



# PQSoft Case Study

## Industrial Customer IEEE Std. 519 Compliance Evaluation

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### Abstract:

Utility power system harmonic problems can often be solved using a comprehensive approach including site surveys, harmonic measurements, and computer simulations.

This case study presents the results for an industrial customer IEEE Std. 519 compliance evaluation. The simulations were completed using the SuperHarm program. The results showed a harmonic resonance when the customer power factor correction capacitor banks were in service. The voltage distortion levels were mostly within the specified limits.

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## RELATED STANDARDS

IEEE Std. 519-1992  
IEEE Std. 1159-1995

## GLOSSARY AND ACRONYMS

ASD	Adjustable-Speed Drive
CF	Crest Factor
DFT	Discreet Fourier Transform
DPF	Displacement Power Factor
PCC	Point of Common Coupling
PF	Power Factor
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
TDD	Total Demand Distortion
THD	Total Harmonic Distortion
TPF	True Power Factor

## INTRODUCTION

An industrial customer IEEE Std. 519 compliance evaluation study was completed for the system shown in Figure 1. The simulation analysis was completed using the SuperHarm program. The accuracy of the simulation model was verified using three-phase and single-line-to-ground fault currents and other steady-state quantities.

The circuit modeled for the case involved a 12.5kV utility distribution substation supplying two 1,500 kVA customer step-down transformers. Each customer has a switchable 200 kVAr, 480-volt capacitor bank and a variety of nonlinear loads.

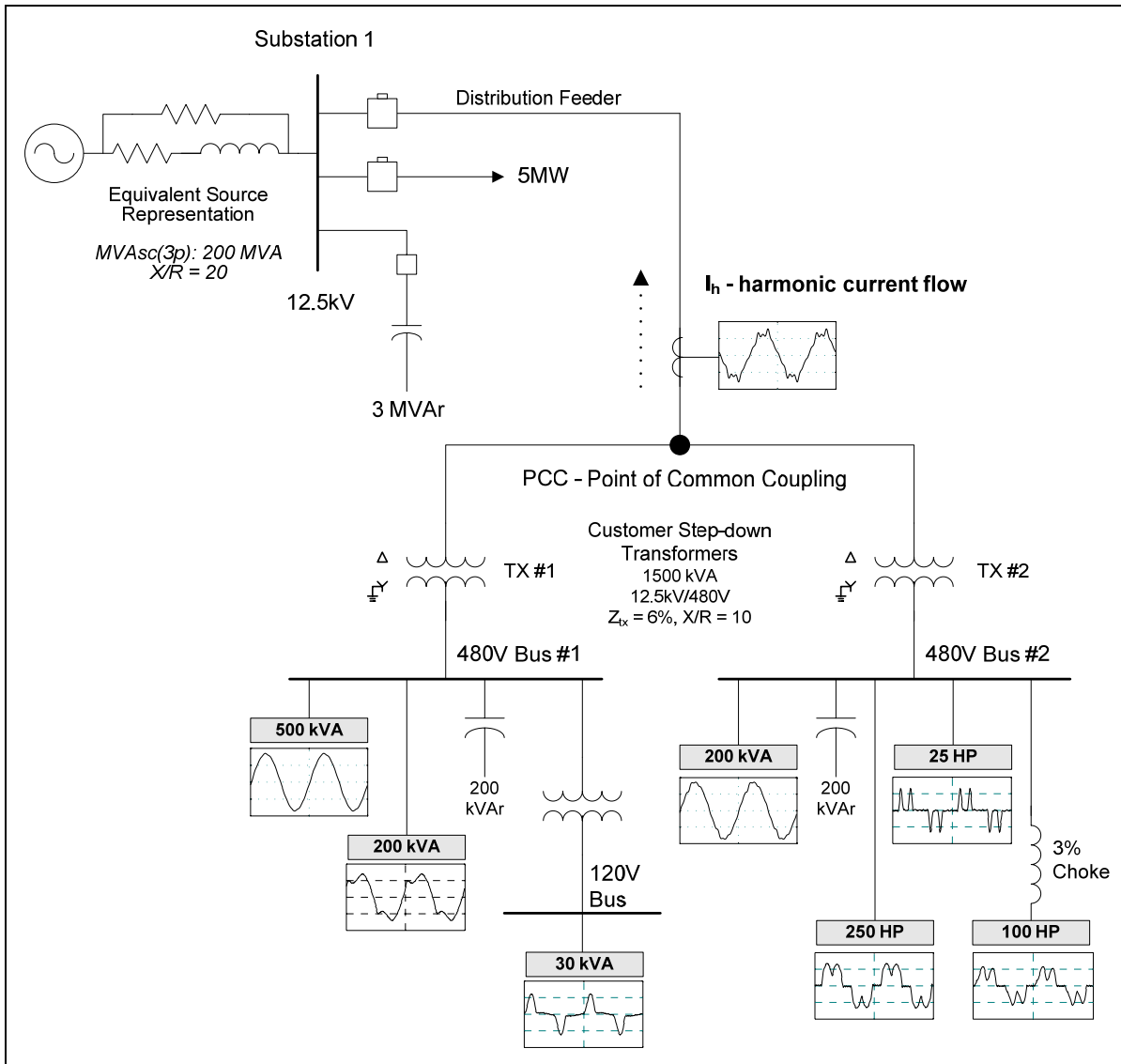


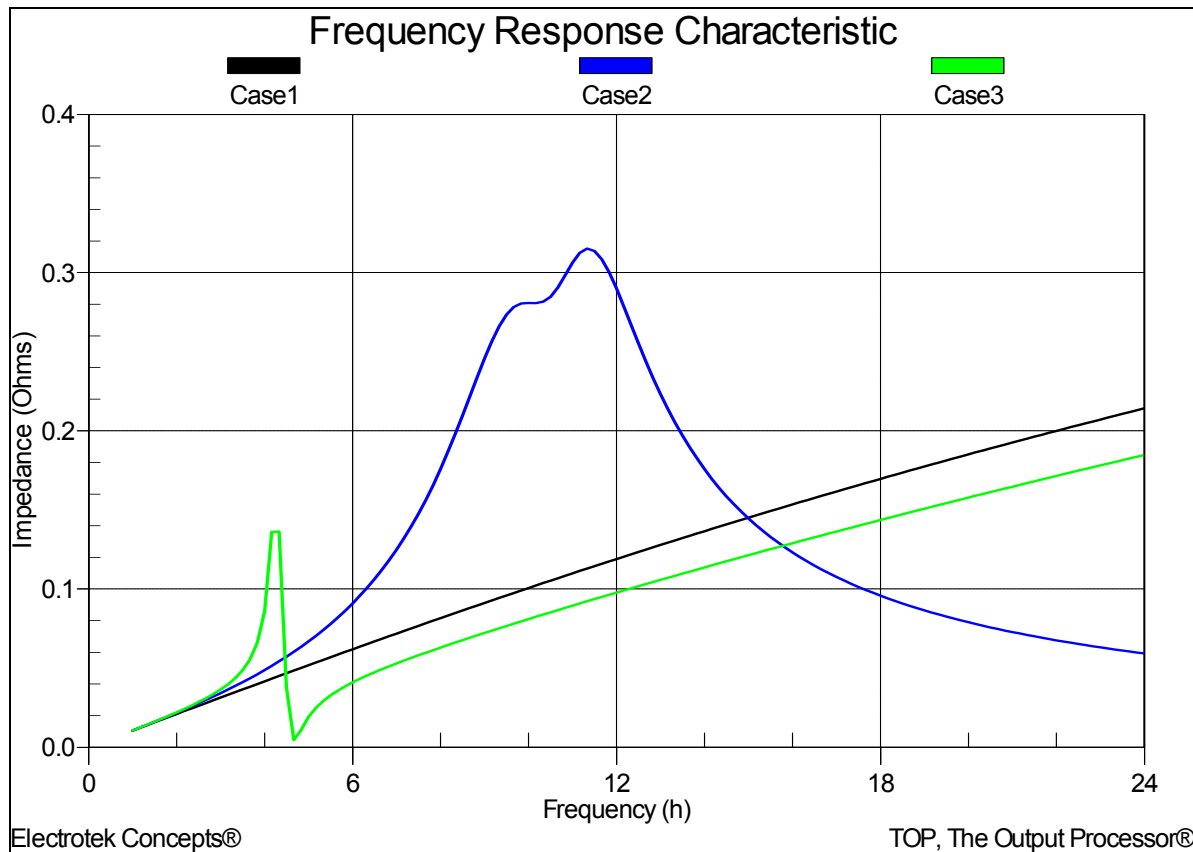
Figure 1 - Illustration of Oneline Diagram for Harmonic Current Cancellation Evaluation

## SIMULATION RESULTS

Relevant utility system and customer data for the case included:

Short-circuit MVA at 12.4kV bus: .....	200.0 MVA	
Substation capacitor bank rating:.....	3.0 MVA	
Feeder load: .....	5.0 MW	
Distribution feeder impedance: .....	0.2 Ω	
Short-circuit MVA at PCC:.....	158 MVA	(I <sub>sc</sub> = 7,298 A)
Customer capacitor bank ratings: .....	200 kVA	
Miscellaneous linear load:.....	700 kVA	
Customer average maximum demand load:.....	974 kVA	(I <sub>L</sub> = 45 A)
Fluorescent lighting (I <sub>THD</sub> = 21.7%): .....	200 kVA	
DC drive (I <sub>THD</sub> = 35.3%):.....	250 hp	
PWM ASD (no choke – I <sub>THD</sub> = 130.8%):.....	25 hp	
PWM ASD (with 3% choke – I <sub>THD</sub> = 45.1%):.....	100 hp	
Switch mode power supplies (I <sub>THD</sub> = 77.2%):.....	30 kVA	

Figure 2 shows the results for the three frequency scan simulations. Case #1 was the base case with no capacitor banks included in the model. Case #2 was the case with the 200 kVA capacitor banks on each customer 480 volt bus. Case #3 was the case with the 200 kVA capacitor banks reconfigured as 4.7<sup>th</sup> harmonic filters. The parallel resonance for Case #2 was about 680 Hz.



**Figure 2 - Simulated Frequency Response Characteristics**

Table 1 summarizes the results for the three distortion simulations. The table includes the simulated voltage total harmonic distortion (THD) at the five buses for the three different operating conditions. Only one of the cases exceeded the voltage limitation of 5% THD.

**Table 1 - Summary of the Simulated Voltage Distortion Results**

Case Number	12.5kV Bus	12.5kV PCC	480V Bus #1	480V Bus #2	120V Bus #1
1	0.413%	0.448%	0.734%	2.725%	2.641%
2	0.468%	0.592%	1.974%	5.575%	3.118%
3	0.162%	0.205%	0.619%	1.780%	2.778%

Table 2 shows the harmonic currents limits from IEEE Std. 519 that may be used for industrial customers. The ratio of the short-circuit MVA at the point of common coupling (PCC) to the average maximum demand load is approximately 162 (158 MVA / 974 kVA). That means that the fourth row of the table was used to evaluate the harmonic currents at the PCC for the three different operating conditions.

**Table 2 - IEEE Std. 519 Current Limits for Utility Customers**

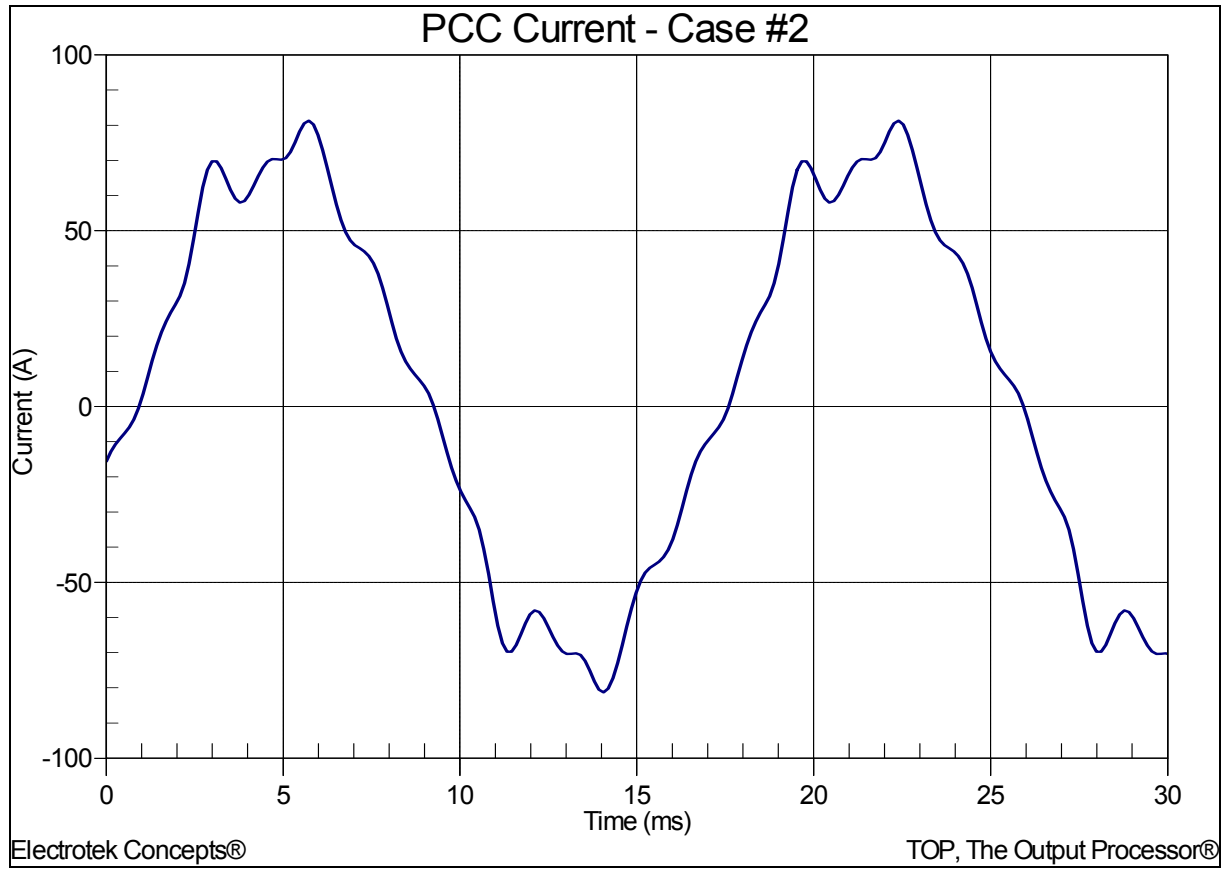
Individual Frequency Limits (%) – 120 V – 69kV						
$I_{sc} / I_L$	$h < 11$	$11 \leq h < 17$	$17 \leq h < 23$	$23 \leq h < 35$	$35 \leq h$	TDD
<20	4.0	2.0	1.5	0.6	0.3	5.0
20-50	7.0	3.5	2.5	1.0	0.5	8.0
50-100	10.0	4.5	4.0	1.5	0.7	12.0
<b>100-1000</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>
>1000	15.0	7.0	6.0	2.5	1.4	20.0

Table 3 summarizes the results of the harmonic current compliance analysis for the three simulated cases. The only condition that exceeded the limitation is the 11<sup>th</sup> harmonic component for Case #2 which represents the condition with the two 200 kVAr capacitor banks at the customer low voltage buses. The results for Case #3 show that converting the 200 kVAr capacitor banks into 4.7<sup>th</sup> harmonic filters reduced the harmonic current levels below the specified limitation.

Figure 3 shows the corresponding simulated point of common coupling (PCC) current waveform for Case #2. The waveform was created using an inverse DFT with 256 points per cycle.

**Table 3 - Summary of Harmonic Current Limit Compliance**

	TDD	H5	H7	H11	H13	H17	H19	H23	H25	Summary
<b>519 Limit</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Case 1	8.1	6.8	3.4	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.4	OK
Case 2	13.3	9.1	6.8	<b>6.7</b>	1.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	Exceeds
Case 3	4.0	2.3	2.5	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.3	OK



**Figure 3 - Simulation Results for Case #2**

## SUMMARY

This case study summarizes the results for an industrial customer IEEE Std. 519 compliance evaluation. The simulation results showed an 11<sup>th</sup> harmonic resonance when the customer power factor correction capacitor banks were in service. The voltage distortion levels were mostly within the specified limits.

The initial solution might seem to be to install an 11<sup>th</sup> harmonic filter; however, passive filters should be tuned below the lowest significant harmonic present. In this case, that was the 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic. Therefore, the current distortion evaluation shows that current distortion limits can be achieved by converting the customer capacitor banks into 4.7<sup>th</sup> harmonic filters.

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