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1. Introduction

This specification sets out Eskom's specific requirements for small power distribution units (readyboards) for split prepayment meter single phase 230V service connections, applicable to all suppliers of such ESKOM equipment.

2. Supporting Clauses

2.1 Scope

2.1.1 Purpose

This specification specifies Eskom's requirements for the manufacture and supply of small power distribution units for nominal system a.c. voltages up to and including 1 kV. It is intended for use in overhead/underground network, single-phase connections to a customer's installation.

2.1.2 Applicability

This document shall apply throughout Eskom Holdings Limited Divisions.

2.2 Normative/Informative References

For the purpose of this specification, the references given in SANS 1507-6 will apply

2.2.1 Normative

Parties using this document shall apply the most recent edition of the documents listed below:

- [1] Occupational Health and Safety Act. Act no 85 of 1993.
- [2] SANS 60529: 2001, Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)
- [3] ANSI/UL 94:1990, Flammability of plastic materials for parts in devices and appliances, test for,
- [4] SANS 164-1:1992, Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes. Part 1: Conventional system (6 A and 16 A, 250 V)
- [5] SANS 1619:1995, Electricity distribution small power distribution units (readyboards) for single-phase 230 V service connections.
- [6] 240-75659670, Concentric service cable with communication cores for split prepayment metering.
- [7] 240-75661113, Eskom requirements for earth leakage units.
- [8] D-DT-0358: Service-mounting dimensions of electricity dispenser and readyboard to dwelling.
- [9] D-DT-3051: Bracket steel, base/readyboard.
- [10] D-DT-0359: Service-mounting of electricity dispenser or readyboard
- [11] D-DT-3176: Readyboard, split prepayment meter.

2.2.2 Informative

None

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2.3 Definitions

2.3.1 General

For the purpose of this specification, the definitions (for terms not given below) and abbreviations given in SANS 1507-1 shall apply.

Definition	Description
Small power distribution unit (readyboard):	The SPDU shall comprise of a completely assembled, closed and wired unit with both the Earth Leakage Breaker Unit and 20A MCB mounted on a Din Rail with conduit to a separate socket outlet box, all mounted on bracket rails

2.3.2 Disclosure classification

Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

2.4 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ELU	Earth Leakage Unit
MCB	Miniature Circuit Breaker
SPDU	Small Power Distribution Unit(s) (ready board)

2.5 Roles and Responsibilities

The relevant sections within Eskom Distribution are responsible to implement the new design according to the requirements as listed in this document

2.6 Process for monitoring

Adherence to this document shall be monitored through routine inspections

2.7 Related/Supporting Documents

Not applicable.

3. Requirements

3.1 Specification for Small Power Distribution Unit for Split Prepayment Metering (Ready Board) for Single-Phase 230V Service Connections

3.1.1 General

- a) All SPDU's for split prepayment meters shall comply with the requirements of SANS 1619. Material group and colour of SPDU shall comply with SANS 141 and SANS 1091 respectively. Other Eskom's requirements shall be included below in addition to the Schedules. The section should contain the body of the document, with all the requirements.

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- b) The SPDU manufacturer shall be requested to supply the SPDU completely assembled, closed and wired unit with both Earth leakage unit and MCB mounted on a Din-Rail with cable (D-DT 3176) to separate socket outlet box, all mounted on bracket rail. Bracket rails shall be supplied with plastic grommets, mounting bolts and nuts OR M7 and M11 holes drilled in the flattened ends of the rails to be used to mount SPDU in the customer's house.
- c) Eskom approved Earth leakage Breaker Unit shall be in accordance with 240-75661113. MCB shall be supplied by the SPDU manufacturer/supplier.
- d) SPDU shall be supplied with an M20 hole, drilled at the bottom left hand side of the base for cable entry, this entry point must be sealed with a No.1 sized cable gland. Dimensions of completely assembled SPDU shall comply with D-DT 3176. Degree of protection shall be IP31 according to SANS 1222.
- e) SPDU shall include an Earth/Neutral and Live Busbars securely mounted in the base to accommodate for 16mm² to 25mm² sized conductors, cage clamps used shall be suitably sized to accommodate 16mm² to 25mm² sized conductors See D-DT 3176. Busbars shall be made of copper or brass. Busbar minimum current rating shall be 60A. Wires used for connection socket shall comply with SANS 1507.
- f) SPDU shall include a DIN-Rail securely mounted inside the base to accommodate for the Earth Leakage Breaker Unit and 20A MCB. When ELU and MCB are in the closed position the minimum phase - to phase / neutral / earth clearance shall be 20mm.
- g) Each SPDU shall be supplied with an abridged certificate of compliance (installation certificate) signed by the manufacturer, and this document must be supplied in triplicate format (CoC sample in annexure C).
- h) The wall box shall have lugs on which an assembly consisting of the two socket outlets and two switches shall be mounted. The mounting centres for the assembly shall be in accordance with the mounting centres for a 105.5 x 105.5 mm flush mounting wall outlet box as specified in SANS 1085 The width of the lugs shall comply with SANS 1085 (10 mm). The holes in the lugs shall be suitable for a 4mm diameter fixing screw. Replacement parts for the assembly and cover plate used shall be available off the shelf. There shall be no gaps between the wall outlet box and the cover plate when it is fitted. The connection conductors shall be 2.5 mm² in conduit to socket outlet box.
- i) The cover for the base shall fit easily and there should be no signs of visible spaces or gaps. The screws used to secure the cover onto the base should have provision for a 'seal' that can be applied to prevent tampering of unit. The cover for the base shall include provision to accommodate and mount the different customer interface units (CIU's) used for Eskom smart split metering applications.

3.1.2 Miniature circuit-breakers in addition to SANS 1619

The standard DIN-type rail for mounting the associated miniature circuit-breaker shall be used. The rails shall be such that the Earth Leakage Unit and 20A MCB are in a vertical position.

3.1.3 Earth leakage protection in addition to SANS 1619

The earth leakage unit shall comply with 240-75661113. No overload protection is required in the earth leakage unit.

3.1.4 Fire resistance/flammability SANS 1619

The SPDU shall comply with ANSI/UL 94, classification VI.

Carry out the test in accordance with IEC 60695-2-12, using a temperature of the tip of the glow-wire 960 °C (i.e. for parts necessary to retain current-carrying parts in position).

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3.2 Tests

The tests described in ANSI/UL 94 shall be performed. Tests shall be performed in accordance with SANS 1619.

3.3 Marking, Labelling and Packaging

The complete unit shall be marked legibly and indelibly with the manufacturer's name (outside), and the year manufactured (inside).

The labelling for the SPDU shall be applied on the cover of base. Labelling shall also include "Earth leakage main switch" and "PLUGS" below the ELU and MCB respectively.

Packaging shall not damage the unit (e.g. each unit can be individually wrapped, either in plastic or alternative where the packaging shall not damage the products during normal handling, transport & storage) and the method of packing shall be specified in Schedule B.

3.4 SPDU layout

The typical SPDU layout for split prepayment metering application shall be in accordance with D-DT-3176

4. Authorisation

This document has been seen and accepted by:

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5. Revisions

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Jan 2010	0	Jutas Maudu	New standards

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6. Development team

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7. Acknowledgements

Not applicable.

Annex A – Impact Assessment

Impact assessment form to be completed for all documents.

1) Guidelines

- All comments must be completed.
- Motivate why items are N/A (not applicable)
- Indicate actions to be taken, persons or organisations responsible for actions and deadline for action.
- Change control committees to discuss the impact assessment, and if necessary give feedback to the compiler of any omissions or errors.

2) Critical points

2.1 Importance of this document. E.g. is implementation required due to safety deficiencies, statutory requirements, technology changes, document revisions, improved service quality, improved service performance, optimised costs.

New technology for split prepayment metering

2.2 If the document to be released impacts on statutory or legal compliance - this need to be very clearly stated and so highlighted.

N/A

2.3 Impact on stock holding and depletion of existing stock prior to switch over.

New stock shall be in accordance with this specification.

2.4 When will new stock be available?

During implementation of this document.

2.5 Has the interchangeability of the product or item been verified - i.e. when it fails is a straight swop possible with a competitor's product?

Yes

2.6 Identify and provide details of other critical (items required for the successful implementation of this document) points to be considered in the implementation of this document.

N/A

2.7 Provide details of any comments made by the Regions regarding the implementation of this document.

None

3) Implementation timeframe

3.1 Time period for implementation of requirements.

N/A

3.2 Deadline for changeover to new item and personnel to be informed of DX wide change-over.

No deadline

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4) Buyers Guide and Power Office

4.1 Does the Buyers Guide or Buyers List need updating?

Yes, Buyers Guide to be created

4.2 What Buyer's Guides or items have been created?

None

4.3 List all assembly drawing changes that have been revised in conjunction with this document.

None

4.4 If the implementation of this document requires assessment by CAP, provide details under 5

4.5 Which Power Office packages have been created, modified or removed?

N/A

5) Training or communication

5.1 Is training required?

No.

5.2 State the level of training required to implement this document. (E.g. awareness training, practical / on job, module, etc.)

No formal training.

5.3 State designations of personnel that will require training.

N/A

5.4 Is the training material available? Identify person responsible for the development of training material.

Training Module to be created by Tech & Eng

5.5 If applicable, provide details of training that will take place. (E.G. sponsor, costs, trainer, schedule of training, course material availability, training in erection / use of new equipment, maintenance training, etc).

N/A

5.6 Was Technical Training Section consulted w.r.t module development process?

N/A

5.7 State communications channels to be used to inform target audience.

If Training is needed- Tech & Eng dept to be contacted

6) Special tools, equipment, software

6.1 What special tools, equipment, software, etc will need to be purchased by the Region to effectively implement?

None.

6.2 Are there stock numbers available for the new equipment?

Yes

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6.3 What will be the costs of these special tools, equipment, software?

7) Finances

7.1 What total costs would the Regions be required to incur in implementing this document? Identify all cost activities associated with implementation, e.g. labour, training, tooling, stock, obsolescence

Comment: No Info.

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Impact assessment completed by:

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Annex B – Schedules A and B

(Normative)

The schedules A and B in this annex are included in this document for information only. They are intended to be a guide to purchasers. It includes Eskom's specific technical requirements, to help prepare schedules which are applicable to a particular enquiry or tender.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPLETELY ASSEMBLED SMALL POWER DISTRIBUTION UNIT (SPDU) MOUNTED ON BRACKET RAILS WITH CONDUIT TO SOCKET OUTLET BOX

Schedule A: Eskom Distribution specific requirements

Schedule B: Guarantees and technical particulars of equipment

			Schedule A	Schedule B
Item number	DSP 240-75659896 Clause No. 3.1.1	Technical details	Eskom	Suppliers Offer
		General		
1	a)	Material of SPDU enclosure	GRP (type F laminate)	
		Specification to which SPDU material complies	SANS 141 for GRP	
		Colour of SPDU	Ivory (B77) to SANS 1091	
2	b)	Rails supplied with all plastic grommets, mounting bolts and nuts to be used to mount SPDU in the customer's house. Eskom drawings D-DT-0358, D-DT-0359, D-DT-3051.		
3	c)	Eskom approved Earth leakage Breaker Unit shall be in accordance with SANS 556-1	Yes	
4	d)	A No.1 sized compression gland is to be supplied for cable entry point at the bottom left of SPDU base. These should be removable without damaging the gland or cable.	Yes	
		Dimensions of completely assembled SPDU, as compact as possible	See D-DT 3176	
		Degree of protection of completely assembled unit	IP31 to SANS 1222	
5	e)	Material of live, neutral and earth busbars	copper or brass	
		Rating of neutral/earth busbars and live busbar	60 A (min)	A
		Size of conductor that the neutral/earth and live busbars can accommodate	10 mm ² stranded copper	

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		Identification markings for earth busbars and Live busbar respectively.	E or EARTH and L or LIVE	
		Provision to be made on the neutral/earth and live busbars for a 16 mm ² conductor	YES	
		Specification to which wires comply	SANS 1507 (Table 8) For 600 V/1 000 V	
		Size of wire from earth leakage unit to earth busbar	Between 6 & 10 mm ² stranded copper	
6	f)	When ELU and MCB are in the closed position the minimum phase - to phase / neutral / earth clearance shall be 20mm.	YES	
		Type of mounting rail for protection devices	DIN rail	
		Corrosion protection of rail if made of steel	hot-dip galvanised	
7	g)	An abridged Certificate of compliance (in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act 1992 and Electrical Installation Regulations 1993) is required with each SPDU. This document must be provided in triplicate format	YES	
8	h)	Number and rating of socket outlets with its associated switches	2 x 16 A	A
		Size and type of wires to socket-outlets	2,5 mm ² stranded copper	
9	i)	The cover for the base shall fit easily and there should no signs of visible spaces or gaps.	YES	
		The screws used to secure the cover onto the base should have provision for a 'seal' that can be applied to prevent tampering of unit. Specify the type of seal.	Preferred	
		The cover for the base shall include holes drilled to accommodate and mount the different customer interface units (CIU's) used for split prepayment metering applications and there must also include provision for the communication wires	YES	
10	3.1.2	MCB complies with SANS 1619	YES	
		Number and rating of MCB	240 V, 50 Hz 1 x 20 A	V, Hz A

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11	3.1.3	Specification to which earth leakage unit complies	SANS 767-1 and 556-1	
12	3.1.4	Glow wire test temperature 960 degrees	Yes	
13	3.2	Type and Routine tests to be carried out in accordance with SANS 1619 – 5.1 and 5.2 respectively and results provided with tender?	YES	
		SPDU complies with SANS 1619?	YES	
		SPDU comply with this specification? If NO, list all deviations points separately.	YES	
14	3.3	Packaging shall not damage the unit, Specify method of packaging		
		Labelling shall also include “ EARTH LEAKAGE MAIN SWITCH” and “ PLUGS ” below the ELU & MCB respectively.	YES	
		Labelling applied on the base of SPDU and must be in English and of good quality, lettering shall not fade and the adhesive shall adhere firmly to the SPDU surface. With Electric shock hazard sign SANS 1186 - WW7 with (1) IN CASE OF ACCIDENTAL CONTACT OR LEAKAGE SWITCH OFF THIS MAIN SWITCH IMMEDIATELY, (2) TEST OFTEN – (1) & (2) should be applied next to the Earth Leakage Unit.	YES	
15		The complete unit shall be marked legibly and indelibly with the following information: (1) the manufacturer’s name & trademark (outside), (2) the year manufactured (inside)	YES	

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Annex C – Abridged CoC Sample

SECTION A (to be completed by the Manufacturer)

I _____,
On behalf of (*Supplier of the Split Meter SPDU*): _____, hereby declare
that the Split Meter SPDU with Serial No.: _____, is in accordance
with Eskom specification 240-75659896 and NRCS Authorisation Certificate No.: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____ Earth Leakage Trip Value: _____ mA

SECTION B (to be completed by a suitably Trained Person)

This certificate is **only** for use where Authorised Split Meter SPDU & 20A Split/Smart Meter combinations are installed.

I _____, on behalf of
Eskom have installed the Split Meter Small Power Distribution Unit (SPDU) and 20A Split/Smart Prepayment
Meter (where applicable) with
Registration Number _____ and Meter Seal Number _____
with tests carried out at :
Stand No: _____ Street: _____
Township: _____
Earth Leakage Trip Value: _____ mA Polarity Test: Correct or Corrected

Tests as per Eskom Distribution Standard Part 8: Services

No.	Tests as per Eskom Dx Standard: Part 8 Services	Test Instrument Used	Result Y / N
1.	Insulation test on service cable M Ω (only for new installation)		
2.	Supply side Live / Neutral connection reversed (only for new installation)		
3.	Earth loop impedance test < 2 Ω for 50 A pole top breaker (only for new installation)		
4.	Voltage level and Polarity test (for new and replacement of existing installation)		
5.	Earth leakage trip test mA (for new and replacement of existing installation)		

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Visual Inspection – Indicate either “Y” or “N” in the last column provided

1.	Is the customer satisfied with the positioning of the installation?	
2.	Is the customer informed about the improper use of electricity?	
3.	Is the installation neat and tidy?	
4.	If more than two services are attached to one side of the LV pole, has a stay been installed on the opposite side of the services?	
5.	Has the service cable formed a "drip loop" before the attachment or entry point on the customers' wall?	
6.	Is the service cable clearance to ground according to the latest standard?	
7.	Were all the required tests conducted?	
8.	Are the disconnecting devices and switchgear switches correctly located for the phase conductor?	
9.	Has the split meter SPDU for the installation been supplied with an abridged certificate of compliance bearing the NRCS Authorisation Certificate number?	
10.	Are all the accessible components of the installation correctly selected and installed?	
11.	Is the customer interface unit mounted flush on the split meter SPDU without any visible gaps to live parts of the installation?	
12.	Has a non-metallic cable gland been installed at the service cable entry point to the split meter SPDU?	
13.	Are the connections of the bonding, earthing and conductors mechanically sound?	
14.	Are the switches and earth leakage unit correctly and permanently labelled?	
15.	Has the complete unit been mounted, sealed and initialized as required by Eskom's latest sealing standard?	
16.	Is the correct prepayment unit installed and is the maximum power limit correct for the supply?	

Name of Contractor: _____ &/or Eskom CNC: _____

Printed Name: _____

Installer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER

Test the Earth Leakage (*Main Switch*) regularly by depressing the test button. If the switch does not trip when the test button is pressed, then report the Earth Leakage failure to your nearest Eskom office.