

## 2.2 Submarine Cable Design Sheet – 1,000 MW



#### **DC Voltage**

**Conductor** Type / material Cross-section Water blocking Diameter

**Conductor binder** Material Thickness

**Conductor shield** Material Thickness

Insulation Material Thickness

Insulation shield Material Thickness

Longitudinal water barrier Material Thickness

Metallic sheath Type / material Thickness

Inner sheath Material Thickness

**Tensile armour** Type / material Thickness

Outer serving Material Thickness

**Complete cable** Diameter Weight in air Weight in water ±320 kV

profiled strands / copper 2,500 mm<sup>2</sup> compound 2.27 inches (57.6 mm)

semi-conductive swelling tape 24 mils (0.6 mm)

semi-conductive polymer 59 mils (1.5 mm)

cross-linked DC polymer 709 mils (20 mm)

semi-conductive polymer 55 mils (1.4 mm)

semi-conducting swell-able tape 24 mils (0.6 mm)

extruded / lead alloy 114 mils (2.9 mm)

high-density polyethylene 98 mils (2.5 mm)

wire / steel 197 mils

(5 mm)

polypropylene yarn, 2 layers 157 mils (4 mm)

5.31 inches(135 mm)35.2 lbs./ft.(52.4 kg/m)25.6 lbs./ft.(38.1 kg/m)

Note: All data shall be considered nominal



# 2.3 Electrical Cable Properties

The submarine cable has the following electrical properties:

Rated continuous DC voltage, $U_0$	320 kV
Switching impulse withstand level (SIWL) started from $U_{\rm 0}$	698 kV
Subtractive SIWL started from $U_0$ to voltage at opposite polarity	378 kV
Rated continuous current under the installation conditions set out in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 below	1,638 A
Maximum conductor temperature in normal operation	70 °C
DC resistance at 20 °C	0.0022 ohm/1,000 ft. (0.0072 ohm/km)
DC resistance at maximum conductor temperature	0.0027 ohm/1,000 ft. (0.0087 ohm/km)
Losses at rated current	7.1 W/ft. and cable (23.3 W/m)
Capacitance	0.085 μF/1,000 ft. (0.28 μF/km)
Inductance (between conductor and metallic sheath)	0.039 mH/1,000 ft. (0.127 mH/km)
Surge impedance	21.4 ohm
Maximum permissible short-circuit current in the conductor during 0.2 s for 70 °C initial conductor temperature	24 kA
Maximum permissible short-circuit current in the metallic sheath during 0.2 s for 70 °C initial conductor temperature	12 kA



### 2.4 Mechanical Cable Properties

Weight of cable	
- in air	≈ 35.2 lbs./ft. (52.4 kg/m)
- in water	≈ 25.6 lbs./ft. (38.1 kg/m)
Maximum water depth	380 feet (116 m) near MP 54
Minimum bending radius	
- at laying (high tension)	6.4 feet (2.0 m)
- at handling (low tension)	5.1 feet (1.6 m)
Minimum coiling diameter	40.0 feet (12.2 m)
Maximum pulling force	47,200 lbs. (210 kN)
Maximum side wall pressure <sup>1)</sup>	6,000 lbs./ft. (90 kN/m)
<sup>1)</sup> $SWP = \frac{Pulling Force}{Bending Radius}$	

#### 2.5 Installation Conditions

The submarine cables will either be surface laid at water depths equal to or greater than 150 ft., buried in the lake bed at water depths less than 150 feet, or installed in HDDs at the landing site. Table 1 summarizes the assumed design conditions for the submarine cable segment in Lake Champlain:

Type of Installation	Burial Depth (Top of Cable)	Cable Separation at Maximum Burial Depth (C-C)	Temp (°C)	Thermal Resistivity (K.cm./W)
Underwater trench	5 ft. (1533 mm)	Zero (0)	20	154
HDD, PE 12", grouted	15 ft. (4,572 mm)	30 ft. (9,144 mm)	20	154

Table 1: Assumed ambient design conditions for submarine cable in Lake Champlain



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**Conductor binder** Material Thickness

**Conductor shield** Material Thickness

Insulation Material Thickness

Insulation shield Material Thickness

Longitudinal water barrier Material Thickness

Metallic screen Type / material Thickness Total cross-section ±320 kV

profiled stands / copper 2,500 mm<sup>2</sup> compound or swelling tape 2.27 inches (57.6 mm)

semi-conductive swelling tape 24 mils (0.6 mm)

semi-conductive polymer 59 mils (1.5 mm)

cross-linked DC polymer 709 mils (18 mm)

semi-conductive polymer 55 mils (1.4 mm)

semi-conducting swell-able tape 24 mils (0.6 mm)

round wires / copper 39.4 mils (1.0 mm)  $35 \text{ mm}^2$ 

Longitudinal water barrier semi-conducting swell-able tape 24 mils

Radial moisture/water barrier Type / material Thickness

Outer jacket Material Thickness

Weight

**Complete cable** Diameter

Material

Thickness

7.9 mils (0.2 mm)

longitudinal applied foil / Aluminium

high-density polyethylene 189 mils (4.8 mm)

4.6 inches

20.2 lbs./ft.

(117 mm) (30.1 kg/m)

(0.6 mm)

Note: All data shall be considered nominal



# 2.3 Electrical Cable Properties

The underground cable has the following electrical properties:

Rated continuous DC voltage, $U_0$	320 kV
Switching impulse withstand level (SIWL) started from $U_{0}$	698 kV
Subtractive SIWL started from U <sub>0</sub> to voltage at opposite polarity	378 kV
Rated continuous current under the installation conditions set out in Sections 2.5 - 2.11 below	1,638 A
Maximum conductor temperature in normal operation	70 °C
DC resistance at 20 °C	0.0022 ohm/1,000 ft. (0.0072 ohm/km)
DC resistance at maximum conductor temperature	0.0027 ohm/1,000 ft. (0.0087 ohm/km)
Losses at rated current	7.09 W/ft. per cable (23.3 W/m)
Capacitance	0.091 μF/1,000 ft. (0.30 μF/km)
Inductance (between conductor and metallic screen)	0.036 mH/1,000 ft. (0.117 mH/km)
Surge impedance	19.6 ohm
Maximum permissible short-circuit current in the conductor during 0.2 s for 70 °C initial conductor temperature	24 kA
Maximum permissible short-circuit current in the metallic sheath during 0.2 s for 70 °C initial conductor temperature	12 kA

## 2.4 Mechanical Cable Properties

Weight of cable	
- in air	≈ 20.2 lbs./ft. (30.1 kg/m)
Minimum bending radius	
- at laying	6.9 feet (2.1 m)
- at handling (low tension)	4.6 feet (1.4 m)
- installed	4.6 feet (1.4 m)
Maximum pulling force	39,300 lbs. (175 kN)
Maximum side wall pressure <sup>1)</sup>	514 lbs./ft. (7.5 kN/m)
<sup>1)</sup> $SWP = \frac{Pulling \ Force}{Bending \ Radius}$	