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## Transmission Line Design (Sag & Tension Calculation) in eastern Grid Project

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#### Abstract

Electric power transmission line design is highly affected by the climatically conditions. Sudan climate is partially tropical & Subtropical considering that maximum & minimum temperature differences are between 5°C to 50°C night and day time respectively, form which high temperature is the main reason in transmission lines capacities.

The objective of this thesis is to (1) calculate the maximum sag and tension of transmission line between Gadarif and Shwak Substations under maximum temperature conditions. (2) To calculate the final and initial (sag & tension) in different condition of the winds.

The thesis also explains the climatic conditions and their effects on the line components design such as conductors and insulators.

It is also intended to choose the suitable design which enhances the line stability during transient and sub-transient conditions and the creep age distance after detecting the level of pollution.

Newton Raphson Method is used with the help of MATLAB software and parabolic equation is applied to solve the sag and tensions in different conditions using conductor technical particular specifications.

#### تجــريد

تصميم خطوط نقل الطاقة الكهربائية يتأثر تأثيراً كبيراً بالظروف المناخية. يوصف مناخ السودان بأنه مناخ استوائي او شبه استوائي باعتبار ان درجات الحرارة تتأرجح بين 5 درجات اثناء الليل الى 50 درجة أثناء ساعات النهار وتعتبر الدرجة القصوى للحرارة هي العامل الأساسي الذي يؤثر في تصميم سعة الخط النا قل.

الهدف الأساسي من هذه الدراسة حساب أقصى شد وارتخاء في الخط الرابط بين محطتي القضارف والشوك عند أقصى وأدنى درجة حرارة. وكذلك حساب (الشد والارتخاء عند احوال مختلفة ناتحة من تاثير الرياح).

هذه الدراسة توضح أيضاً تأثير الأحوال المناخية في اختيار مكونات خطوط نقل الطاقة الكهربائية (الموصلات والعوازل).

كذلك تساعد في اختيار التصميم اللازم لتحسين است قرارية الخط اثناء الحالات العابرة والحالات العابرة والحالات العابرة بسرعة. أيضاً حساب مسافة الانحناءات في العوازل بعد تحديد مستوى التلوث البيئي.

تم استخدام طرد قة نيوتن رافسون التكراردة في معادلة بارابولك بلغة ماتلاب لحساب الشد والارتخاء في أحوال مناخية مختلفة بعد اختيار المواصفات التقنية لموصلات خط النقل.

### **List Of Abbreviations**

| PLS  | Power Line System                                   |
|------|---|
| UV   | Ultra Violet Radiation                              |
| ACSR | Aluminum Conductor Steel Reinforced                 |
| UTS  | Ultimate Tensile Style                              |
| FOC  | Factory of Safety                                   |
| TM   | Maximum Temperature (Design Operating Temperature ) |
| TA   | Ambient Temperature                                 |
| MWT  | Maximum Work Tension                                |
| OTM  | Over turning Moment                                 |
| BIL  | Basic Insulation Level                              |
| ESDD | Equivalent Salt Deposit Density                     |
| NEC  | National Electricity Corporation                    |
| SLiM | Sag Line Mitigator                                  |
| OPGW | Optical Ground Wire                                 |
| GSW  | Ground Steel Wire                                   |

| STANDARD |   |  |
|----------|---|--|
| ANSI     | = | American National Standards Institute          |
| AS       | = | Australian Standard                            |
| ASTM     | = | The American Society for Testing and Materials |
| BS       | = | British Standard                               |
| IEC      | = | International Electrotechnical Commission      |
| ISO      | = | International Standard Organisation            |
| JIS      | = | Japanese Industrial Standard                   |
| NEMA     | = | National Electrical Manufacturers Association  |
|          |   |  |
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