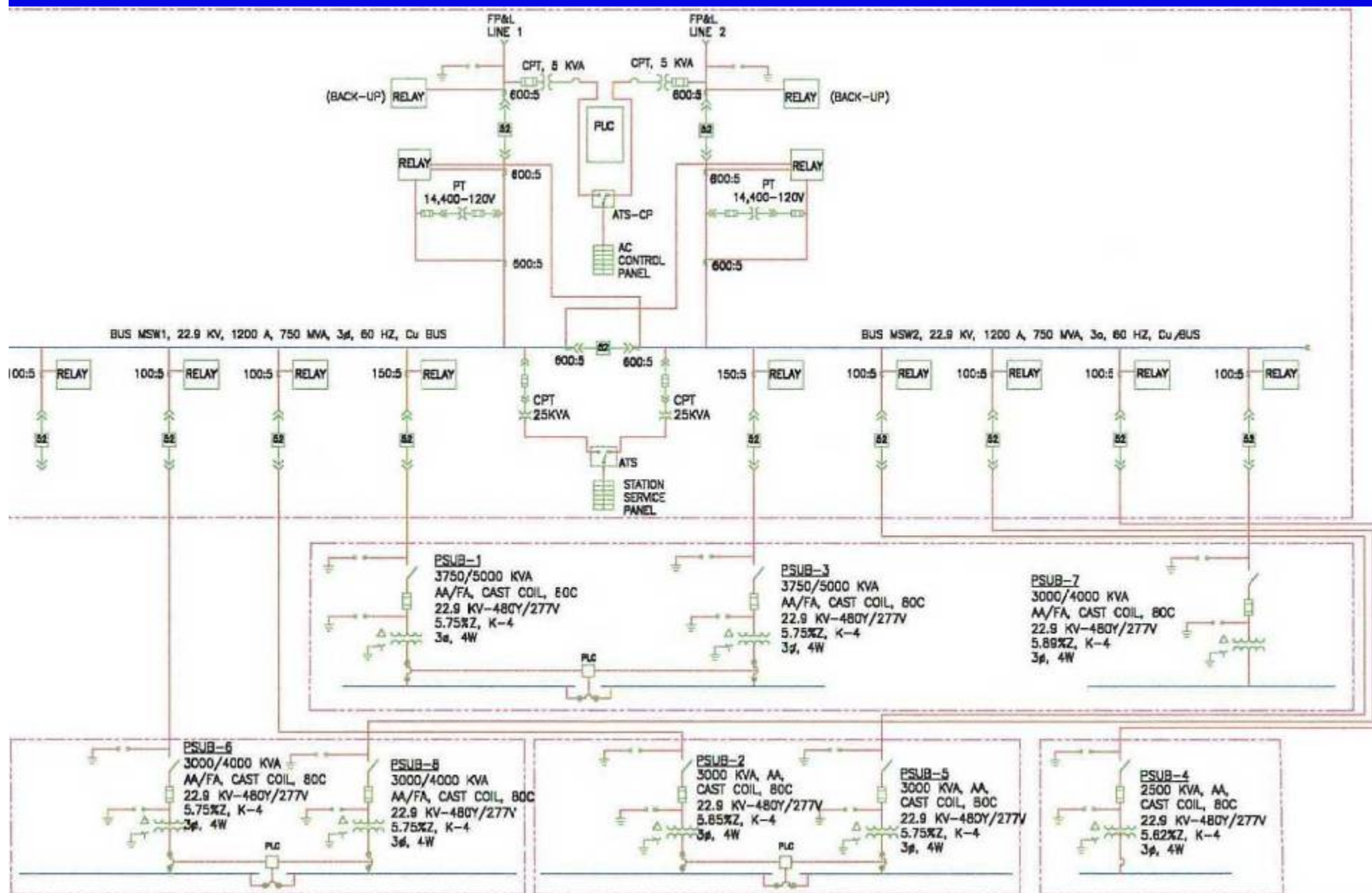
- **New 23 kV substation for two 23 kV FP&L feeders**
- **23 kV permits higher power transfer**
- **Peak demand = 10 MW**
- **Dedicated feeders from FP&L substation**





# 23 kV substation

- **Dedicated electrical room**
- **Metal-clad swgr, 27 kV class, 750 MVA, 3 cycle, vacuum breakers**
- **Split-bus configuration: main-tie-main, fully redundant**
- **Provisions for 3<sup>rd</sup> bus for >15 MW load**



# **23 kV FP&L vault**

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- **Adjacent FP&L vault: HV switches, relays, meters**
- **Fiber optic link from FP&L substation**
- **Direct communication for breaker & relay status**



# Electronic relays

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- **All relays: electronic solid-state**
- **Two main breakers had back-up relays**
- **RS-232 link permitted uploading of settings**



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# Switchgear control power

- **Combination of AC and DC power**
- **AC: close vacuum circuit breakers**
- **DC for critical loads:**
  - **1. Trip circuit breakers**
  - **2. PLC**
  - **3. Relays**

# **Control power from PTs**

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- **AC control power from 2 PTs at both 23 kV buses**
- **One bus may be unavailable**
- **ATS to select either bus**

# **DC power from batteries**

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- **DC power from battery banks**
- **2 battery banks for increased reliability**
- **ATS selects either battery bank**
- **Primary: gel cell batteries**
- **Secondary: sealed cell batteries**

# PLC

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- **PLC used to control swgr**
- **Actuates local annunciator board**
- **Sends automatic alarm to electrical personnel, pager on weekends**



# **PLC alarms (partial list)**

- **PLC internal failure**
- **Switchgear battery ground fault**
- **Switchgear DC bus failure**
- **Switchgear battery charger failure**
- **Main breaker relay failure**
- **Closed transition failure**
- **Air conditioner failure**

# PLC high output cards

- Increased reliability with direct tripping of breakers
- Use PLC high output cards
- Advantages: less time to trip, less component failure
- Old method: interposing relay

# Closed transition transfer

- **Unique: closed transition transfer (i.e., make-before-break)**
- **No interruption to plant**
- **Usually not allowed by utility**
- **Restrictions: 1 second, frequency check, synch check**

# Closed transition transfer

- Normal configuration: split-bus, open bus-tie
- If: loss of one FP&L feeder
- Then: close bus-tie
- Then: open main
- Reverse upon return

# Ground grid

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- **Highest quality ground: electrolytic ground rods**
- **Copper-clad steel ground rods at intermediate points**
- **Interconnected with bare copper conductors**

# Halo ground

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- Added safety feature: halo ground
- Solid copper ground buses
- At ceiling, front & behind 23 kV swgr line-up
- Attach ground leads during maintenance, rack-out breakers





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# **HV cables**

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- **For 23 kV circuit, standard cable rating would be 25 kV**
- **Decrease HV stresses, next rating of 35 kV**
- **Shielded, EPR insulation, 100%, MV-105, copper**



# **HV terminations**

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- **Increased reliability: HV molded elbows**
- **Superior connection: cable to bus w/metal insert**
- **Contains HV corona**
- **Old method: stress cone terminations with exposed energized surfaces**





# **480 V double-ended subs**

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- **Improved reliability, 480 V double-ended substations**
- **Split-bus: main-tie-main**
- **Fully-rated transformers, 23 kV-480 volts**



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# **Best cast coil transformers**

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- **No spill containment**
- **No liquid (fire or environmental)**
- **Better surge capability, epoxy cast over coils**
- **Less space required, no fins**
- **Fewer maintenance tests (e.g., no dissolved gas-in-oil)**



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# Closed transition transfer

- 480 V swgr repeats closed transition transfer function
- Could parallel 23 kV lines at 480 V swgr
- Safeguard: control wires as permissive in 480 V swgr PLC
- Check for status of 23 kV breakers

# **Transformer HV switch**

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- **Transformer directly coupled to 23 kV fused air switch**
- **Fuse provides internal transformer fault protection**
- **Local disconnecting means for maintenance**

# Lightning arresters

- HV lightning arresters: transformer primary
- Metal-oxide, 15.8 kV
- Protects from damaging HV spikes & surges
- Added reliability: 2<sup>nd</sup> set of arresters, line side of switch



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# **Summary: H-3 Tunnel**

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- **4 sources of power for critical loads**
- **Features: redundancy and flexibility**
- **Significant: 12.47 kV swgr interlocking**
- **Immediate auto restoration of power**
- **High reliability power system**

# Summary: Biosphere 2

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- **4.16 kV dual-bus**
- **Separate electrical rooms**
- **Redundancy in 4 feeders**
- **3 engine-generators**
- **Utility as back-up**
- **High reliability power system**

# Summary: Motorola

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- **Increase distribution voltage from 13.2 to 23 kV**
- **Split-bus 23 kV & 480 V swgr**
- **Double-ended substations**
- **PLC for closed transition transfer**

# Summary: Motorola

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- **Cast-coil transformers**
- **35 kV cables for 23 kV circuits**
- **Molded elbows for HV terminations**
- **Dual lightning arresters**
- **High reliability power system**

# Questions?

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