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MARSIK 400Hz POWER FILTERS

Reference: Marsik Building Works Co-ordinating Committee Minutes, 10 October 1984.

- 1. Item 1.13 of the reference tasks SE to provide a written recommendation covering the use of low pass filters in the 400Hz Neutral Conductor to MARSIK.
- 2. This minute confirms advice provided verbally by SE and staff at an earlier date. The issues are:-

(a)

- (b) Use of a filter in the Neutral conductor introduces a finite probability of a Neutral open circuit, should the filter fail. Resultant electrical hazard to staff and equipment within the enclosure could be significant, dependent upon the 3 phase load balance within the enclosure.
- (c) There is no point in spending money on a filter that is neither required nor desired on technical grounds. I understand that deletion of such filter(s) would accrue savings of the order of \$12K.
- 3. Accordingly I recommend that Neutral filtering be deleted from the MARSIK design requirements and that the installation be effected in accordance with para 2(a) above.
- 4. I understand that if this recommendation is accepted, AP will address separately any residual question of earth conductor insulation rating and removal of other redundant neutral filters.