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An Experimental Study of the Regulation of Alternators.

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A careful perusal of the new Standardization Rules of the A. I. E. E. will reveal a no more radical change than in that section devoted to the regulation of alternators. Those who are not familiar with the various articles which have been published on this subject of regulation will no doubt question the reason for changing a rule which has been so long in use, and perhaps will doubt the accuracy of the results obtained by the new method. In considering this subject the writer had a two-fold purpose in view, first, to compare the results obtained by the new method with those obtained by methods which have been advocated in the past, and, second, to discover if possible an easy way of conducting the experimental part of the work which would enable the test to be included in the Junior Laboratory Course.

Previously to this time there have been two general methods in use for obtaining the regulation of an a-c. generator: by a load test, and by means of vectorial calculations from values obtained on open circuit and short circuit tests. The first has been included in the new rules (Rule 295) and stands first in the order or preference. It is, however, applicable only to small machines, for, owing to the difficulty in dissipating the large quantity of energy generated.

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it is next to impossible to apply it to large units. In the laboratory and factory the test is usually conducted on small machines by driving from a d-c. shunt motor and loading by means of a water resistance. Two errors are inherent in this method of procedure. The first is due to the method of driving and the second to the method of loading. When the a-c. circuit is opened and the load reduced, the d-c. motor will speed up. This causes the alternator voltage to rise to a point above that which it would reach if the speed had remained constant. by a value which is proportional to the difference in speeds. This is quite evident from a consideration of the fundamental generator equation $E = \varphi \leftrightarrow n$ 10⁸. voltage E and E' generated at the speeds n and n' The respectively are in the proportion E: $\mathbb{E}^1 = \mathbb{N}$: \mathbb{N}^1 and their difference is in the proportion $E'-E:=E'-n$. n. Assuming that the motor has a speed regulation of five per cent the generated voltage E' will be five per cent greater than the voltage E_o Now the speed of the motor can be reduced to the speed n by an adjustment of field current but the voltage E' will not be reduced thereby to the voltage E on account of the hysteresis in the iron comprising the magnetic circuit of the alternator. The error introduced by this method of driving will depend upon the speed regulation of the motor and upon the quality and degree of saturation of the iron magnetic path of the alternator. Needless to say this error

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can be entirely overcome by driving from a constant speed motor; on the other hand the error will be increased if the alternator is driven by an induction motor. A second error is introduced if the power-factor of the load departs even a slight amount from unity. In order to make it plain that even a very slight deviation from unity power-factor introduces a large error it is necessary to demonstrate that the quadrature component of the current has a greater influence on the regulation than the active component. This may be shown by an analysis of the equation for finding the regulation of a transformer. The transformer equation is taken instead of a similar equation which might be developed for an alternator because it is much simpler, no modification being necessary to account for variations due to rotating parts, varying air-gap, etc. This equation is given in section 502 standardization rules as follows: For inductive loads of power-factor m and reactive factor n ,

cent (mq - nqr) :p r,r regulation = mq +- nq +- ^x $r^{14}x + \frac{200}{ }$ where $q_r =$ per cent resistance drop and $\alpha_{\overline{x}}$ per cent reactance drop. For our purpose the last term can be neglected for it is small compared with the other two. Since the reactive drop $\mathfrak{q}_{\mathbf{x}}$ is several times as great as the resistance drop q_r , a variation in the quantity n will produce a

much greater error in the result than a variation in the quantity m. Taking this into consideration and referring to the following table, it is quite evident why a small devistion of the power-factor from unity makes such a difference in the regulation.

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 0.20 0.435 0.98 0.995 0.435 0.98 0.995 On the other hand a considerable deviation from zero makes practically no difference. This point will be referred to later. It is usual to assume that the current taken by a water-barrel is in phase with the voltage but this is not strictly the case. The water barrel has a slight electrostatic capacity which causes it to draw a leading current. Since a piece of electrical apparatus will have a better regulation on a leading current than on one which is in phase, as a rule the waterbarrel-load test of an alternator will give a result which is optimistic.

It may be argued that the error in voltage which is caused by a deviation from rated speed or unity powerfactor is quite insignificant. It is true that the absolute value of the error is generally small but it must be remembered that in regulation we are dealing with a difference between two numbers which is small in comparison with the numbers themselves. This being the case the percent age error in the difference due to a slight error in one or

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both the voltages will be large. Fortunately the two errors just cited are to some extent compensating. xhe former tends to give a poorer regulation while the latter tends to give a better regulation than the correct value.

I have gone to considerable length to point out some of the difficulties and errors encountered in the experimental determination of regulation by a load test at unity power-factor. We shall now consider some other methods for determining regulation.

These necessitate the running of two curves: namely. the no-load saturation curve and the short-circuit curve. or instead of the latter the synchronous impedance curve. by means of vector quantities which may be obtained from these curves the regulation may be calculated in two different ways. These two methods have received the names e.m.f. (pessimistic) method and m.m.f. (optimistic) With the type of alternator in use at the time method. it was introduced, the pessimistic method gave a very good result; but with the modern machine it gives a regulation usually far in excess of the true value. Hence its name. The m.m.f. method is the one which was adopted by the A. I. E. E. in 1902 and has been recommended by it until the adoption of the 1915 rules. ⊥his method while with most modern machines giving results quite close to the true value, is only on approximation.

It was pointed out by B. A. Behrend in a paper

published in vol. 21 Transactions of A . I. E. E. that the m.m.f. method neglected the self-inductive effect of the local armature fields. In order to take this effect into account by a test method it becomes necessary to obtain a full-load saturation curve at a power-factor approaching closely to zero. This solution was the one advocated by Mr. Behrend at that time and is the one which has been adopted by the lnstitute Standardization Committee. It is contained in section 296 of the Standardization Rules as follows: "This consists in computing the regulation from experimental data of the open-circuit saturation curve and the zero power-factor saturation curve. The latter curve, or one approximating very closely to it, can be obtained by running the generator with over excited field on a load of idle-running underexcited_synchronous motors. The power-factor under these conditions is very low and the load-saturation curve approximates very closely the zero power-factor saturation curve. From this curve and the open-circuit curve, points for the load saturation curve for any power factor can be obtained by means of vector diagrams." This method sets aside all theories as to the effect of the reactance drop and substitutes in their place experimentally ascerteined data from which the regulation at any power-factor can be accurately calculated by means of $\mathbf{v}\text{ect}$ or **s**.

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By this method of loading recommended it is possible on small machines to obtain a power-factor of from 20 to 30% . Remembering that it is the reactive-factor which h has the greater effect upon regulation and again referring to the table of power-factors and reactive-factors. one will readily see why a load-saturation curve at a power-factor around 20% is a very close approximation to the zero power-factor curve. I shall later point out a method whereby it is quite possible to obtain a powerfactor much lower than is possible by this method of loading.

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Having considered thus briefly the four methods of determining regulation let us turn our attention to the experimental side of the question.

The machines available in the laboratory are four in number; two of these are revolving field alternators, the others are synchronous converters. The make. rating, and method of driving these machines can be readily ascertained by reference to the accompanying table.

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The Central Laboratory Alternator has its leads brought out to a terminal board so that it can be connected either Y or delta. his makes it possible to run five series of tests on the four machines available. 8.

The tests run on each machine are as follows:

1. Regulation tests by direct loading at unity power-factor.

2. No-load saturation test.

3. Short-circuit test.

4. Full-load saturation test at power-factor less than *2010.*

The data obtained from these tests were plotted on coordinate paper and smooth curves drawn through the points thus averaging errors in reading the instruments. From the no-load saturation curves and the short-circuit curves the regulation at unity power-factor for various loads was calculated by both the e.m.f. and m.m.f. methods. These values were plotted for the various machines, and curves drawn through the points in order to average small errors in calculation. The full-load saturetion and no-load saturation curves for each machine were plotted on the same sheet and from these two curves the saturation curve at unity power-factor was calculated by means of vector quantities. Prom this latter curve the regulation at full load and unity power-factor was obtained. The armature

resistance of each machine was measured at room temperature by means of a portable Wheatstone bridge. The resistance calculated for a temperature of 75 C is the one used in Since in obtaining the regulation all calculations. by the direct method of loading the armature conductors did not attain a temperature of 75 C, this test will be slightly optimistic as compared with the others. The regulation at full load and unity power-factor obtained by means of these various methods are tabulated in the accompanying table.

In the cases of the two machines with low reactance, the Holtzer-Cabot motor and the Westinghouse converter. attention is called to the close agreement of the results obtained by the m.m.f. method and by rule 296. In this connection we may point to section 297 of the standardization in which a method is given for obtaining the zero power-factor saturation curve from the open circuit and short circuit characteristics of the machine in question by reference to tests at zero power-factor on other machines

of similar magnetic circuit. This is done by shifting the open-circuit saturation curve to the right by an amount equal to the number of ampere turns necessary to send rated current through the armature at short circuit. In high speed machines having low reactance and a low degree of saturation in the magnetic circuit the zero power-factor curve will be quite close to this curve. This is the theory upon which the m.m.f. method is based and in the case of the two alternators just cited the experimental results are in agreement with this theory. With machines having high reactance, high saturations and high magnetic leakage, the zero power-factor curve will fall below this curve. This is evidenced by the case of the Central Laboratory Alternator in which the regulation as calculated by rule 296 is considerably greater than that obtained by the m.m.f. method.

In running the tests on the various machines some difficulty was at first encountered in obtaining the zero power-factor saturation curve. In the case of the machines first experimented on, the Westinghouse converter was used as a load. It was synchronized from the d-c.side, after which the d-c. circuit was opened. With a very much under-excited field on the motor it was difficult to obtain a power-factor of less than 30 %. Trouble was also encountered in keeping the

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machines in step. Several expedients were tried to lower the power-factor. The first was to supply energy to the converter from the d-c. side. This method was unsatisfactory because a change in the converter field not only changed the torque but also the $a-c.$ voltage. A load of idle-running induction motors was next tried. This method of loading was successful in that a low power-factor was procured, but the number of induction motors necessary to obtain full ampere load was an undesirable feature. The synchronous converter was again resorted to for a load but instead of attempting to supply energy from the d-c.side of the converter it was driven by a shunt motor. By a careful adjustment of the shunt motor field it was made to supply the energy losses in the converter, thus reducing the power-factor to a value very nearly zero.

The published papers do not apply the vector solution outlined in section 296 to the solution of the regulation of an alternator drawing a leading current. In order to check this method a test was run on the G. E. Double Current Generator to obtain the saturation curve at zero power-factor leading. The results thus obtained are compared with the calculated results in the following table and the curves obtained by these two methods are shown on curve sheet D.

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The curve obtained by experiment falls a little below the calculated curve, thus making the regulation obtained from the experimental determination at leading powerfactor of zero a little less than that calculated from the saturation curve at a lagging power-factor of zero. However, no very definite conclusions can be drawn for this condition until tests have been made on more machines.

This consideration of regulation on a high condensive load has led to a study of some of the conditions at first encountered in the operation of the Big Creek Transmission Line of the Pacific Light and Power Corpora-Power is supplied to this line at 150 Kilovolts tion. from two generating stations. One of the stations contains two 17500 Kva. Westinghouse alternators; the other two General Electric alternators of the same rating. The line is 241 miles long and has a capacity of 3.413 micrafarads, an inductance of 528 millihenrys and a resistance of 36.1 ohms. with a voltage of 150,000 at the generator end the charging current is 98.38 The complex expression of this current is amperes. $.6584 + 98.38$ j. As is seen by this expression the

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reactive component is very large. In consequence the voltage of the generator supplying this current will be boosted very high. In practise this is the case. With one generator charging the line it is necessary to excite the field in a reverse direction in order to keep the voltage within safe limits. With one General Electric alternator charging the line and with no exciting current in the field windings and with the line open circuited at the receiver end, the voltage at the generator rises to a value of 7,000; with one Westinghouse alternator the voltage rises to a value of 9,000 volts at the generator which corresponds to 205,000 volts between lines. The normal generator voltage is 6600. The writer is indebted to Mr. Woodbury's paper entitled 150,000-Volt **Transmission System, published in the Sept. 1914** Proceedings of the A. I. E. E. for these values.

The operation of an alternator supplying charging current to a long transmission line is similar in many respects to the regular operation of a series generator. On curve sheet Hare plotted the external characteristic curve of a 7.5 Kw. series generator, and the voltagecurrent curves corresponding to a total resistance of $1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5$, and 6 ohms respectively. These curves show that, while with a line resistance of 3 ohms the voltage builds up to a value of 60, with 4 ohms resistance the limiting voltage is $17.$ In other words the

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curves show that there is a certain critical line resistance above which the generator voltage will not build up , but that if this resistance is decreased the voltage will build up and, if it were not for the saturation of the iron, it would continue to build up indefinitely.

The same method of reasoning may be applied to an alternator operating without field excitation and supplying charging current to a long transmission line. On curve sheet His also shown a characteristic curve of an 6.75 Kw, alternator operating without any direct current excitation, and the voltage-current characteristics of a number of circuits having capacities of 2,000 mf., 4,000 mf., etc. respectively. The curve shown is that of the General Electric Double Current Generator $#695,701$ and was obtained by approximation after a careful study of the four characteristic curves of this machine already procured. The conditions pictured in this figure are in all respects analogous to those previously set forth for the series generator and the conclusions drawn are the same for both cases.

Referring to these curves we may now explain some of the conditions encountered on the Big Creek Line. It is found that with half the length of line connected, the voltage will not build up without field excitation. From the curves on curve sheet I we see that with a

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line capacity of 12,000 mf., the voltage will attain a value of 90 while with half this capacity the pressure rise stops at a value of 20 volts and in order to build it up higher some field excitation will be necessary. Then again, with two alternators charging the line the voltage does not rise to the excessive value which it reaches when one alternator charges the line. This is for the reason that, since the line current flows through the two machines in parallel, the flux which is formed by this current is divided between the two machines, and consequently the voltage will not rise to a value as high as it did with but one machine charging the line.

What has gone before shows that the External Characteristic is of great importance in the case of alternators built to supply energy to be transmitted through long lines with considerable electrostatic capacity. A careful consideration of this working characteristic by the manufacturer would prevent an occnrence like the one encountered in the Big Creek development in which, in spite of guarantees, a voltage of 9,000 is reached when the alternators of one manufacturer charge the line unless a provision is made for reversing the excitation.

An attempt was made in the laboratory to make a further study of the External Characteristic. This curve was obtained for the Central Laboratory Alternator. The

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Holtzer-Cabot motor running with strongly over-excited field supplied the load. No field excitation was used on the alternator. Under these conditions the excitation is supplied entirely by the motor. η whis conditionapproximates closely the one $ob⁺ained$ when a generator supplies charging current to a transmission line. The field of the Holtzer-Cabot motor was varied, and readings taken of generator voltage and line current. Curve sheet I shows the results. A saturation point has not been reached at the highest point on the curve but it was impossible to carry the current any higher for fear of overheating.

It has been the desire of the writer to make a test on the generators at Big Creek, but this has not been done as yet. however, through the courtesy of Professor Sorensen the short-circuit and open-circuit characteristics of both the Westinghouse and General Electric alternators huve been procured and from these approximations of the external characteristic curves without field excitation for the alternators of both manufacturers have been made. This was done by assuming that for a leading power-factor of zero the load saturation curve corresponding to any given current is formed by shifting the no-load saturation curve to the left by an amount equal to the number of ampere turns necessary to send

rated current through the armature at short circuit. A number of currents were taken and the saturation curves at zero power-factor corresponding to these currents were laid off. The values of voltage where these curves crossed the vertical axis were plotted as ordinates against the corresponding line currents as abscissas and curves drawn through these points. These curves together with the Big Creek Line Characteristic are to be found on Curve sheet J. While these curves neglect the boosting effect of the transformers and the magnetic leakage in the alternators themselves, they show with a fair degree of accuracy the comparative values of the limiting voltages which the machines will generate when connected to the Big Creek line. The boosting effect of the transformers and, the magnetic leakage, however, will cause the voltage to rise much higher than the values shown by these curves.

By a careful consideration of the method just outlined it will be quite evident that the load saturation curve of that machine having the higher reactance will be shifted further to the left than the saturation curve of the other machine, and in consequence the voltage which corresponds to zero field excitation will be higher in this machine than in the other. It is for this reason that, for line currents within the range of values plotted on curve sheet J. the voltages of the Westinghouse alternator are higher than the voltages of

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whe weneral mlectric alternator. It will be noticed. howsver, that the westinghouse alternator is reaching a saturation point more rapidly than the General alectric Alternator and, had the transmission line been a little longer, conditions might have been reversed; that is, the voltage might have risen higher with the General Electric alternator charging the line than with the westinghouse alternator charging it. After saturation is once reached, however, a considerable increase in the length of line will cause the voltage to rise only a trifle higher.

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In conclusion, the rise in voltage inherent in the two alternators under consideration when separately charging the sig Creek Line might have been entirely prevented by designing them with lower reactance, or the rise in voltage might have been arrested at a lower value either by designing with lower reactance or by designing the magnetic circuit to have a higher saturation.

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Regulation of Alternators

1. A. I. E. E. vol. XAI page 497

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B. A. Behrend

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3 phase--delta connected--60 cycles

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7.5 Kw. Central Laboratory Generator

3 phase--delta connected--60 cycles No-Load Saturation Curve

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Central Laboratory Alternator

3 phase--delta connected--60 cycles Full-Load saturation curve at Zero Power-ractor

Full-Load Saturation Curve at Zero Power-Factor Leading

110 $volts$ --------7.5 Kw

Central Laboratory Alternator

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3 phase--delta connected--60 cycles

110 volts------7.5 kw.

Practional-Load Saturation Curves

Central Laboratory Miternator 7.5 Kw--110 $v \circ 1t$ --60 eycles 3 phase --delta connected

Regulation:- Direct Method

External Characteristic Curve

Running as a generator taking leading current with no field excitation. This curve is similar to the External Characteristic of a Series Dynamo.

Central Laboratory Alternator

7.5 Ew--110 volt--60 cycles

3 phases--delta connected

External Characteristic Curve

7.5 Zw. Central Laboratory Alternator.

3 phases -- Y connected -- 60 cycles

No-Load Saturation Curve

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3 phase $-Y$ connected--60 cycles

NO-Load Saturation Curve

Three-Phase Short-Circuit Current

7.6 Kw. Central Laboratory Alternator

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3 phase -- Y connected--60 cycles Three-Phase Short Circuit Current

7.5 kw -- 60 cycles -- 191 volts

3 phase -- Y connected

Regulation: - Direct Method

7.5 KW. Central Laboratory Alternator

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Holtzer-Cabot A-C. Motor

 $Type 0 P Size 20 P10$

110 volts--48 amperes--50 cycles

1000 E. P. M. -- 3 phase -- No. 130, 298

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General Electric Double Current Generator $\#695701$ Type Y C Class $4--6\frac{3}{4}--1500$ Speed 1500 Form P Continuous Current Amperes 75 Volts 90/125

Alternating Current Cycles 50

No-Load Saturation Curve

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General Electric Double Current Generator #695701

Type Y C Class $4--6$; -1500

Form P Speed 1500

Continuous Current Amperes 75 Volts 90/125

Alternating Current cycles 50

Three-Phase Short Circuit Curve

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Full-Load Saturation Curve at Zero Power-Factor Lagging

General Electric Double Current Generator #695701

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Type Y C Class 4-- $6\frac{3}{4}$ --1500

Form P Speed 1500

Continuous Current Amperes 75 Volts 90/125

Alternating Current Cycles 50

Full-Load Saturation Curve at Zero Power-Factor Lagging

Full-Load Saturation Curve at Zero Power-Factor Leading

General Electric Double Current Generator #695701

Type Y C Class $4--6\frac{3}{4}--1500$

Form P Speed 1500

Continuous Current Amperes 75 Volts 90/125

Alternating Current Cycles 50

Full-Load Saturation Curve at Zero Power-Factor Leading leading

Central Laboratory Alternator

7.5 Kw 110 volts 59.4 amperes

60 cycles 5- phase delta connected

Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor

Central Laboratory Alternator

7.5 Kw 110 volts 59.4 amperes 60 cycles 3-phase delta connected

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Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor m.m.f. method

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Calculated Regulation at Unity Power-Factor

Central Laboratory Alternator

7.5 Kw. 194 volts 22.4 amperes

60 cycles 3-phase Y connected

e.m.f. method

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Holtzer-Cabot a-c. Motor 130298

110 volts 48 amperes 50 cycles 3-phase

Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor e.m.f. method

Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor

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Holtzer-Cabot a-c. Motor 130298 110 volts 48 amperes. 50 cycles 3-phase m.m.f. method

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7.5 Kw. 125 d-c. volts 60 d-c. amperes

60 cycles 5 phase

a-c. volts 76.6 a-c. amperes 56.5

e.m.f. method

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Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor Westinghouse Rotary Converter 629991 7.5 Ew. 125 d-c. volts 60 d-c. amperes

60 cycles 3-phase

a-c. volts 76.6 a-c amperes 56.5

m.m.f. method

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General Electric Double Current Generator #695701

 67.8 volts 70.7 amperes.

50 cycles 5-phase

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Calculation of Regulation at Unity Power-Factor General Electric Double Current Generator #695701

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67.8 volts 70.7 amperes 50 cycles 3-phase

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APPENDIX

Since **writing** the above **thesis a test** has been made on the alternators at Big Creek and in order to make the thesis more complete the results of this test will now be added.

The following tests were run on the alternators at Power House No. land Power House No. 2 of the Big Creek development.

Running one alternator with no field current, but supplying excitation by means of the other alternator operating as a synchronous motor with over-excited field, readings were taken of armature current and terminal voltage. These quantities were made to vary by controlling the field current of the alternator which was operating as a synchronous motor or condenser. these tests have been plotted on Curve Sheet A· The results of

.An atterppt was made to run the zero Power Factor Saturation Curves of the alternator at both power houses. To do this one machine should be operated as a generator and the other as a motor with under-excited field. By this method of loading the alternator under test a power faotor of approximately zero can be obtained. Readings are taken of exciting current and voltage. A series of readings may be obtained by varying the field of the motor or synchronous reactor. Due to the fact, however, that the stations are each equipped with but one exciter **buss,** it was impossible to obtain the necessary high excitation of the alternator and at the same time a low excitation of the synchronous reactor. Points were obtained, however, by running the motor without excitation. By this means one point was oltained for the G. E. alternator and two

for the Westinghouse alternator. In the oase of the Westinghouse alternator one point was obtained with the motor operating as an induction motor and the other as a synchronous machine. The points thus obtained were sufficient to give a fairly accurate location of the zero power factor curve. These curves and the No-Load Saturation and Short Circuit Curves are plotted on Curve Sheets B and c. The method of Article 296 of the Standardi:ation Rules was used to calculate the regulation. The results are shown in the accompanying table.

No great degree of aoouraoy oan be claimed for the value of regulation of the Westinghouse machine at 80% power factor since not enough points in the upper portion of the no-load saturation curve have been obtained to locate it with precision.

On Curve Sheet A, the External Characteristic Curves with No Field excitation for both the G. E. and Westinghouse alternators have been plotted alohg with the current-voltage relation of the Big Creek Transmission Line. It was impossible to run the curve of the Westinghouse machine to a point where it **intersects** the Transmission Line Characteristic, because to do so would necessitate **over-exciting** the synchronous condenser to a very high degree. However, this test shows conclusively that the Westinghouse machine will build up the

voltage of the line on charging to a muoh higher degree than the G. E. machine. It is also possible from these results to detennine a length of line upon which the Westinghouse generator would operate without exceeding rated voltage when charging.

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It will be interesting to compare the results obtained from test and plotted on curve sheet A of the appendix with corresponding values found by approximation and plotted on Curve Sheet J of the thesis.

By means of the accompanying table these values may readily be compared. The accuracy with which the test values were approximated demonstrates beyond a doubt the applicability of Seotion No. 297 of the Standardization Rules to the approximation of the current-voltage relation of alternators supplying long transmiasion lines.

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External Characteristic with No Field Excitation.

Full-Load Saturation at zero P.F. lagging.

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