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SUMMARY OF POWER QUALITY

Type of disturbance	Origins	Consequences	Examples of mitigation solutions (special equipment and modifications)
Voltage variations and fluctuations	Large load variations (welding machines, arc furnaces, etc.)	Fluctuation in the luminance of lamps (flicker).	Electromechanical reactive power compensator, real time reactive compensator, series electronic conditioner, tap changer.
Voltage dips	Short-circuit, switching of large loads (motor starting, etc.).	Disturbance or shutdown of process: loss of data, incorrect data, opening of contactors, locking of drives, slowdown or stalling of motors, extinguishing of discharge lamps.	UPS, real time reactive compensator, dynamic electronic voltage regulator, soft starter, series electronic conditioner. Increase the short-circuit power (Scc). Modify the discrimination of protective devices.
Interruptions	Short-circuit, overloads, maintenance, unwanted tripping.		UPS, mechanical source transfer, static transfer switch, zero-time set, shunt circuit breaker, remote management.
Harmonics	Non-linear loads (adjustable speed drives, arc furnaces, welding machines, discharge lamps, fluorescent tubes, etc.).	Overloads (of neutral conductor, sources, etc.), unwanted tripping, accelerated ageing, degradation of energy efficiency, loss of productivity.	Anti-harmonic choke, passive or active filter, hybrid filter, line choke. Increase the Scc. Contain polluting loads. Derate the equipment.
Inter-harmonics	Fluctuating loads (arc furnaces, welding machines, etc.), frequency inverters.	Interruption of metering signals, flicker.	Series reactance
Transient overvoltages	Operation of switchgear and capacitors, lightning	Locking of drives, unwanted tripping, destruction of switchgear, fire, operating losses.	Surge arrester, surge diverter, controlled switching, pre-insertion resistor, line chokes, static automatic compensator.
Voltage unbalance	Unbalanced loads (large single-phase loads, etc.).	Inverse motor torque (vibration) and overheating of asynchronous machines.	Balance the loads. Shunt electronic compensator, dynamic electronic voltage regulator. Increase the Scc.