Calculation methodology for determining the number of simultaneous self-starting pumping units

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Abstract. The paper considers the methodology of calculating the number of self-starting pump units depending on the network voltage landing and the basic calculation dependencies of the process of self-starting of electric motors supplied from three-phase three-winding transformer; the substitution scheme for one phase of the circuit is made. Technical solutions for upgrading pump units, which allow applying the self-start mode at ameliorative pumping stations, are proposed.

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1 Introduction

One of the main factors influencing the yield of agricultural crops, in particular cotton, is timely irrigation. Therefore, uninterrupted operation of pumping units during the irrigation season to ensure the specified water delivery schedule of pumping stations is of great importance for the economy of the republic.

During planned shutdowns of pump units in pumping stations the gate valve in the discharge line is closed beforehand [1]. In this case the speed of the pump unit is reduced to zero. In addition, water remains in the discharge line (manifold). At present, both in case of an emergency as well as in case of a successful automatic reclosure (reclosure) of the power grid there is a complete abrupt shutdown of the pump units of the pumping stations. Due to the loss of drive by the pump, the flow is reduced to zero and the unit will rotate in the same direction. The water flow through the pump initially slows the pump down, the speed reaches zero, then the direction of rotation changes to turbine mode and accelerates to a steady angular speed, as the pipeline is emptied it slows down and stops. As a consequence, no water remains in the manifold, the pump glands burn and fail, fasteners are loosened and the entire pump unit fails [2].

Pump plugs must be removed, damaged glands removed, new gland packings stuffed and plugs reassembled in order to start the pump unit after repainting. The rear gate valve must be closed tightly to create a vacuum before the pump is started. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to fill the manifold with water in order to create a vacuum in the pump before start-up. An emergency situation is created at the pumping station after each repowering. Start-up of pumping units requires qualified personnel and scarce materials (gland packing, turbine oil). It takes a long time (2-3 days) to carry out start-up and bring the pumping unit to its normal operating condition, which leads to disruption of water supply for irrigation. Therefore, the problem of self-starting of pumping units is urgent [3].

2 Methods

The number of pump units installed in reclamation pumping stations varies widely (2-16). The drive motors of the pumps are supplied by the step-down substation of the pump station. Two-winding and three-winding transformers are used in these substations.

Fig. 1. Electrical scheme of the Amu-Zang-I, I and II stage pumping station
The number of simultaneous self-starting motors in a pumping station is determined on the basis of the permissible mains voltage drop at the time of self-starting. Knowing the mains voltage and the power supply resistance, the value that restores the voltage to the motors is determined. If the torque of the motor at this voltage is greater than the pumps’ resistance torque, the motor can be restarted.

A calculation procedure for determining the number of self-starting pumping units depending on the mains voltage landing is given. Fig. 1 shows the power supply scheme of typical pumping stations of the first lift. The main calculated dependencies of the self-starting process of electric motors supplied from a 3-phase three-winding transformer are derived. Primary rated line voltage: \( U_{vl} \)

Primary phase voltage:
\[
U_{1pv} = \frac{u_{sl}}{\sqrt{3}}; \quad U_{2pv} = U_{2vl} \tag{1}
\]

Transformer transformation ratio:
\[
K_{t12} = K_{t13} = \frac{u_{1pv}}{u_{2pv}} = \frac{u_{1pv}}{u_{3pv}} \tag{2}
\]

Determine the rated winding currents of the three-winding transformer:
\[
I_{1pv} = I_{1vl} = \frac{S_{vl} \cdot 10^3}{\sqrt{3} \cdot U_{1vl}} \tag{3}
\]
\[
I_{2ns} = I_{3ns} = \frac{S_{sl} \cdot 10^3}{\sqrt{3} \cdot U_{2vl}} = \frac{S_{sl} \cdot 10^3}{\sqrt{3} \cdot U_{3vl}} \tag{4}
\]
\[
I_{2pv} = I_{3pv} = \frac{I_{2nl}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{I_{3nl}}{\sqrt{3}} \tag{5}
\]

From the short-circuit voltage values, find the total short-circuit resistance relating to one phase when the supply transformer is three-winding:
\[
Z_{k23} = \frac{u_{k23}}{100 I_{1pv}}; \tag{6}
\]
\[
Z_{k12} = \frac{U_{k12}}{100 I_{1pv}}; \tag{7}
\]
\[
Z_{k13} = \frac{U_{k13}}{100 I_{1pv}} \tag{8}
\]

Bring these resistances to the secondary and tertiary windings:
\[
Z_{k23} = Z_{k23} \cdot \frac{1}{K_m^2}; \tag{9}
\]
\[
Z_{k12} = Z_{k12} \cdot \frac{1}{K_m^2}; \tag{10}
\]
\[
Z_{k13} = Z_{k13} \cdot \frac{1}{K_m^2}. \tag{11}
\]

Ignore the active components of the short-circuit resistances. Then the inductive short-circuit resistances reduced to the secondary and tertiary windings:
\[
X_{k23} = X_{k23}; \quad X_{k12} = X_{k12}; \quad X_{k13} = X_{k13} \tag{12}
\]

Inductive resistance of the primary winding dissipation reduced to the secondary and tertiary windings:
\[
X_{\delta 1} = \frac{X_{k12} + X_{k13} + X_{k23}}{2} \tag{13}
\]

Inductive resistance of the secondary and tertiary windings:
\[
X_{\delta 2} = \frac{X_{k12} + X_{k23} + X_{k13}}{2} \tag{14}
\]
\[
X_{\delta 3} = \frac{X_{k13} + X_{k23} + X_{k12}}{2} \tag{15}
\]

Convert the secondary and tertiary windings of a delta-connected transformer to equivalent stars:
\[
X_{\delta 1} = \frac{X_{\delta 1}}{3} \tag{16}
\]
\[
X_{\delta 2} = \frac{X_{\delta 2}}{3} \tag{17}
\]
\[
X_{\delta 3} = \frac{X_{\delta 3}}{3}. \tag{18}
\]

Assum: that the network supplying the transformer has infinite capacity. To calculate the self-start of the transformer-fed motors, make a substitution diagram (Fig. 2) for one phase of the circuit. Ignore the transmission line resistances.

The calculation formulas for the substitution diagram and self-starting of electric motors from a 3-winding transformer are given below:

On the basis of the obtained expressions a calculation is made at parametrically given motor slip values \( S=1; \ 0,5; \ 0,06 \); current values in individual feeders \( F_i \); \( F_2 \); \( F_3 \); and voltage at the end of these feeders, i.e. at the terminals of individual groups of electric motors fed from these feeders and the voltage landing in the transformer windings (without considering the loss in the connecting cables), when the number of electric motors starting at \( S=1 \) and self-starting at \( S=0,5; \ 0,06 \) varies from one to four. Based on the calculated dependencies obtained, the number of self-starting electric motors of the operating pumping stations "Amu-Zang-I" is determined.

\[
Z_{fi} = \left( \frac{R_{ij}}{n_i} + \frac{R_{ij}}{n_i S} \right) + j \frac{X_{si}}{n_i} \tag{19}
\]
\[
Z_{fii} = \left( \frac{R_{ij}}{n_i} + \frac{R_{ij}}{n_i S} \right) + j \frac{X_{sii}}{n_i} \tag{20}
\]
The mains voltage drop in pumping stations is 8 for a start-up time of 0.8 s and 4 for a start-up time of 2.5-3 s. The maximum number of self-launching induction motors depends on the time of short-circuit failure in the network. The number of self-starting asynchronous motors at the first lift pump station it was found out that self-starting of asynchronous motors can be performed. As a result of the conducted research of pump unit’s operation at the first lift pump station it was found out that self-starting of asynchronous motors can be performed. The number of self-starting asynchronous motors at the existing scheme of electric equipment of the pump station depends on the time of short-circuit failure in the network. The maximum number of self-launching induction motors in pumping stations is 8 for a start-up time of 0.8 s and 4 for a start-up time of 2.5-3 s. The mains voltage drop under these conditions is within the permissible limits.

**Table 1**

| S  | U | I | ΔU | η | ΔU/Δη |
|----|---|---|----|---|-------|
| 1.0|   |   |     |   |       |
|    | 5680 | 5832 | 540 | 675 | 560  | 3,2  |
|    | 5393,64 | 5660,6 | 1046 | 1277 | 1098 | 10,1 |
|    | 5130 | 5495 | 5495 | 1500 | 1840 | 16,10 |
|    | 4894,7 | 5344,6 | 1899 | 2314 | 2073 | 18,4 |
|    | 4 | 25000/110/6/6 transformer.|
| 0,5|   |   |     |   |       |
|    | 1 | 690 | 5838 | 535 | 668 | 553 | 2,7 |
|    | 2 | 3406,1 | 5668,4 | 1035 | 1266 | 1085 | 9,9 |
|    | 3 | 5150 | 5520 | 1488 | 1828 | 1599 | 14,1 |
|    | 4 | 4914,09 | 5737,1 | 1881 | 2301 | 2058 | 18,01 |
| 0,06| |   |     |   |       |
|    | 1 | 5880 | 6940 | 343 | 430 | 342 | 1,5 |
|    | 2 | 5755,94 | 5869,3 | 664 | 843 | 677 | 4,05 |
|    | 3 | 5633 | 5810 | 973 | 1235 | 1006 | 6,1 |
|    | 4 | 5516,86 | 5743,1 | 1273 | 1616 | 1325 | 8,05 |

**Fig. 3.** Number of self-starting pump units

**Conclusion**

As a result of the conducted research of pump unit’s operation at the first lift pump station it was found out that self-starting of asynchronous motors can be performed. The number of self-starting asynchronous motors at the existing scheme of electric equipment of the pump station depends on the time of short-circuit failure in the network. The maximum number of self-launching induction motors in pumping stations is 8 for a start-up time of 0.8 s and 4 for a start-up time of 2.5-3 s. The mains voltage drop under these conditions is within the permissible limits.
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