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1 Purpose

This information document relates to all authoritative documents that use the term bulk electric system, including:

- CIP-002-AB-5.1, *Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization*;
- CIP-003-AB-5, *Cyber Security – Security Management Controls*;
- CIP-004-AB-5.1, *Cyber Security – Personnel & Training*;
- CIP-005-AB-5, *Cyber Security – Electronic Security Perimeter(s)*;
- CIP-006-AB-5, *Cyber Security Physical Security of BES Cyber Systems*;
- CIP-007-AB-5, *Cyber Security – System Security Management*;
- CIP-008-AB-5, *Cyber Security – Incident Reporting and Response Planning*;
- CIP-009-AB-5, *Cyber Security – Recovery Plans for BES Cyber Systems*;
- CIP-010-AB-1, *Cyber Security – Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments*;
- CIP-011-AB-1, *Cyber Security – Information Protection*;
- CIP-014-AB-2, *Physical Security*;
- COM-001-AB1-1.1, *Telecommunications*;
- EOP-001-AB1-2.1b, *Emergency Operations Planning*;
- EOP-003-AB1-1, *Load Shedding Plans*;
- EOP-004-AB-2, *Event Reporting*;
- EOP-006-AB-2, *System Restoration Coordination*;
- EOP-008-AB-1, *Loss of Control Centre Functionality*;
- FAC-008-AB-3, *Facility Ratings*;
- FAC-010-AB1-2.1, *System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon*;
- FAC-011-AB-2, *System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon*;
- FAC-014-AB1-2, *Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits*;
- IRO-002-AB-5, *Reliability Coordinator Monitoring and Analysis*;
- IRO-005-AB1-3.1a, *Reliability Coordination Current Day Operations*;

¹ “Authoritative documents” is the general name given by the AESO to categories of documents made by the AESO under the authority of the *Electric Utilities Act* and associated regulations, and that contain binding legal requirements for either market participants or the AESO, or both. Authoritative documents include: the ISO rules, the reliability standards, and the ISO tariff.

- IRO-006-AB-5, *Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief*;
- PER-003-AB-1, *Operations Personnel Credentials*;
- PER-005-AB-2, *Operations Personnel Training*;
- PRC-001-AB3-1.1(ii), *Protection System Coordination*;
- PRC-002-AB-2, *Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements*;
- PRC-004-AB2-1, *Analysis and Mitigation of Transmission and Generation Protection System Misoperation*;
- PRC-005-AB1-6, *Protection System, Automatic Reclosing and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance*;
- PRC-023-AB-2, *Transmission Relay Loadability*;
- PRC-025-AB-2, *Generator Load Reliability*; and
- VAR-501-WECC-AB-1, *Power System Stabilizer*.

The purpose of this information document is to provide examples to help clarify to stakeholders the meaning of the defined term bulk electric system.

2 Radial Circuit Examples

The examples provided in this section illustrate application of item (ii) of the bulk electric system definition, which relates to radial circuits.

(1) Load facilities only

Figure 1 shows an example of a radial circuit and load facilities that are connected to the radial circuit. Pursuant to item (ii), these are not considered part of the bulk electric system definition.

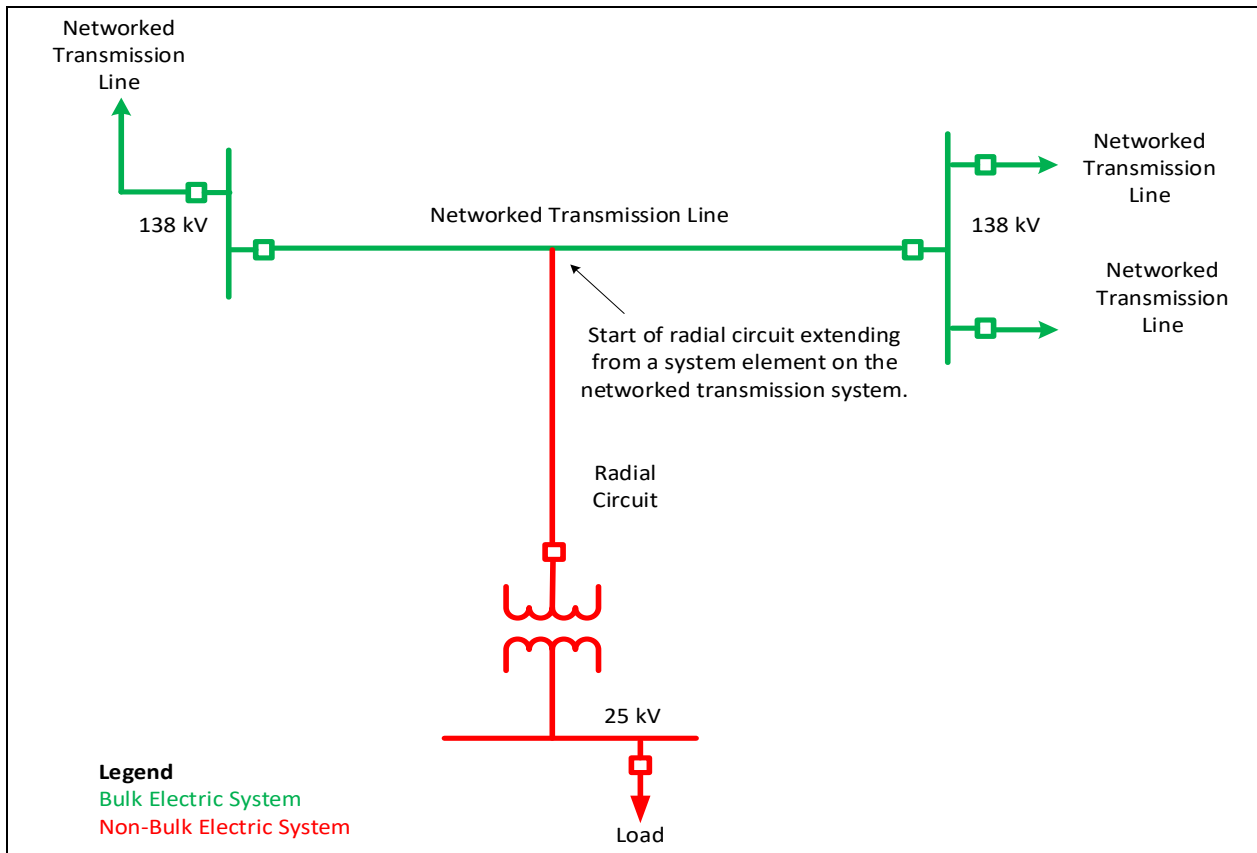


Figure 1 – Radial Circuit with Load Facilities Connected

(2) Load Facilities and Generating Resources

(a) load facilities and generating resources which have a maximum authorized real power less than 18 MW and a combined maximum authorized real power less than 67.5 MW

Figure 2 below shows an example of load facilities and generating resources that are connected to the radial circuit, referred to as Example A. Pursuant to item (ii), these are not considered part of the bulk electric system definition.

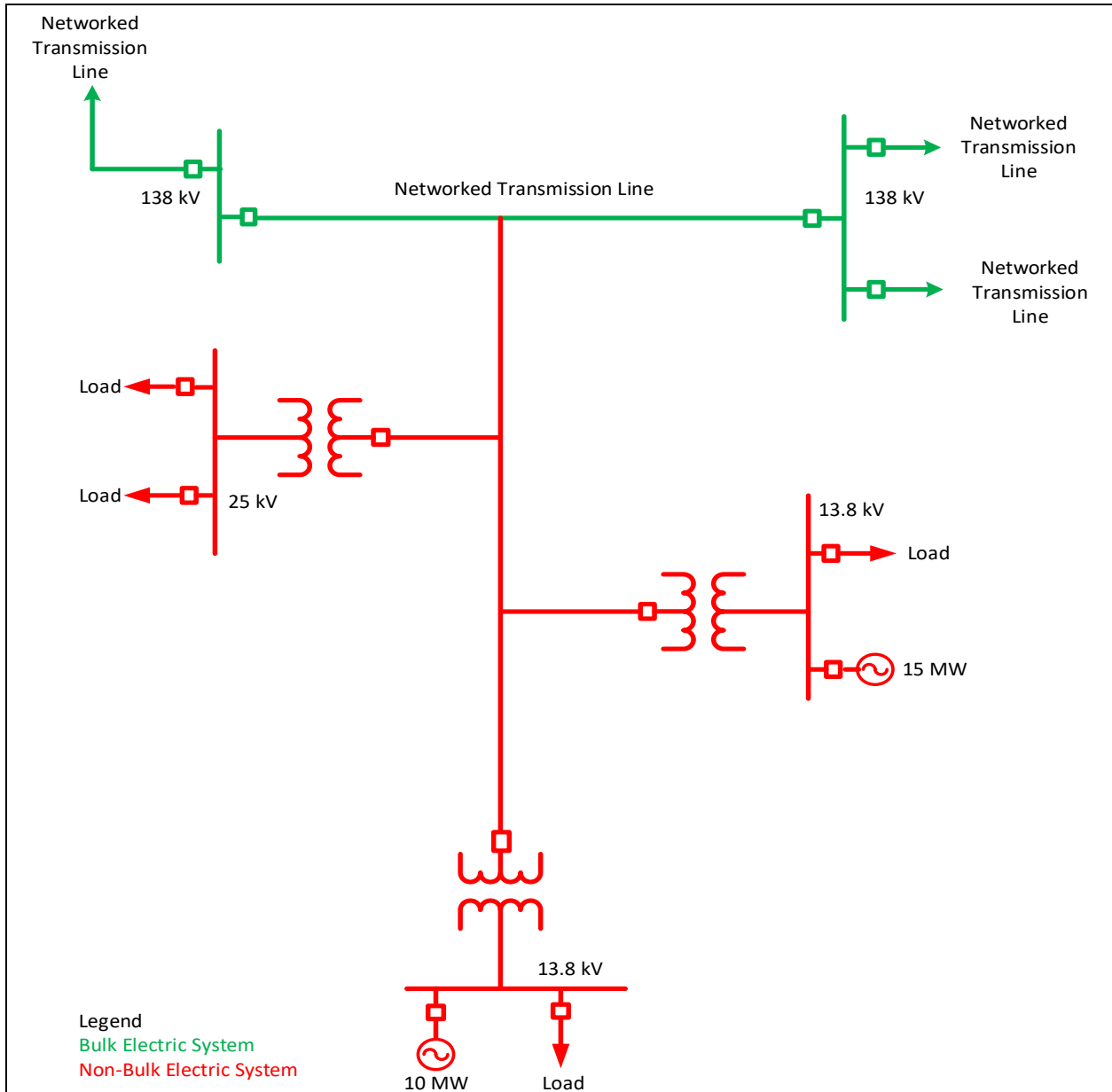


Figure 2 – Radial Circuit with Load Facilities and Generating Resources Connected Example A

- (b) load facilities and a generating unit that has a maximum authorized real power greater than 18 MW, and the combined maximum authorized real power of all generating resources is less than 67.5 MW

Figure 3 shows an example of load facilities and generating resources that are connected to the radial circuit, referred to as Example B. Pursuant to item (ii), the radial circuit and the 20 MW generating unit are considered part of the bulk electric system; however, the load facilities and 10 MW generating unit are not.

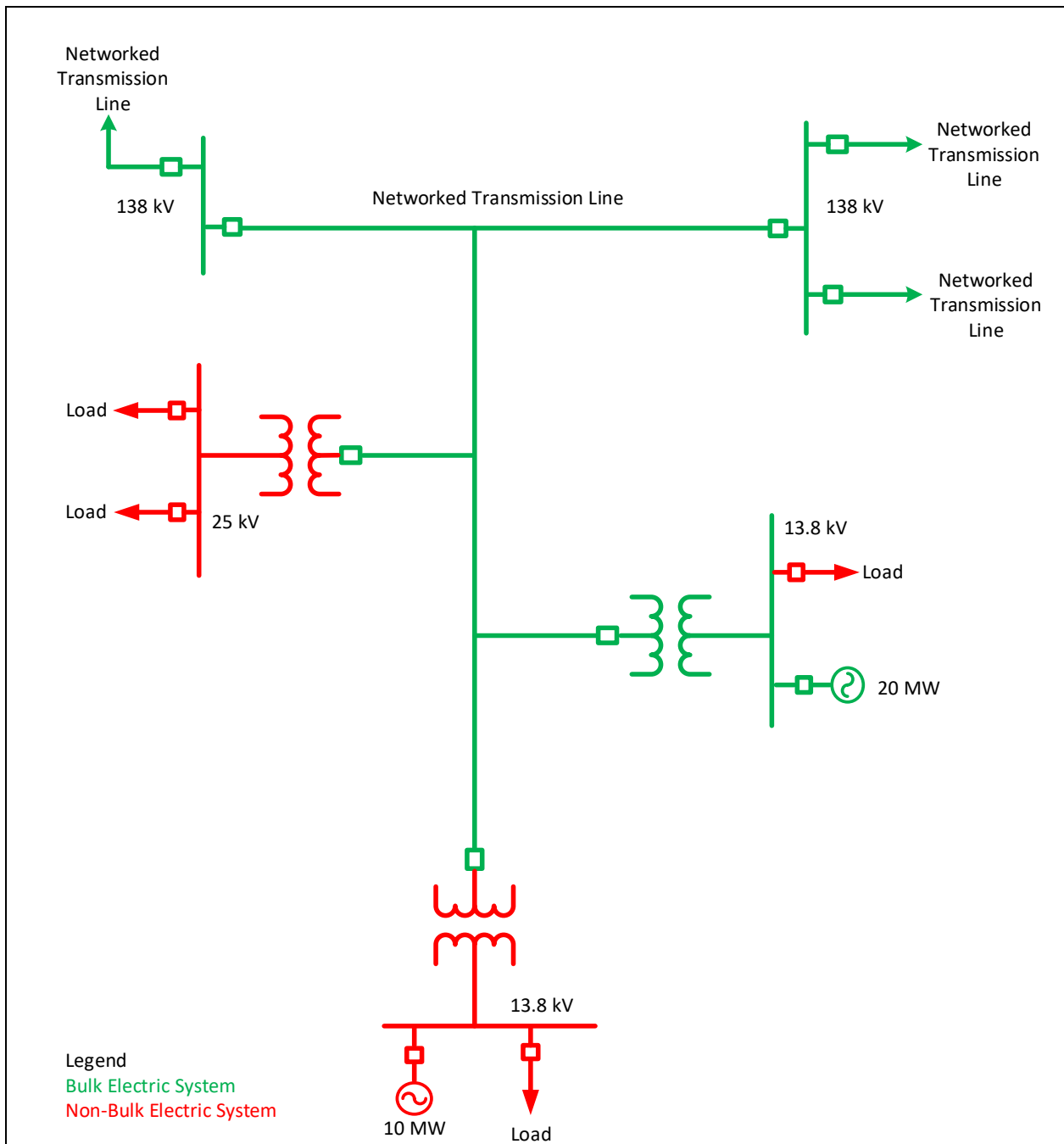


Figure 3 – Radial Circuit with Load Facilities and Generating Resources Connected Example B

- (c) radial circuit connected to load with a distribution-connected generating unit that has a rating greater than 18 MW, and to a generating unit that has a maximum authorized real power less than 18 MW

Figure 4 shows an example of load facilities, generating units, and electric distribution feeders connected to a radial circuit, referred to as Example C. Included in the example is a generating unit rated at 19 MW connected to a distribution feeder. Pursuant to item (ii), the radial circuit and all connecting facilities are not considered part of the bulk electric system.

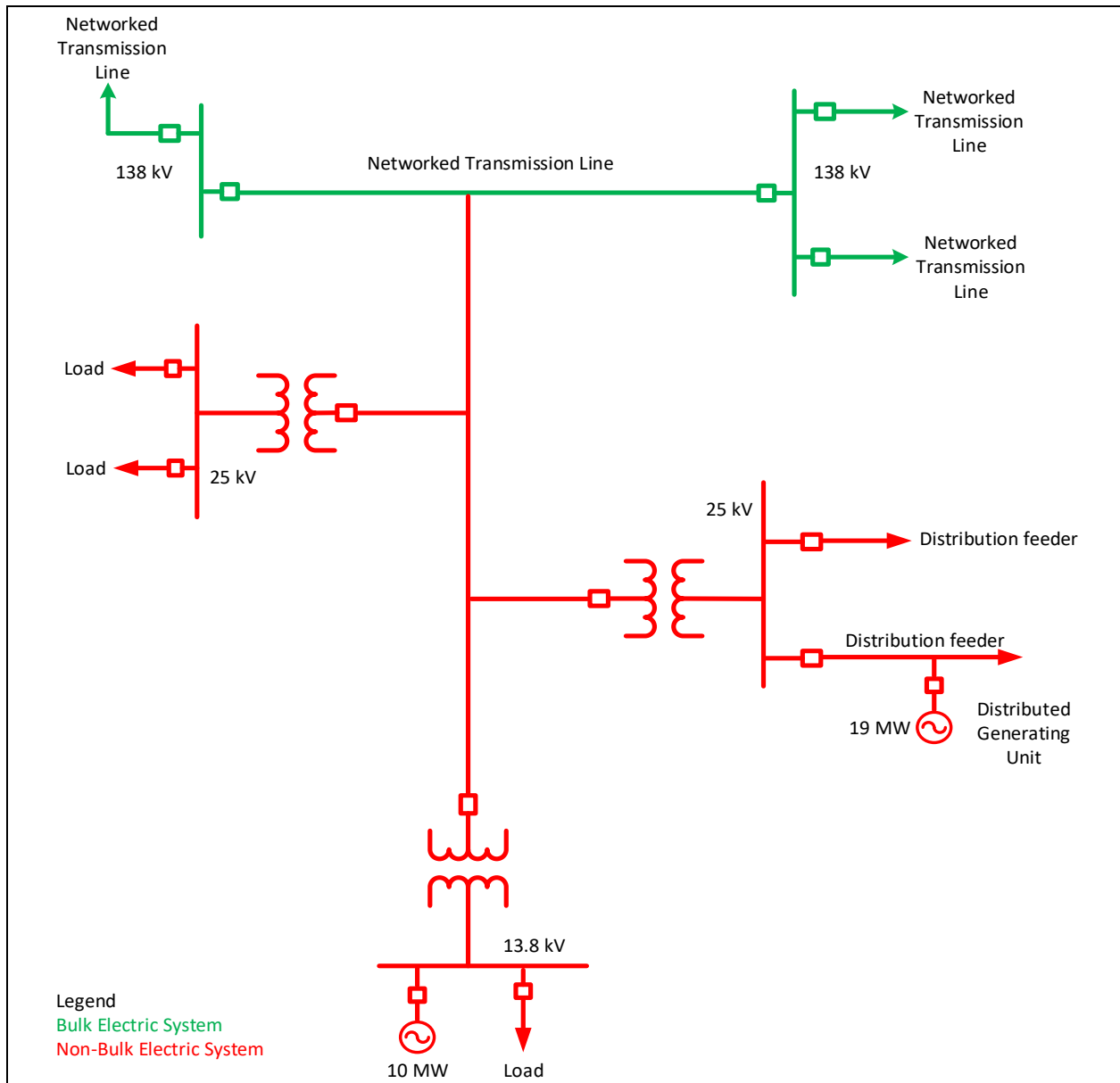


Figure 4 – Radial circuit with Load Facilities and Generating Resources Connected Example C

- (d) radial circuit connected to load and an aggregated generating facility that has a maximum authorized real power greater than 67.5 MW

Figure 5 shows an example of load facilities and an aggregated generating facility with a maximum authorized real power of 80 MW connected to a radial circuit, referred to as Example D. Pursuant to item (ii), this radial circuit and all system elements from the collector bus of the aggregated generating facility to the transmission facilities are considered part of the bulk electric system. However, pursuant to item (v), the generating units and the collector system feeders are not considered part of the bulk electric system.

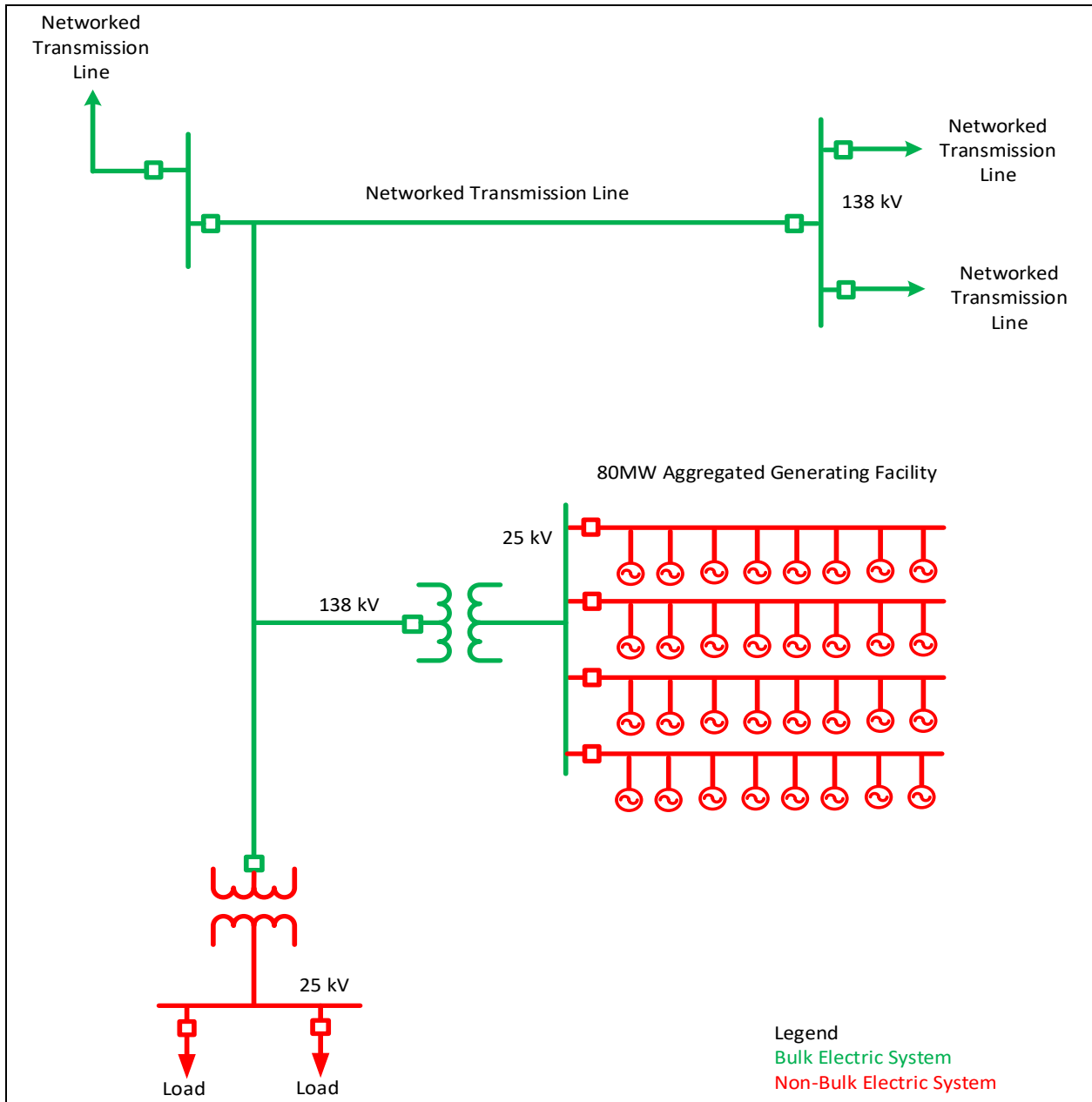


Figure 5 – Radial Circuit with Load Facilities and Generating Resources Connected Example D

(e) radial circuit connected to load and generating units that have a combined maximum authorized real power greater than 67.5 MW

Figure 6 shows load facilities and generating units with a combined maximum authorized real power of 70 MW connected to a radial circuit, referred to as Example E. Pursuant to items (ii) and (iv), the radial circuit, 20 MW generating unit and all system elements from the terminal of the 20 MW generating unit to the transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher are considered part of the bulk electric system. However, pursuant to items (iv) and (vi), the remaining generating units are not considered part of the bulk electric system.

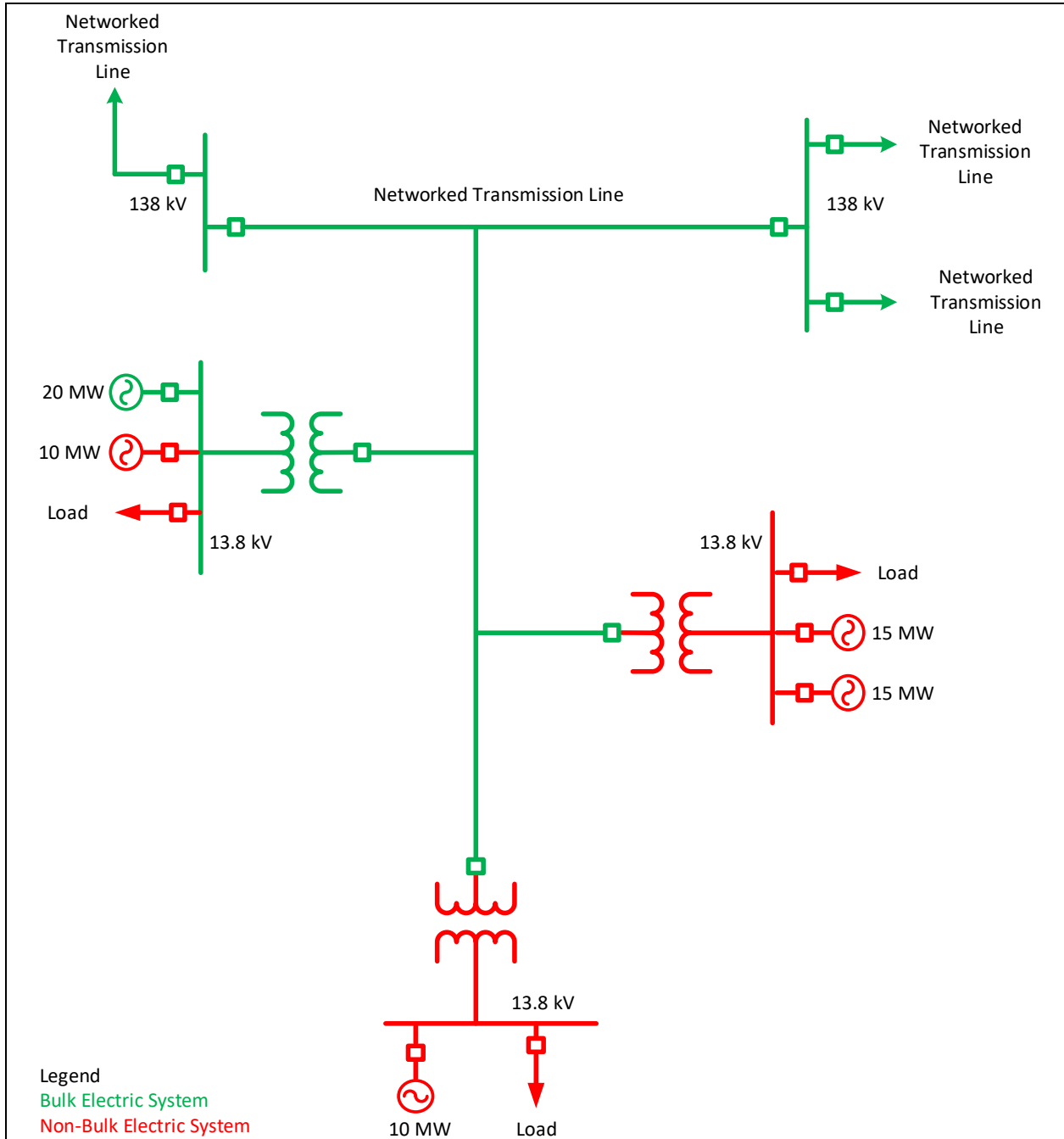


Figure 6 – Radial Circuit with Load Facilities and Generating Resources Connected Example E

3 Industrial Complex and Power Plant Examples

The examples provided in this section illustrate application of items (iv) and (v) of the bulk electric system definition.

(1) Industrial complex with individual generating units that have a maximum authorized real power greater than 18 MW

Figure 7 shows an example of an industrial complex that has 3 generating units with a combined maximum authorized real power of 60 MW, comprised of 2 generating units that each have a maximum authorized real power of 25 MW, and 1 generating unit with a maximum authorized real power of 10 MW.

Pursuant to items (iv) and (vi), the 2 generating units with a maximum authorized real power of 25 MW and the system elements from the terminal of each generating unit to the transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher are considered part of the bulk electric system. However, the 10 MW generating unit and the connection between the terminal of the 10 MW generating unit to the transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher are not considered part of the bulk electric system.

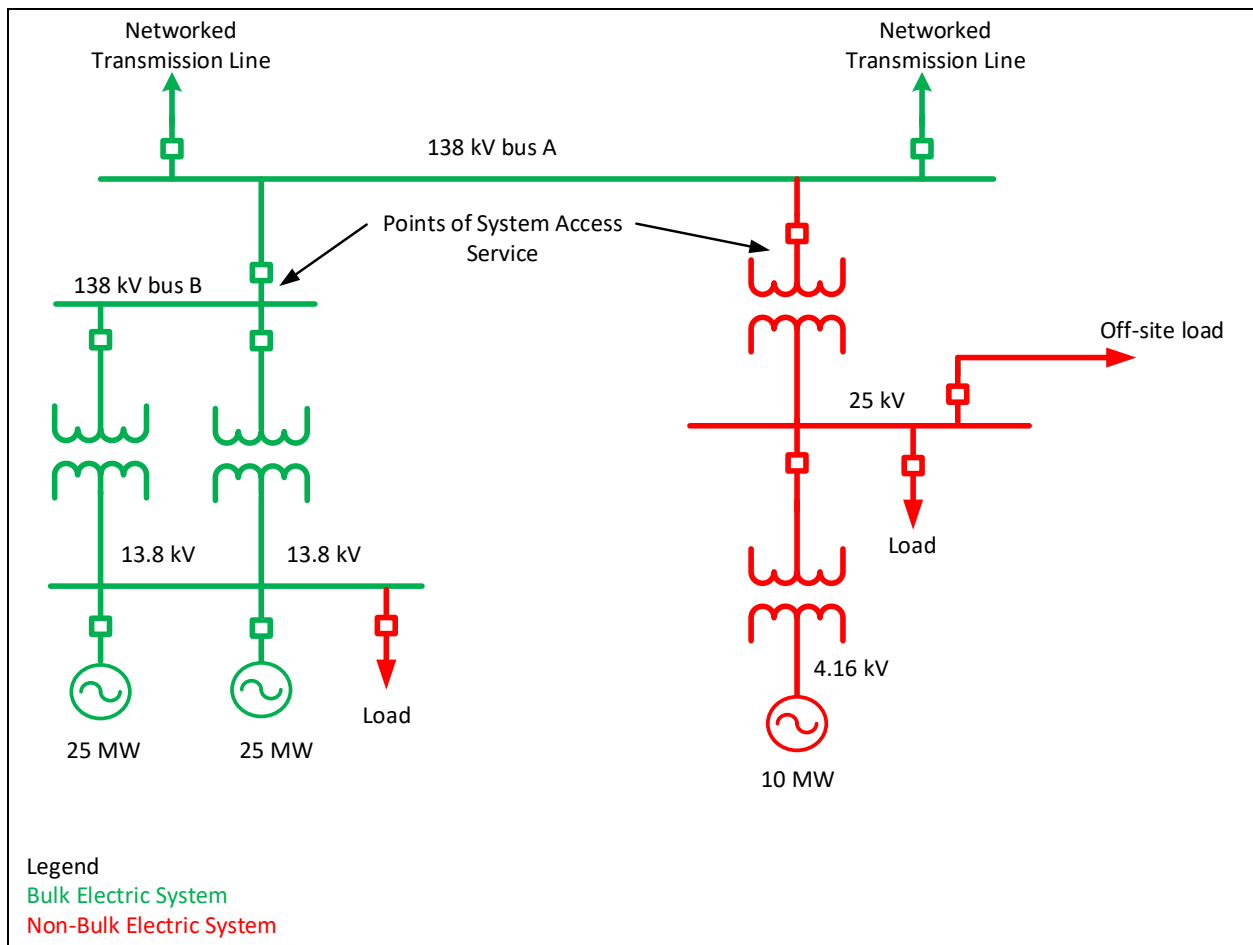


Figure 7 – Industrial Complex with Generating Resources with a Combined Maximum Authorized Real Power <67.5 MW

(2) Industrial complex with generating units that have a combined maximum authorized real power greater than 67.5 MW

Figure 8 shows an example of an industrial complex that has 3 generating units with a combined maximum authorized real power of 70 MW. Pursuant to item (vi), the generating units and the system elements from the terminal of each generating unit to transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher and the connection between 138 kV bus A and 138 kV bus B are considered part of the bulk electric system.

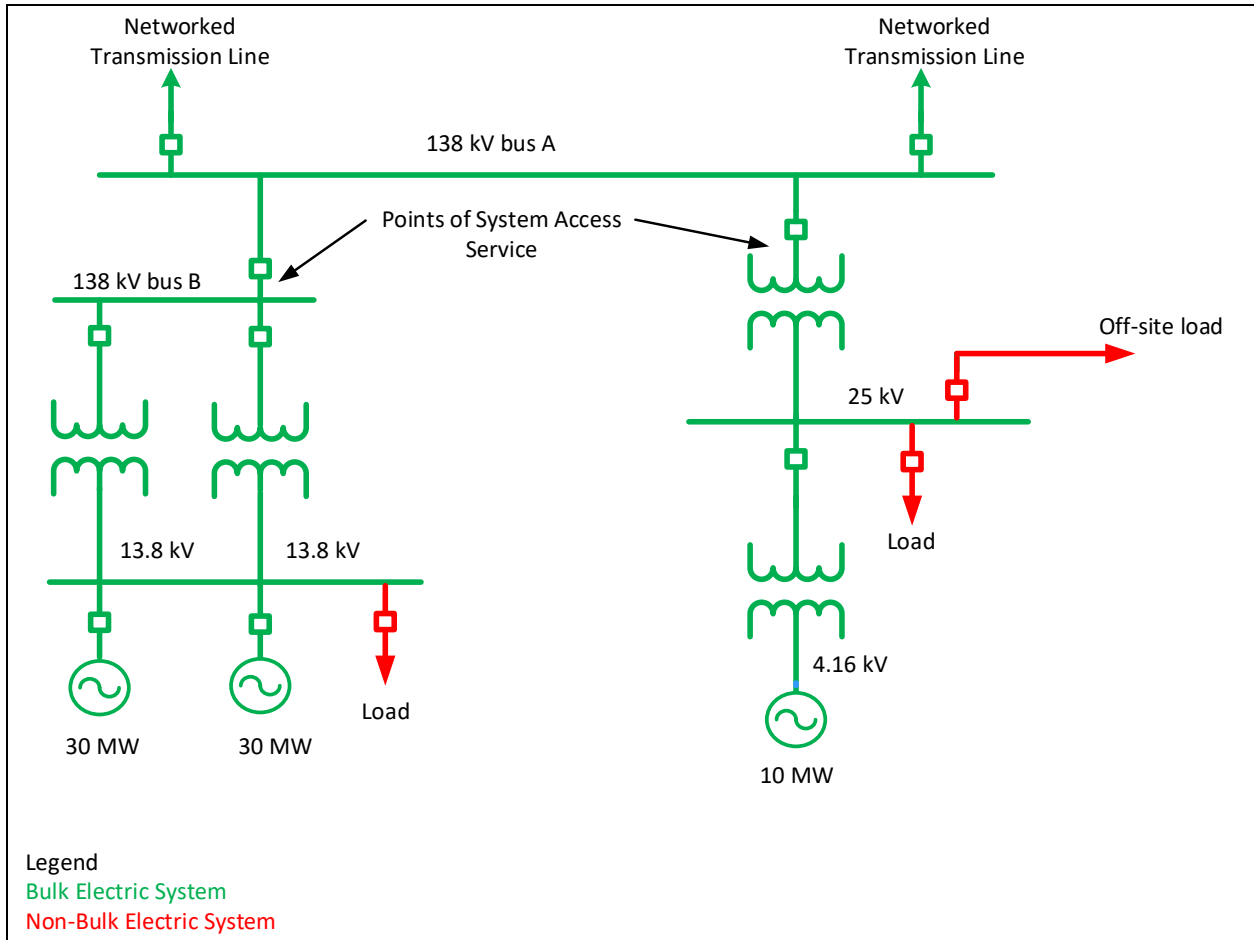


Figure 8 – Industrial Complex with Generating Resources with a Combined Maximum Authorized Real Power >67.5 MW

(3) Industrial complex or power plant with generating units that have a combined maximum authorized real power greater than 67.5 MW and 69 kV transmission lines that either serve on-site loads or are not part of the interconnected electric system.

Figure 9 shows an example of an industrial complex or power plant that has 3 generating units with a combined maximum authorized real power of 145 MW where system access service is provided through a common switchyard that is directly connected to transmission facilities energized at 138 kV. Pursuant to item (vi), the generating units and the system elements from the terminal of each generating unit to transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher are considered part of the bulk electric system.

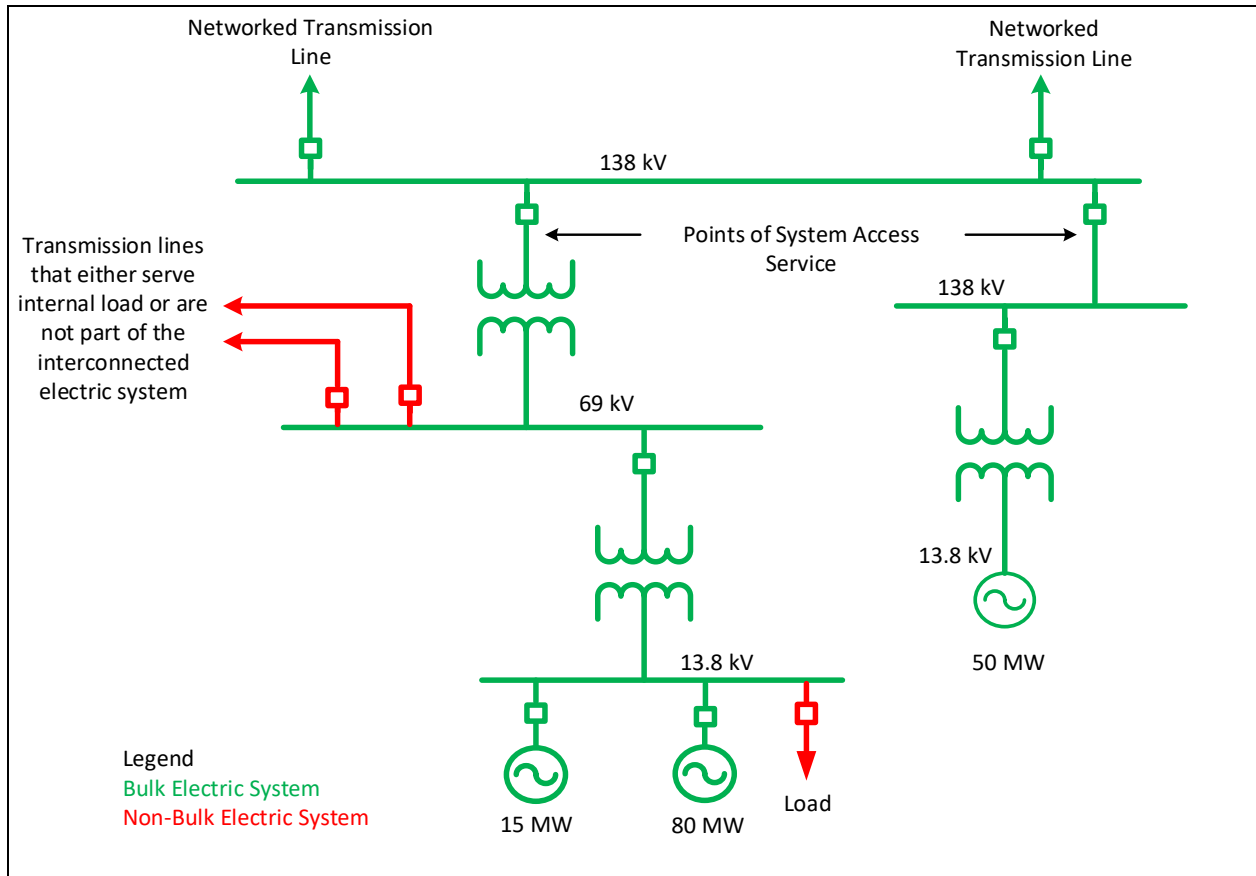


Figure 9 – Industrial Complex or Power Plant with 69 kV Transmission Lines that Serve Internal Load or are Not Part of the Interconnected Electric System

(4) Industrial Complex with generating units that have a combined maximum authorized real power greater than 67.5 MW, 69 kV transmission lines serving on-site load, and a ring bus between the generating units and transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher

Figure 10 below shows an example of an industrial complex that has 2 generating units with a combined maximum authorized real power of 160 MW where system access service is provided through a common switchyard that is directly connected to transmission facilities energized at 240 kV.

Pursuant to item (vi), the generating units and the system elements that are normally capable of carrying electrical power from the terminal of each generating unit to transmission facilities energized at 100 kV or higher are considered part of the bulk electric system.

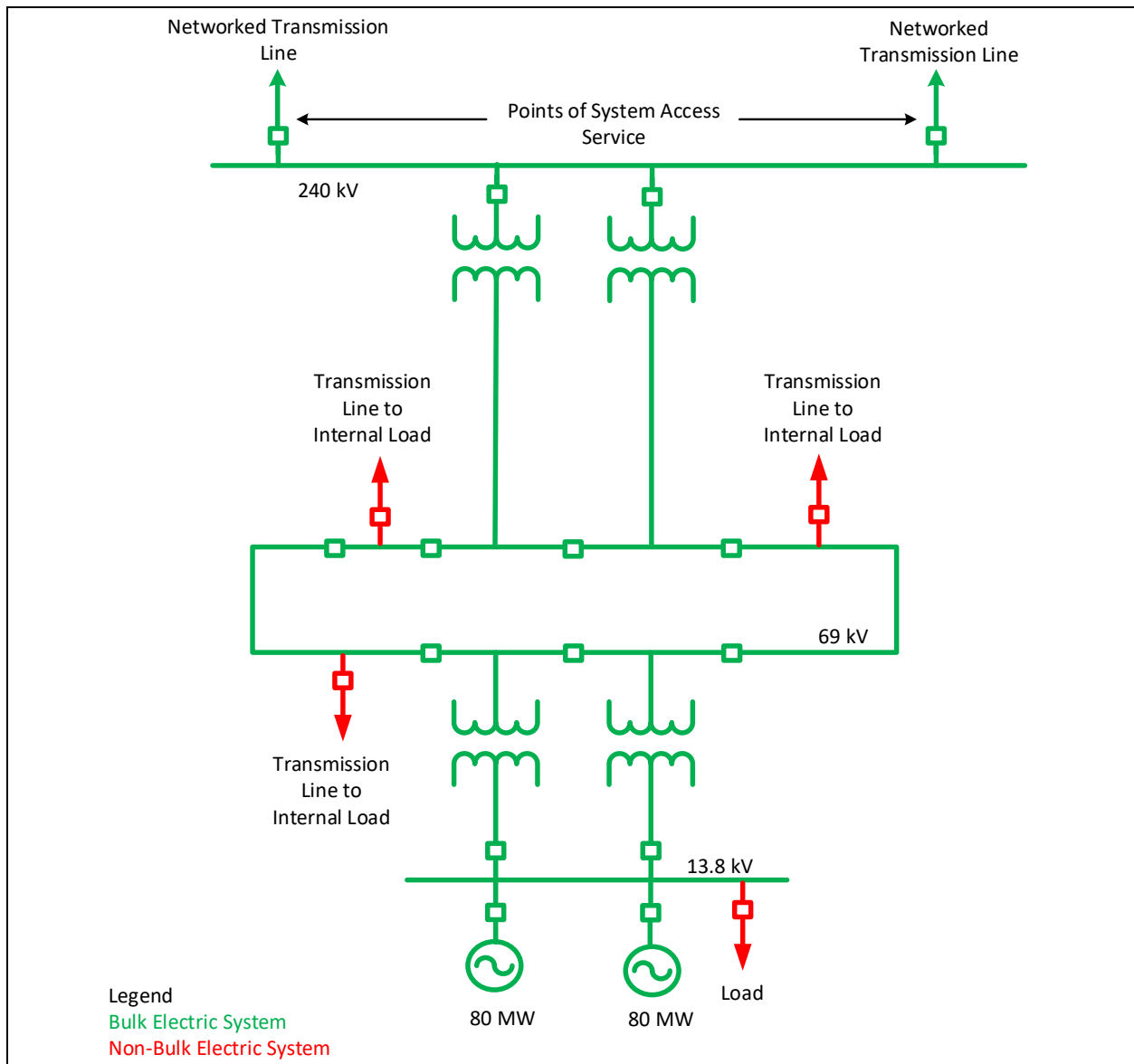


Figure 10 – Industrial Complex with Generating Resources Connected to Transmission Facilities \geq 100 kV through a 69 kV Ring Bus

Revision History

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2020-09-01	Initial Release