



# Leveraging ION Meters at Hydro One

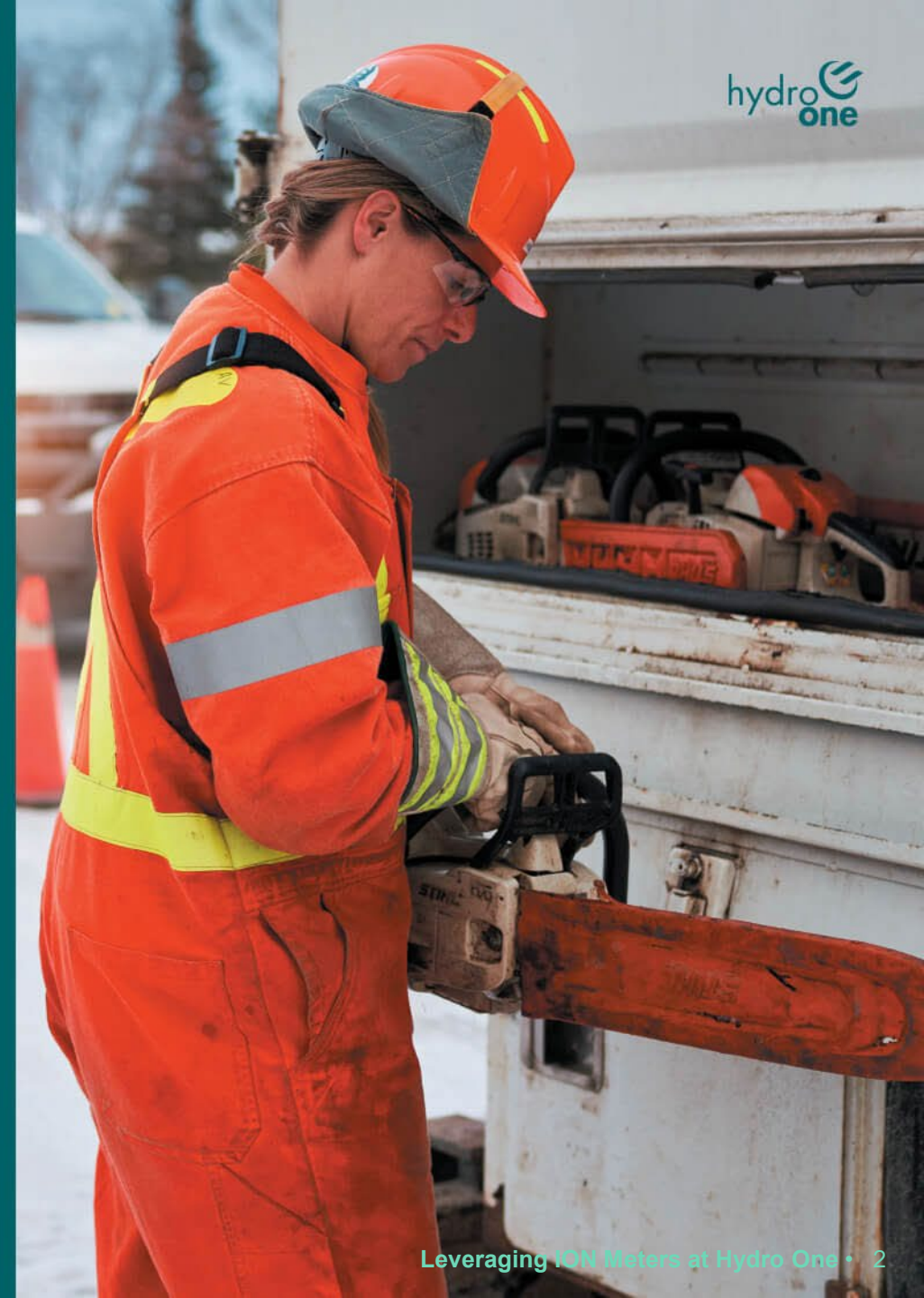
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- Our PQ Architecture
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- Utilizing ION meters – Scenario 2



# Introduction to Hydro One AMIO

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Advanced Metering Infrastructure Operations (AMIO) is responsible for the full lifecycle of metering and AMI network operations, including:

- Procurement
- Validation Testing
- Regulatory Compliance
- Network Management
- Data Collection
- Standards & Planning



# About Us



## Network Equipment

### Equipment Management

- Managing asset and material management for devices and equipment
- Manage Life Cycle & Inventory Management for equipment
- Meter Sampling, inspection and certification in compliance with
- Measurement Canada Specifications
- Manage Purchasing, Shipping, Receiving and RMA
- Testing / Troubleshooting and Investigations / Vendor Evaluation

### Regulatory Compliance

- Distribution System Code, Retail Settlements Code, Measurement Canada Regulations (Electricity and Gas Inspection Act), ESA Reg. 22/04, CSA
- Measurement Canada Accredited
- Authorized to both inspect and certify devices for Measurement Canada
- Requires an up to date and comprehensive quality management system
- Audited annually by Measurement Canada to ensure compliance



## Centre of Excellence

### Asset Management / Investment Planning

- Meter Asset Planning

### Engineering

- Telecom 3<sup>rd</sup> level support
- Network 3<sup>rd</sup> level support
- Retail Meter Engineering Standards & Tech Specs
- Distribution Lines MTECH Support

### Metering Instrument Transformer (IT) Management

- PMU sizing and ordering
- New material MM updates

### Vendor Management

- Performance Tracking
- Issues Management

### Project and Program Management

- Operational Finance
- Quality Management & Documentation
- Project Reporting and Tracking

### Strategy & Roadmap

- AMI 2 Strategy
- Rate Filing Preparation



## Network and Data

### AMI Communication Network

- Monitor and manage the overall end-to-end performance of the AMI communication network, including design
- Triage communication failures and troubleshoot issues
- Manage equipment firmware upgrades and parameter changes
- Issue applicable service notifications when required (i.e., CMOs, check readings, Collectors, Repeaters, etc.)
- Manage Head End Systems and related software upgrades

### Data

- Monitor hourly meter data collected daily
- Manage data exported to other internal (CIS) and external (MDMR) systems
- Manage exception reports (Data collection, Validation & Estimation, Billing quantities)
- Manage meter data investigations received from Customer Care



## Complex Metering

### Retail Meters

- Management of Retail metering related work programs
- Management of exceptions related to meter configurations, data collection, and data validation & estimation
- Manage meter data investigations received from Customer Care

### Meter Service Provider (MSP) & Wholesale Meters

- HONI is a licensed Metering Service Provider (MSP)
- Manage Wholesale metering services in accordance with the IESO Market Rules and subject to HONI's MSP Metering Service Agreement (MSA)

### Power Quality

- Manage Hydro One's Power Quality monitoring system (data collection, analysis, new site integration, system maintenance)
- Provide expertise and support for Hydro One Power Quality tool end users























# **AMI Complex Metering**

## **Wholesale Revenue Metering**



# Metering Installations at Hydro One



## ION Usage within Hydro One:

- Wholesale → mix of 8600A, 8600C, 8650A & 8650C
- Retail → mix of 8600A & 8650A



# Wholesale Installations

- **429 Wholesale Revenue Metering (WRM) Installations across Ontario:**
  - **126 Transmission Stations**
    - **290 MPIDs**
  - **94 Distribution Stations**
    - **139 MPIDs**
- **Wholesale metering must be performed by a registered Metering Service Provider (MSP)**
- **Hydro One MSP is among 17 MSPs registered with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)**
- **IESO Market Rules provide detailed requirements for MSPs to follow and for the type of hardware to be used**
- **Online IESO (Appian) is where IESO keeps all Hydro One wholesale metering official records on. AMICM, Field P&C, P&C Engineering and TDS are responsible for these documents.**



# Hydro One MSP Role

- Meter Installation Upgrades (Installation, Commissioning)
- Meter Registration
  - Single Line Diagrams
  - Declaration of Compliance
  - Emergency Instrument Transformer Restoration Plans
  - Measurement Error Correction
  - Site Specific Loss Adjustments
  - MIRT Files
  - Engineering Units Reports
  - Totalization Tables
  - Site Registration Reports
  - Station Service (not measured by a WRM)
- Meter Installation Maintenance
- Meter Troubleshooting and Replacement



# Planned Work Programs

- Annual Meter Inspections (AMIs)
- 6 Year IT Spot Checks
- Meter Reseals
- IESO Tie Line Work
- Post Commissioning
- IESO Audits

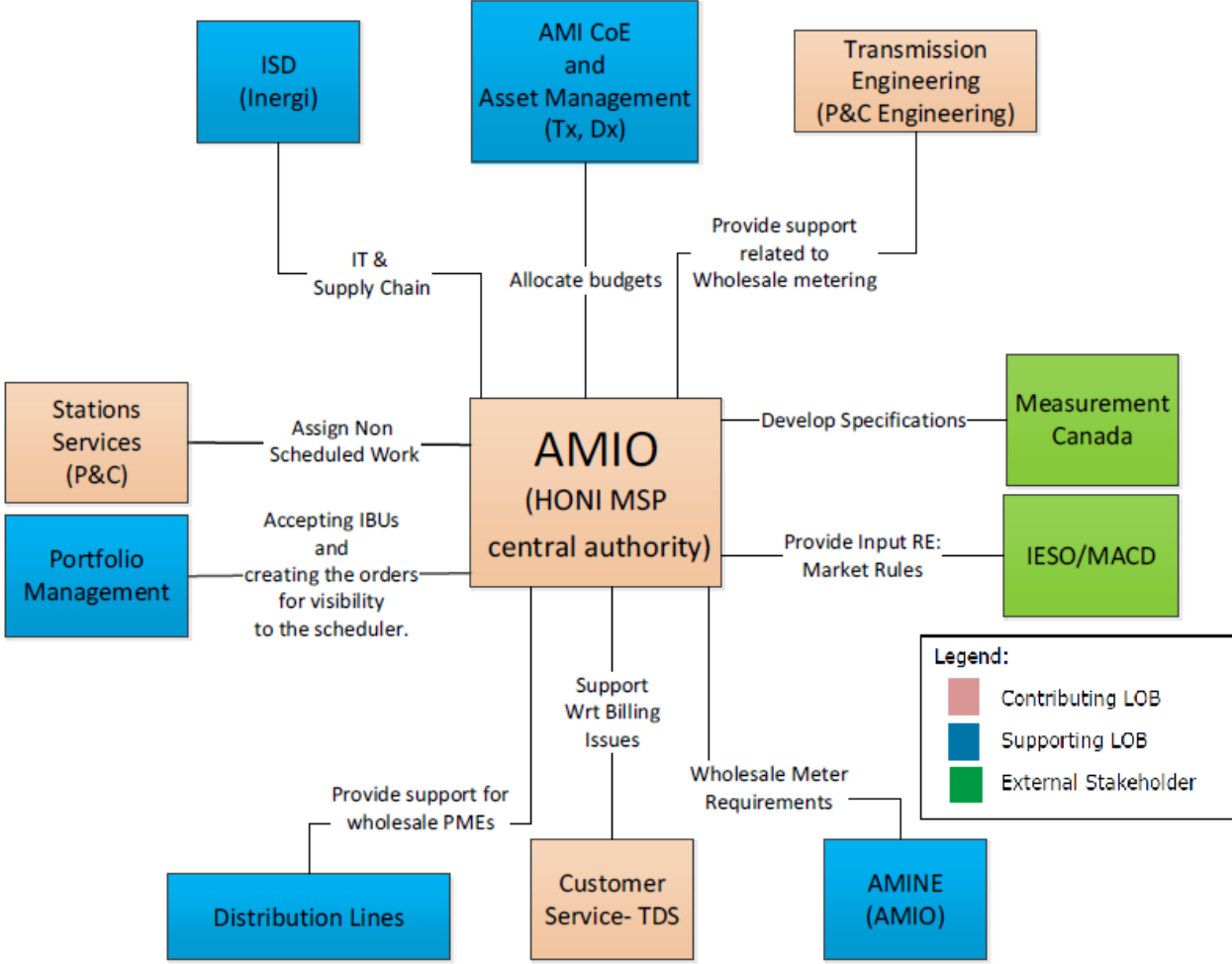
# Responsive Work/Projects

- PCB IT replacements
- ABB IT replacements
- Westinghouse DVT150 replacements
- Emergency Instrument Transformer Restoration Plans (EITRPs)
- BGAN TCP/IP Communication Upgrade
- Win10 MISOR and ION Setup





# Functional Relationships



# Station Services





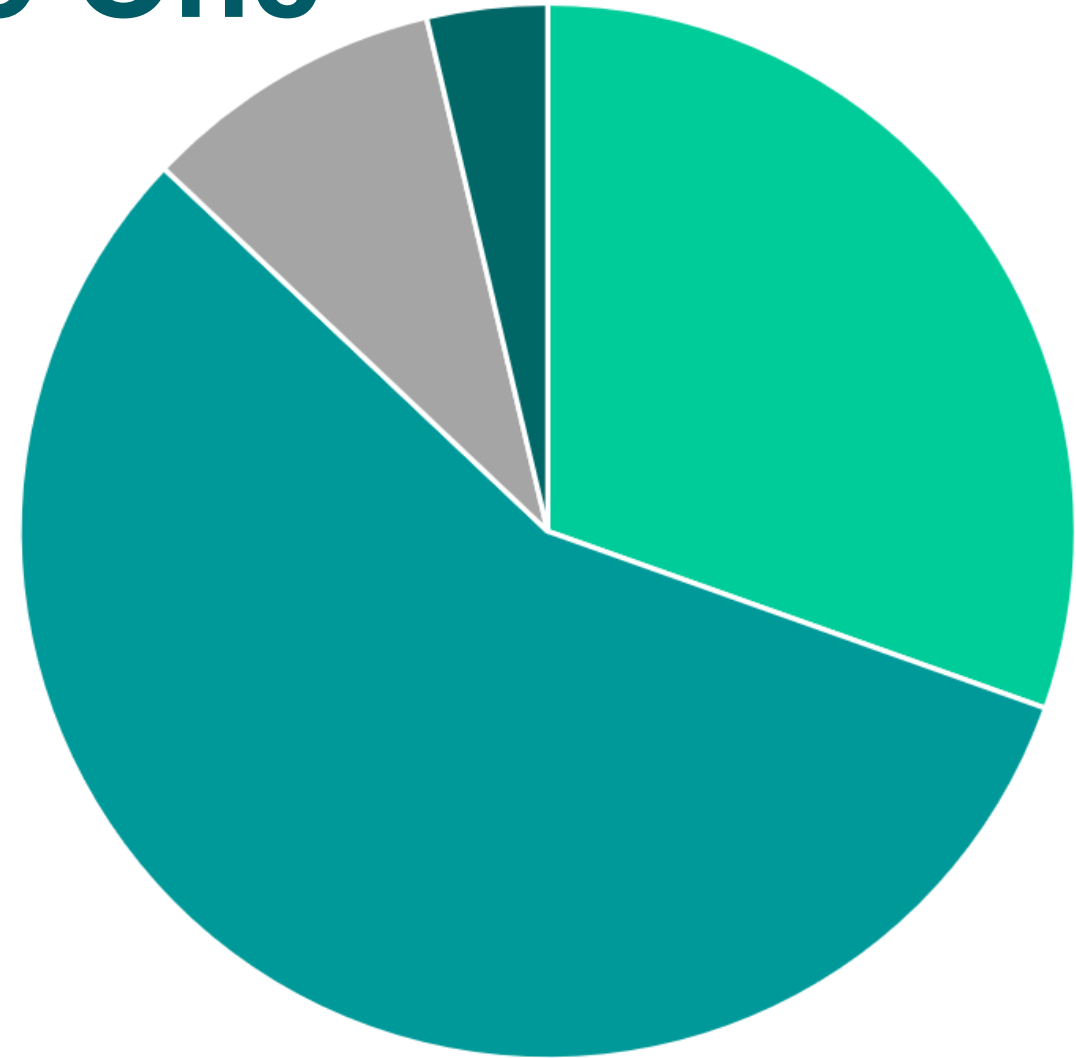
# **AMI Complex Metering**

## **Power Quality Metering**

# PQ meters at Hydro One

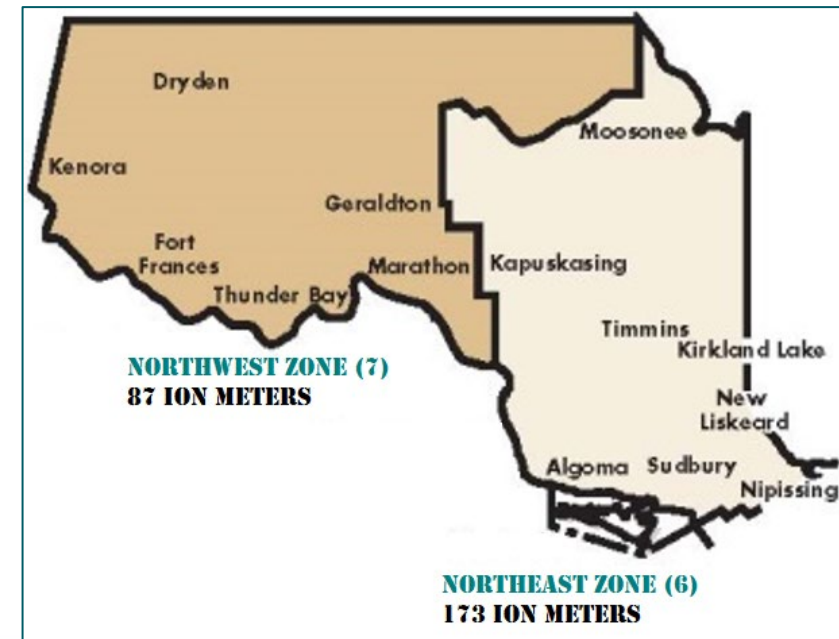
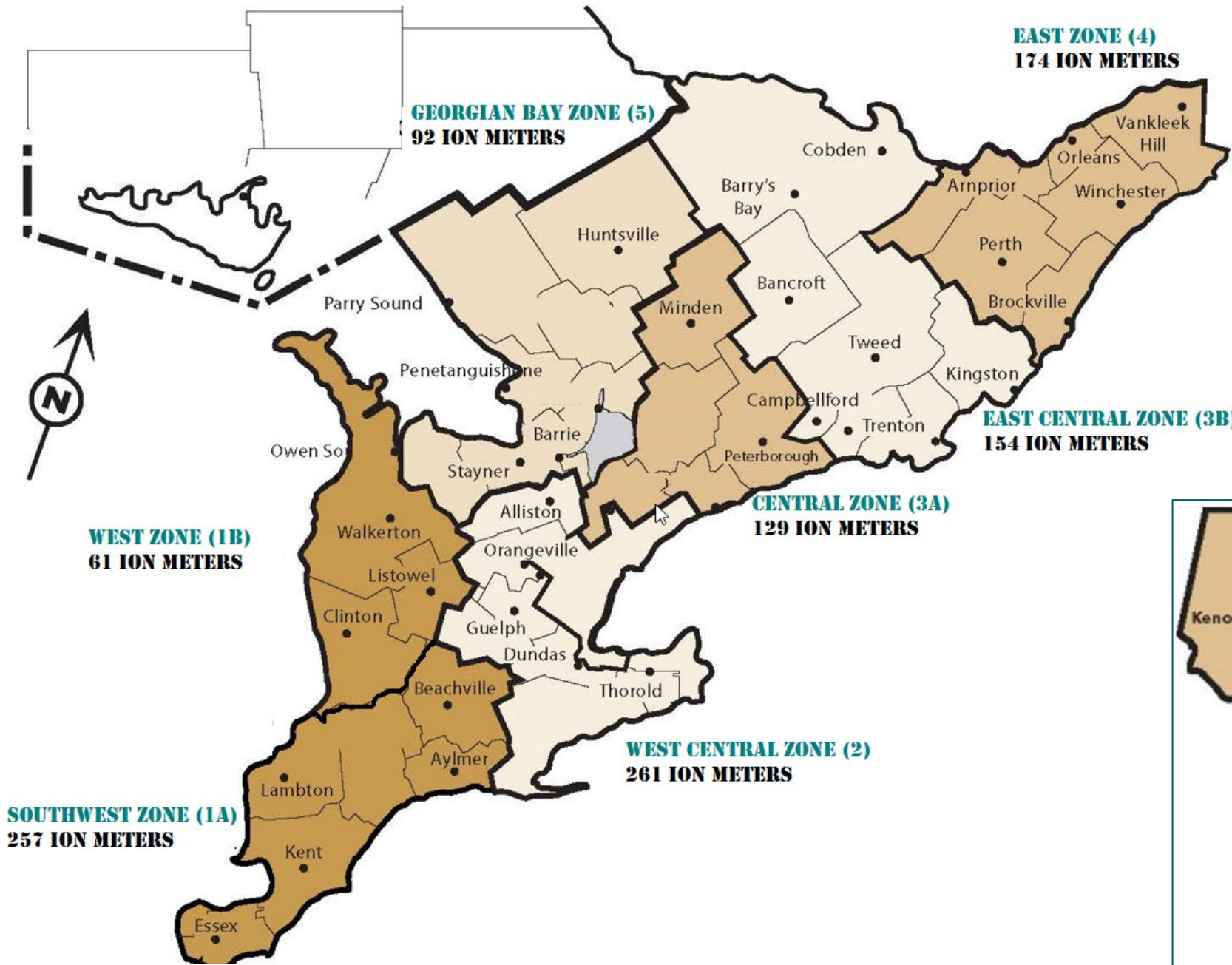
## ION 8650 and 8600 A type meters

- Wholesale – 421 (of the 429)
- Retail – 783
- PQ only – 128
- Customer Owned – 51



■ Wholesale ■ Retail ■ PQ - Only ■ Customer Owned





# PQ meters at Hydro One



## Threshold to qualify for an ION meter

1. All Wholesale Revenue Meter (WRM) Installations (excluding tie-line meter-points)
2. Transmission (Tx) stations without WRM may have standalone PQ meters (non-revenue)
3. Distribution (Dx) Generation >250KW
4. Dx Load displacement >500KW
5. Dx Large distribution accounts >2MVA
6. Tx connected customers (optional)



# PQWeb Program



Tx connected customers have option to participate under the PQ Web program (customer owned metering is leveraged for PQ).

## Step 1 HONI and Customer

Review details of site and meter

## Step 2 Customer

Submit request to IESO

## Step 3 HONI

Ships modem

## Step 4 MSP

Installation

## Step 5 HONI

Test Communication

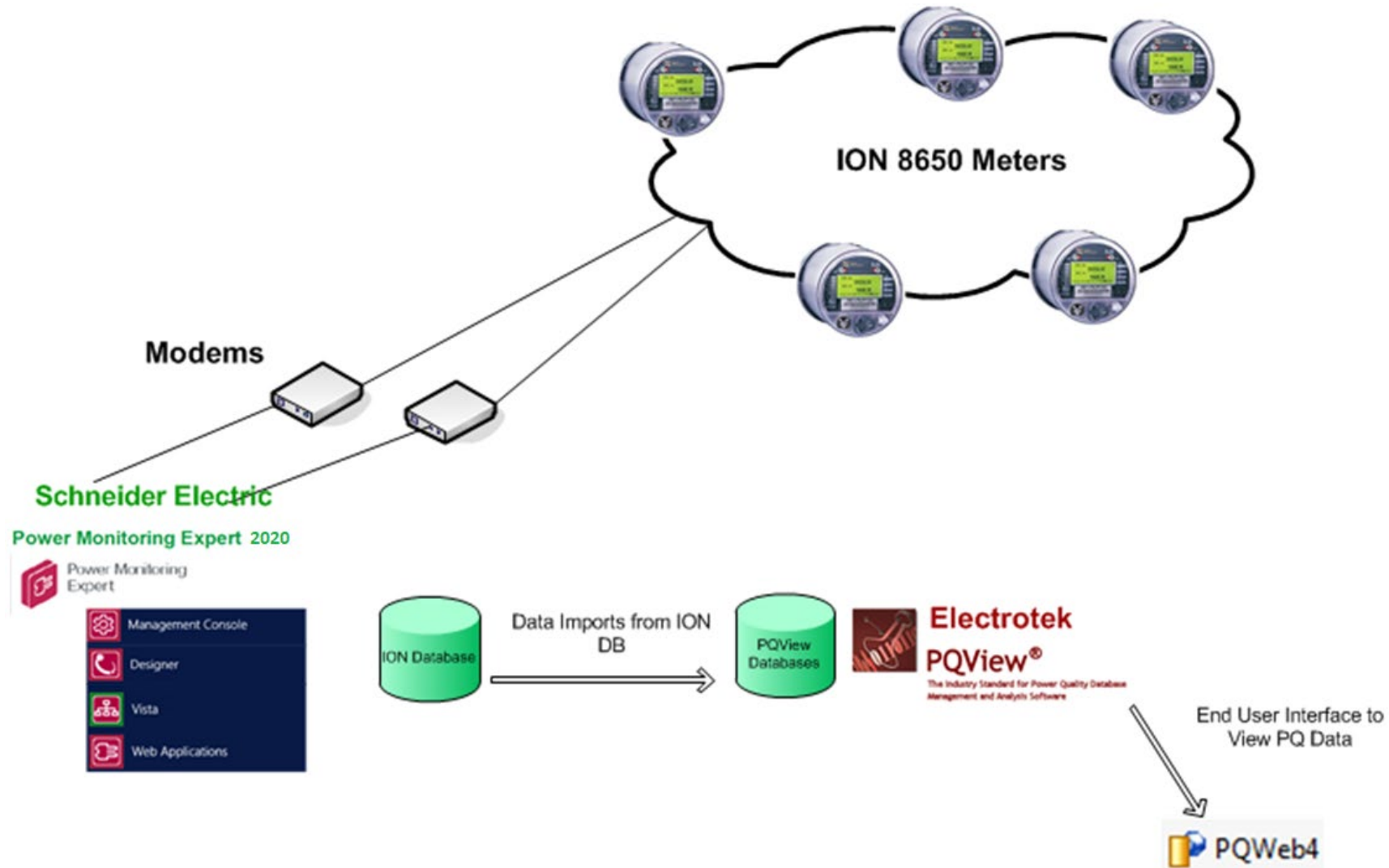
### Skip if

Established VPN with HONI

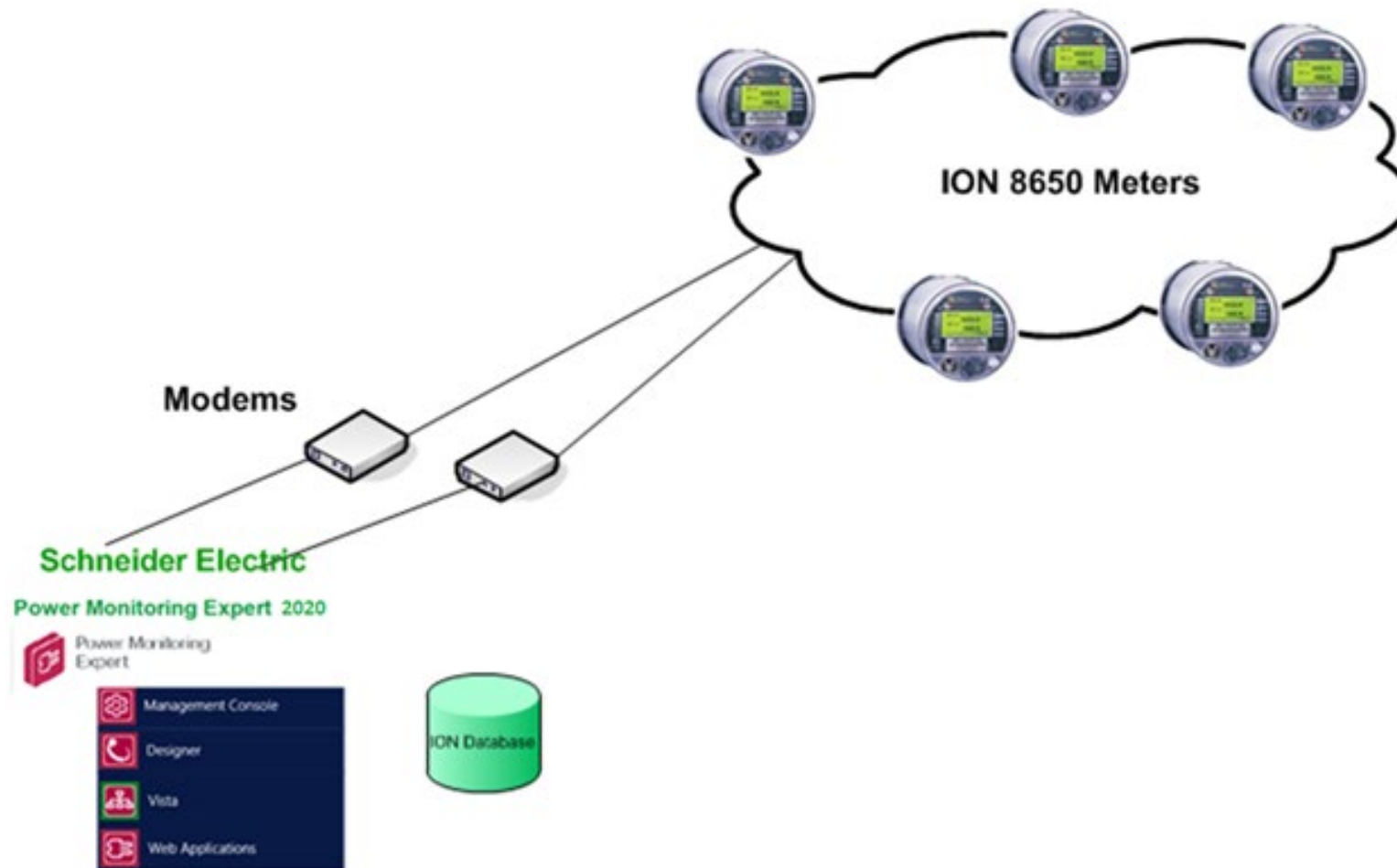
# Our PQ Architecture



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# Power Monitoring Expert (PME2020)

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**Management Console**



**Designer**



**Vista**



**Web Application**



# Power Monitoring Expert (PME 2020)



## Management Console

Allows you to add and remove ION meter sites

- Add Ethernet, direct, or serial sites.
- This is where the data retrieval from the meters occur
- The retrieved data is stored in the Database Server
- Retrieved data can be used by other third-party applications (E.g., PQView)

# Power Monitoring Expert (PME 2020)



## Designer

A visual representation of the advance view of ION Setup.

- Allows you to configure setup registers and create frameworks on ION meter.
- You can see the links between various inputs and outputs.

# Power Monitoring Expert (PME 2020)



## Vista

Allows you to configure the interface that shows many measured quantities in the meter

- Set-up default view for end-user for all sites
- See data logs from various tables in the meter



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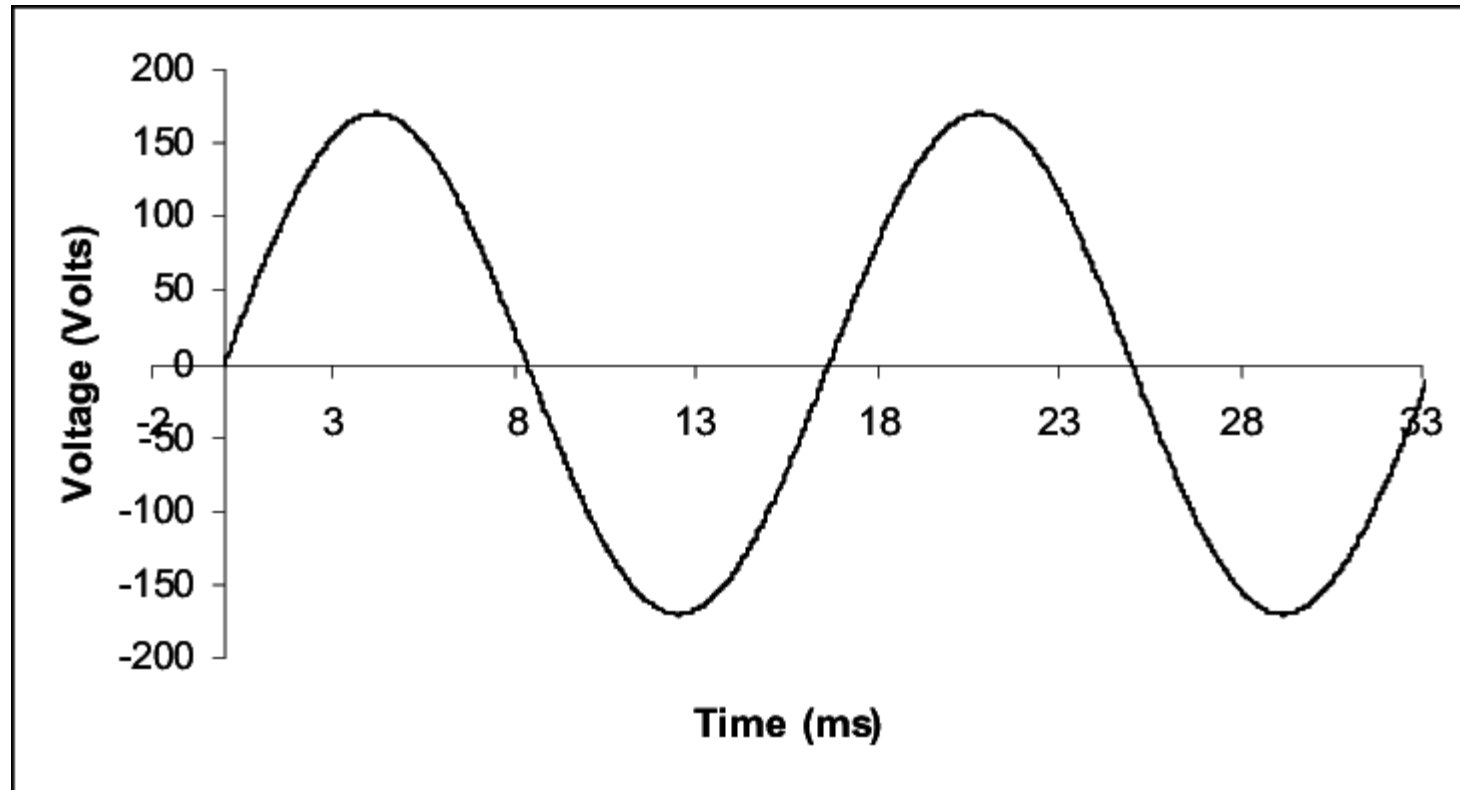
## Web Application

This is for the end-users

- Diagrams
- Dashboard
- Trends
- User Manager
- Configuring email alert

# Common PQ Challenges

# Ideal Scenario





# What aspects of Power Quality are monitored?

Following are some of the common PQ challenges:

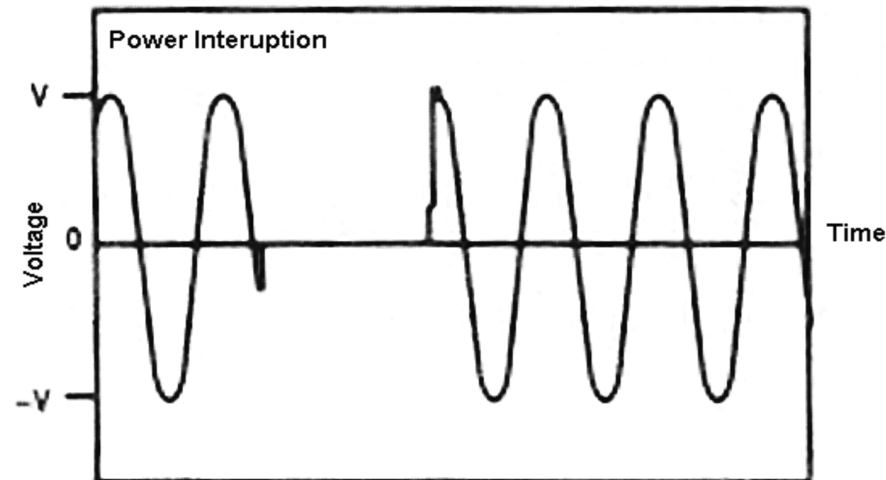
- Service Interruptions
- Voltage Sags
- Transients
- Harmonics
- Flicker

The ION meters help identify these issues using the event waveform.

# Service Interruption

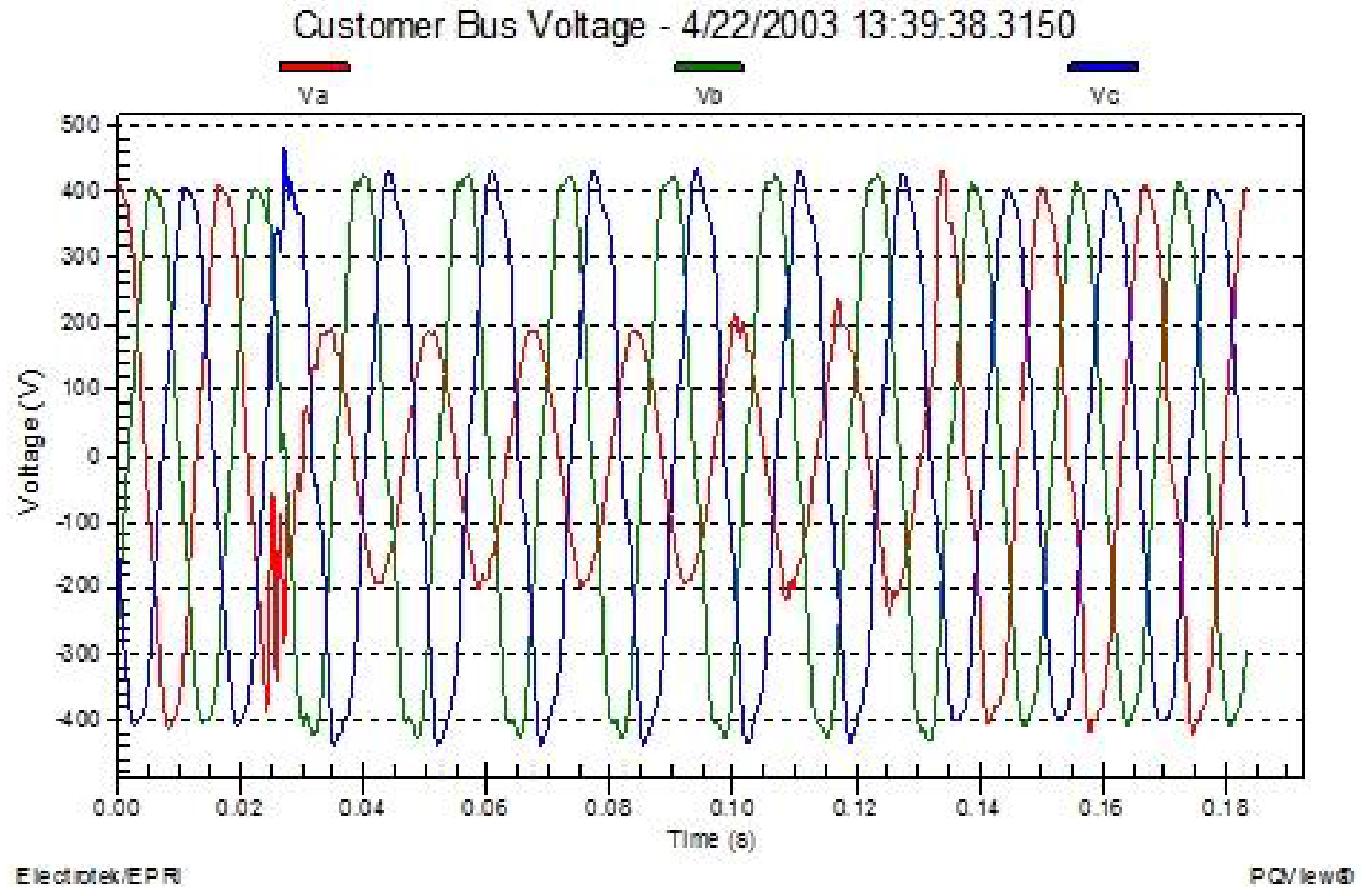
- Instantaneous (less than .5 sec)
- Momentary (.5 sec to 3 seconds)
- Temporary (3 seconds to 1 minute)
- Sustained Outage (Less than 10% voltage lasting more than a minute.)

Caused by faults or operation of protective devices.



# Voltage Sag

- Duration
  - 1 cycle to 120 cycles
- Caused by:
  - Faults on the system
  - Starting large loads





# Transients

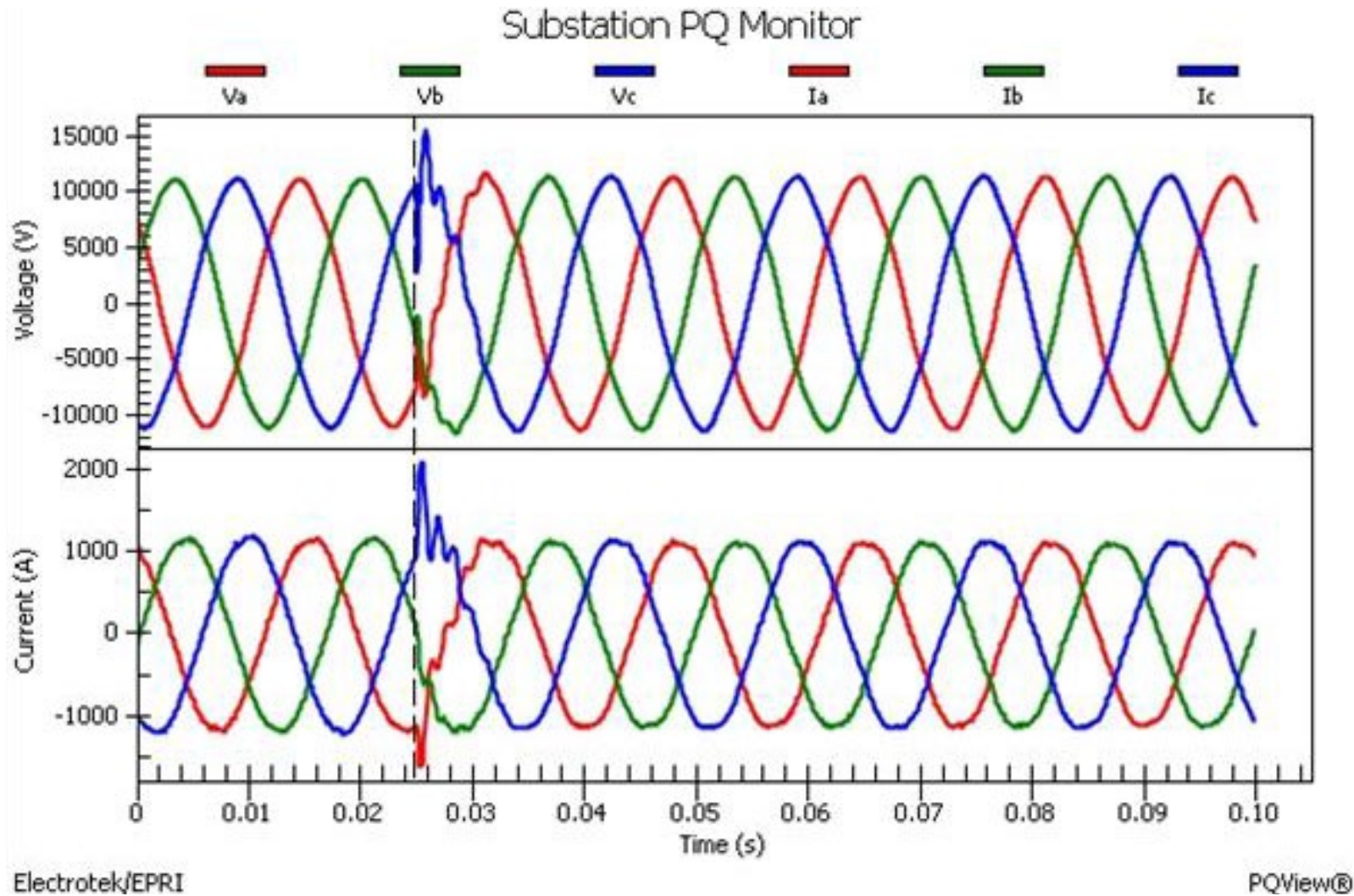
## Causes:

- Equipment switching operations or lightning strikes
- Switching (energizing) of utility shunt capacitor banks

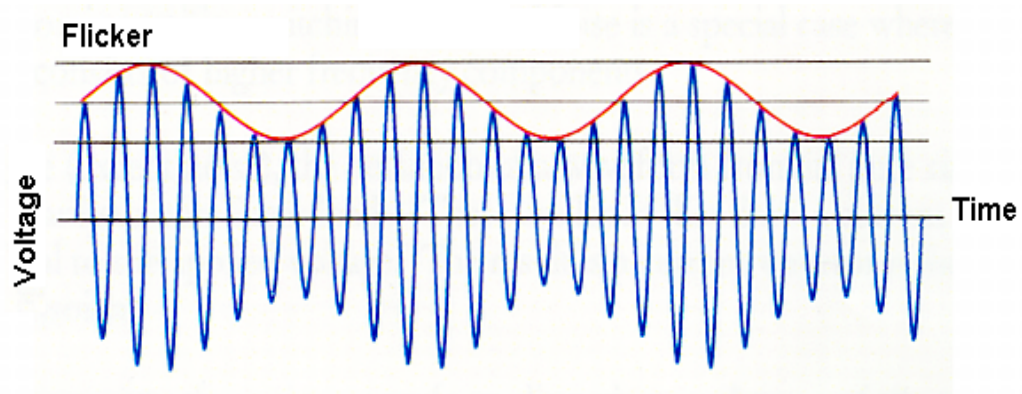
## Impact:

- Equipment mis-operation and failure
- Nuisance tripping of power-electronic equipment

# Transients



# Flicker



## Cause:

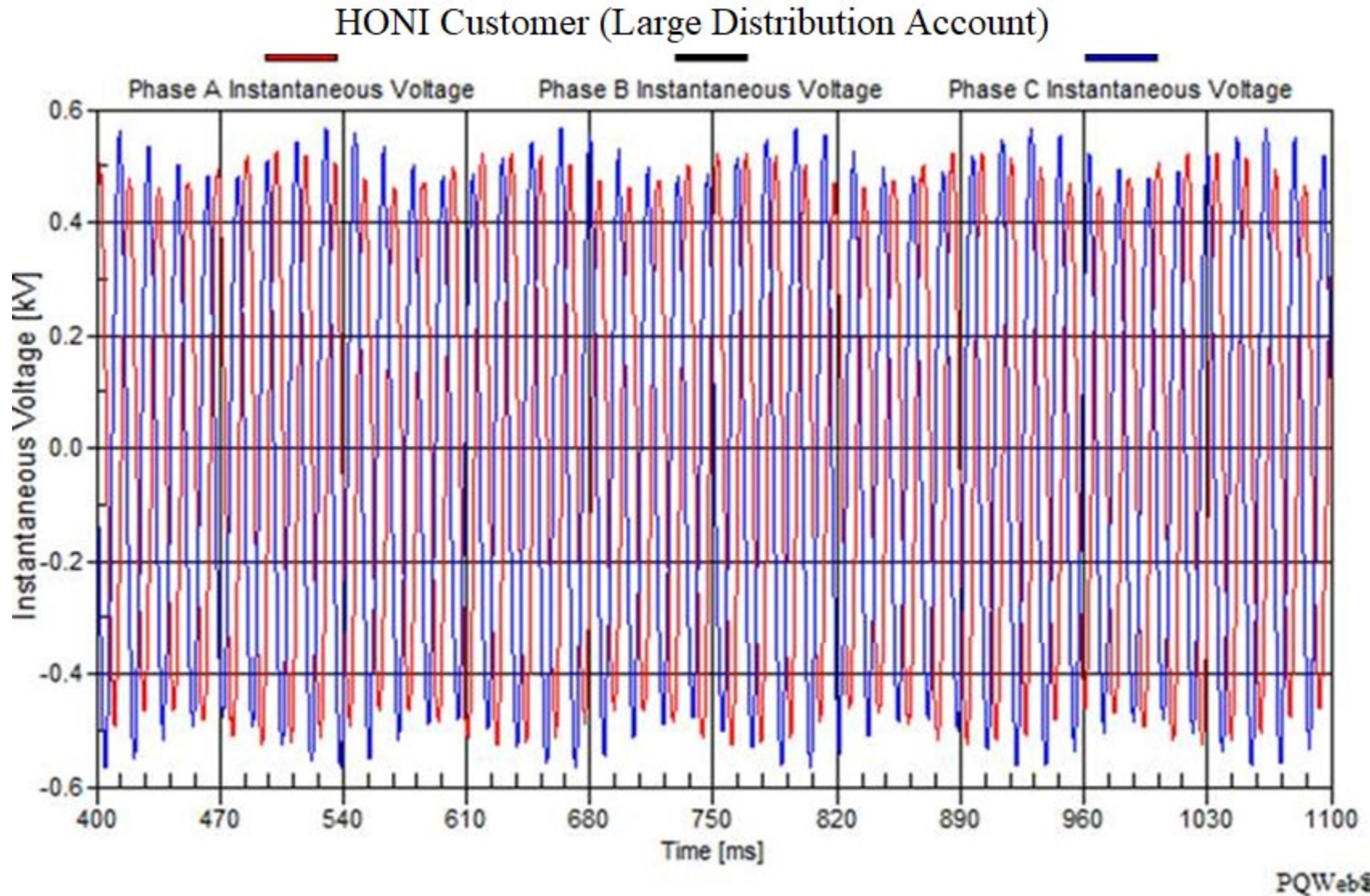
Variation in amplitude of voltage caused by linear or non-linear loads drawing high and varying load currents

## Impact:

- Visual irritation
- Equipment mis-operation/damage



# Flicker



# Utilizing ION meters

## Scenario 1

### Customized monitoring

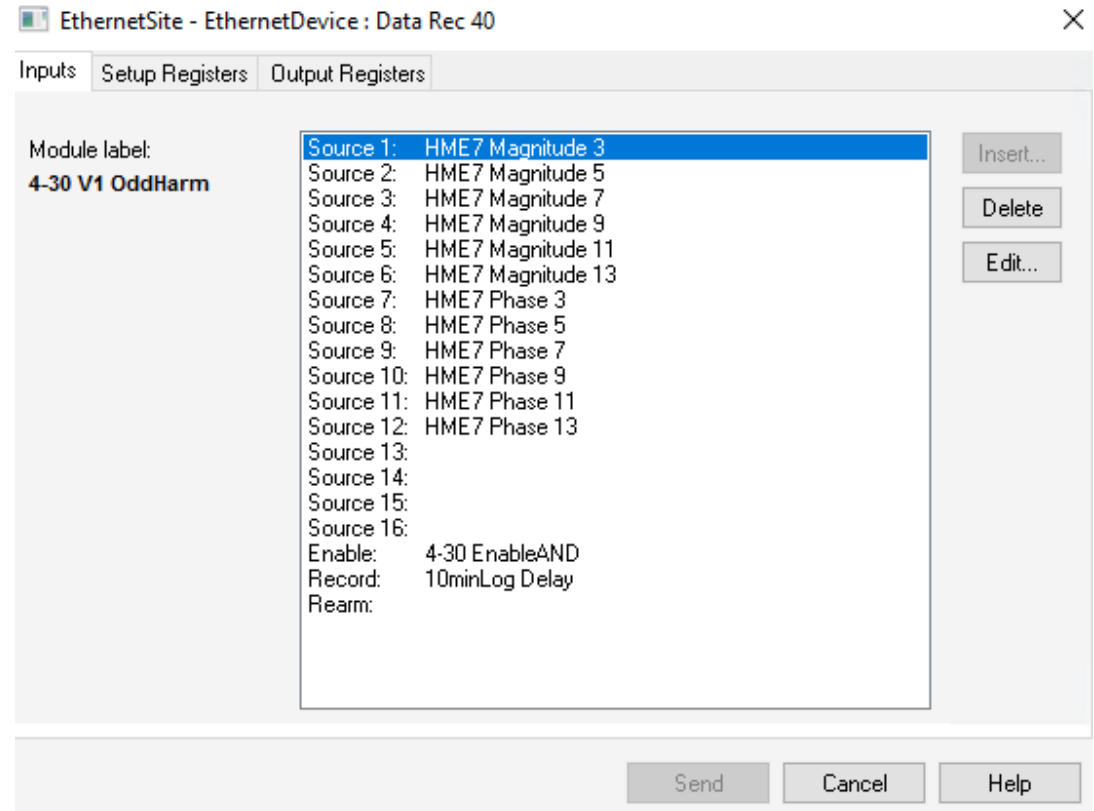
# Harmonics Logging

- HONI PQ Framework in ION meters does not have following harmonics logging
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (voltages and currents)
- Instantaneous values can be seen via ION setup or Vista
- In one instance, Hydro One Special Studies LOB requested to log these values for a specific site investigation
- Challenge
  - This requires **72** tables
    - Each odd harmonic = 6
    - Magnitude and phase table = 2
    - Voltage and Current = 2
    - Each phase = 3
    - **6 x 2 x 2 x 3 = 72**
  - Make the logs accessible for requester.

# Harmonics Logging

## Solution:

Use Data Rec Module of your ION meter to create logs



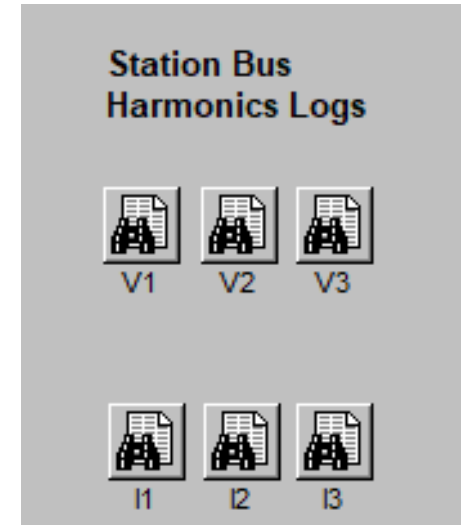
For instructions: See ION Reference Guide



# Harmonics Logging

## Solution:

Use PME Vista to make logs accessible



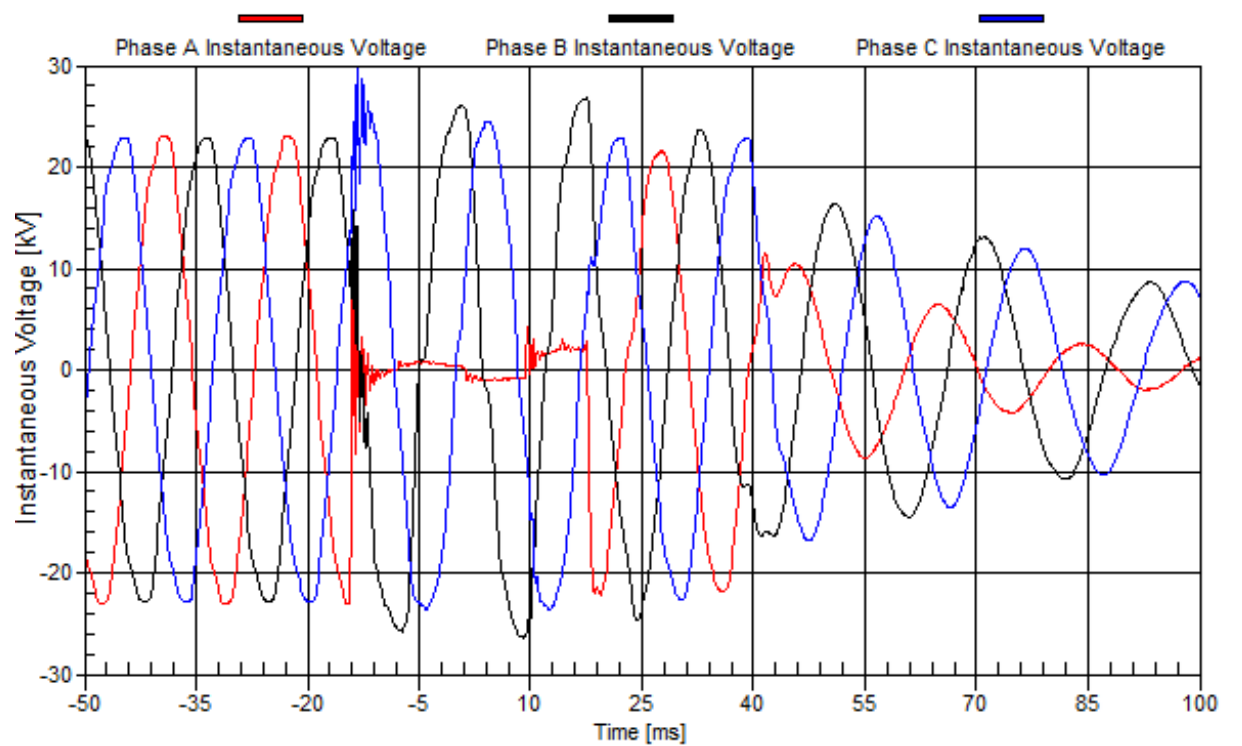
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# Utilizing ION meters

## Scenario 2

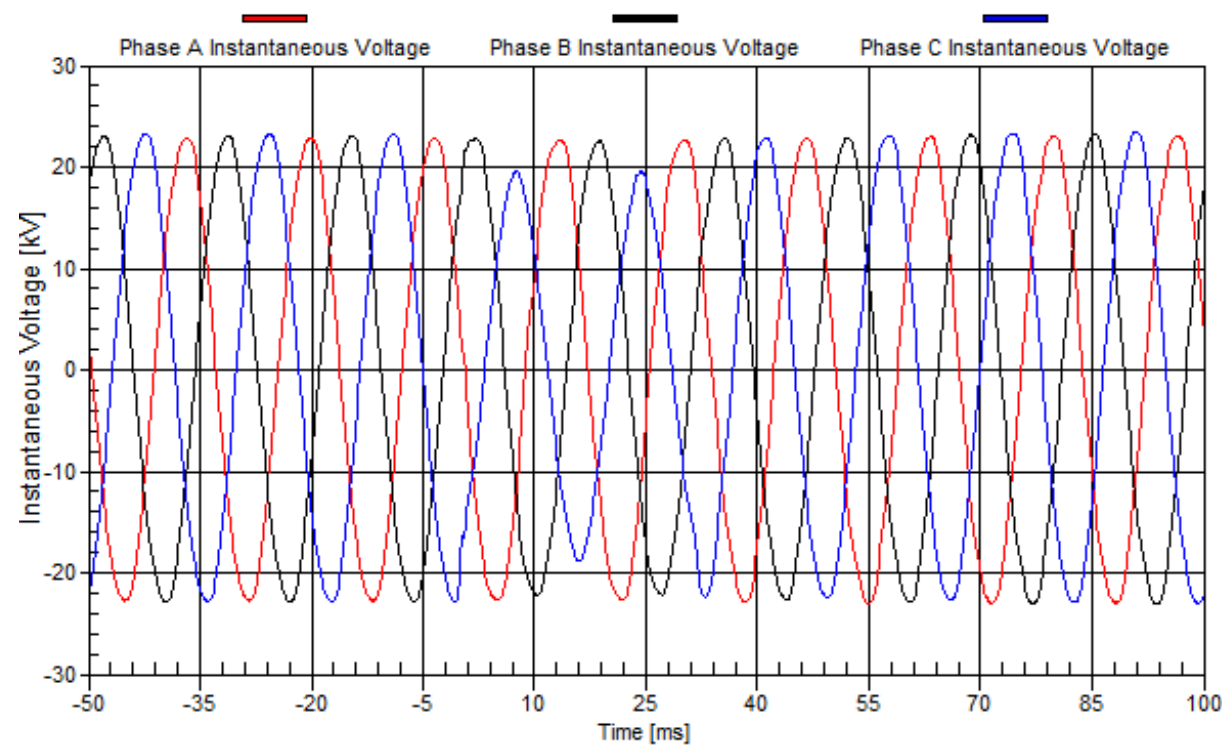
**Identifying rare circumstances**

### Wind Farm 1



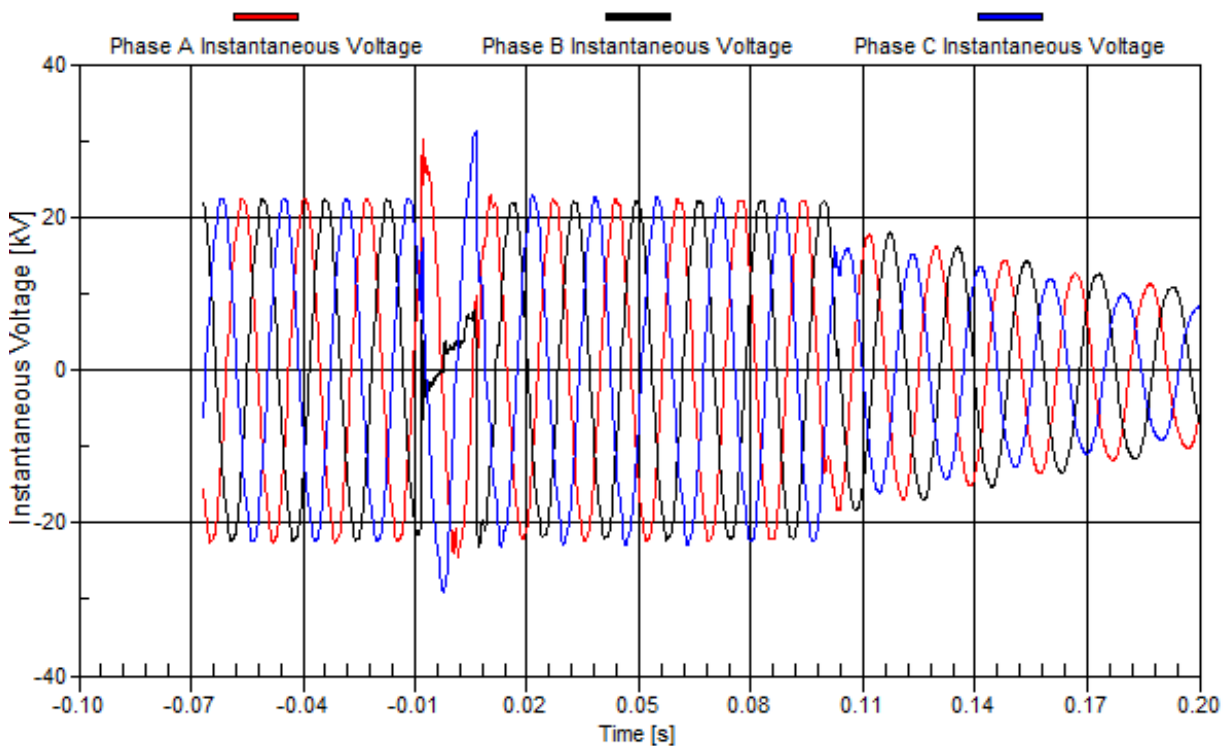
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### Upstream HONI Station Transformer



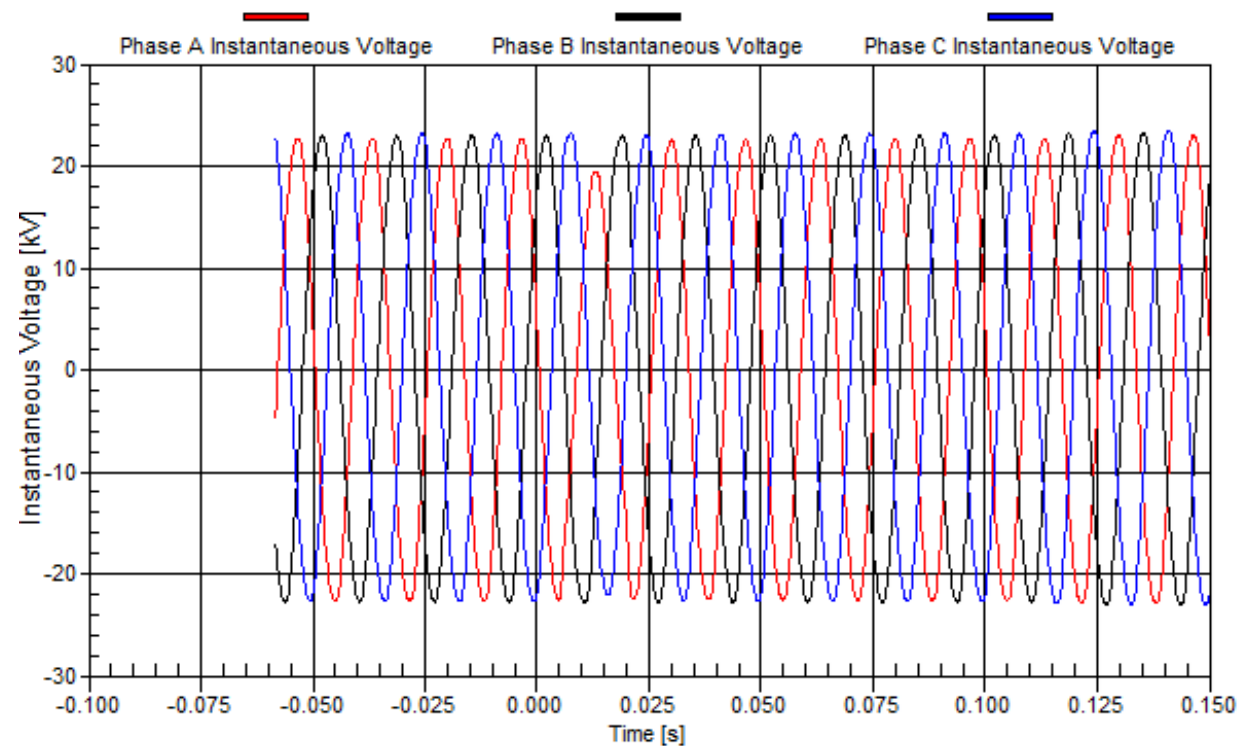
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### Wind Farm 2



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# **Disadvantages of using ION meter**

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