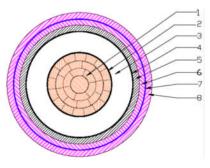
Exhibit 3

Northern Pass Project Diagrams of Cross-Section of Underground Cables

Exhibit 3 – Technical Design of Cross Section Underground Cables (Sheet 1 of 2)

HVDC Cable – 300 kV – 2000 mm² – Mass Impregnated Cable

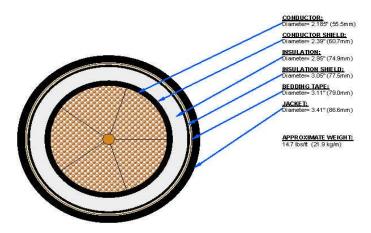


Ref.	Component	Description	
1	Conductor	Copper central rod plus layers of copper keystone	
2	Conductor screen	Carbon black paper	
3	Insulation	Impregnated paper tapes	
4	Insulation screen	Carbon black and metallised paper	
5	Metalli c sheath	Extruded lead alloy sheath	
6	Anticorrosion protection	Polyethylene extruded sheath	
7	Reinforcement	Galvanized steel tapes	
8	Outer plastic sheath	Polyethylene extruded sheath	

Component	Thickness - mm	Diameter - mm	
Conductor		50.1	
Conductor screen		51.1	
Insulation MI paper	14	79.1	
Insulation screen		80.3	
Lead sheath	3.0	86.3	
Polyethylene sheath	2.8	91.9	
Binder tape		92.7	
Steel tape		93.9	
Binder tape		95.5	
Polyethylene sheath	4.3	104.1	

Exhibit 3 – Technical Design of Cross Section Underground Cables (Sheet 2 of 2)

XLPE insulated, earthing cable with segmental Copper conductor, LLDPE jacket 2000 mm² Segmental Copper Cable



Construction:			
Conductor	Class B segmental compacted Copper conductor		
	Nominal cross-sectional area	3945 kcmil	2000 mm²
	Number of segments	5	
	Number of strands per segment (1 center wire)	61	
	Approximate diameter	2.185 inches	55.5 mm
Conductor Shield	[2] Semi-conducting tape applied helical intercalated	50% overlap	
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	[1]Extruded semi-conducting thermoset		
	Minimum point thickness	30 mils	0.76 mm
Insulation	Extruded cross-linked polyethylene compound		
	Minimum point thickness	265 mils	6.7 mm
	Minimum average thickness	310 mils	7.9 mm
	Maximum eccentricity (Tmax-Tmin)/Tmax	12%	
nsulation Shield	[1] Extruded semi-conducting thermoset		
	Minimum point thickness	40 mils	1.02 mm
	Maximum point thickness	100 mils	2.54 mm
Bedding	[2]Water swellable semi-conducting tape applied helical intercalated	50% overlap	
	[2]5 mils Coppertape applied helical intercalated	50% overlap	
Jacket	Extruded black linear low density polyethylene compound		
	Minimum point thickness	125 mils	3.18 mm
	Maximum point thickness	185 mils	4.70 mm
Complete Cable	Approximate diameter	3.41 inches	86.7 mm
	Approximate weight	14.7 lbs/ft	21.9 kg/m
Marking:			
Marks of Origin	Emboss or indent print on the outer sheath: manufacturer, type of insulation, insulation thickness, conductor size and material, year of manufacture at intervals of not more than three feet. Length marking		
Mechanical Data:			
	Minimum bending radius	61 inches	1.55 m
	Maximum pulling tension (with pulling eye)	31,560 lbs	14,315.4 k

Notes:

- 1. All dimensions are nominal and subject to manfuacturing tolerances
- 2. Drawings are not to scale