

Electrical Design Training Class

Line Loss

WSDOT

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OHM'S LAW

P = Watts (Power)

I = CURRENT (AMPERES)

R = RESISTANCE (OHMS)

E = ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE (VOLTS)

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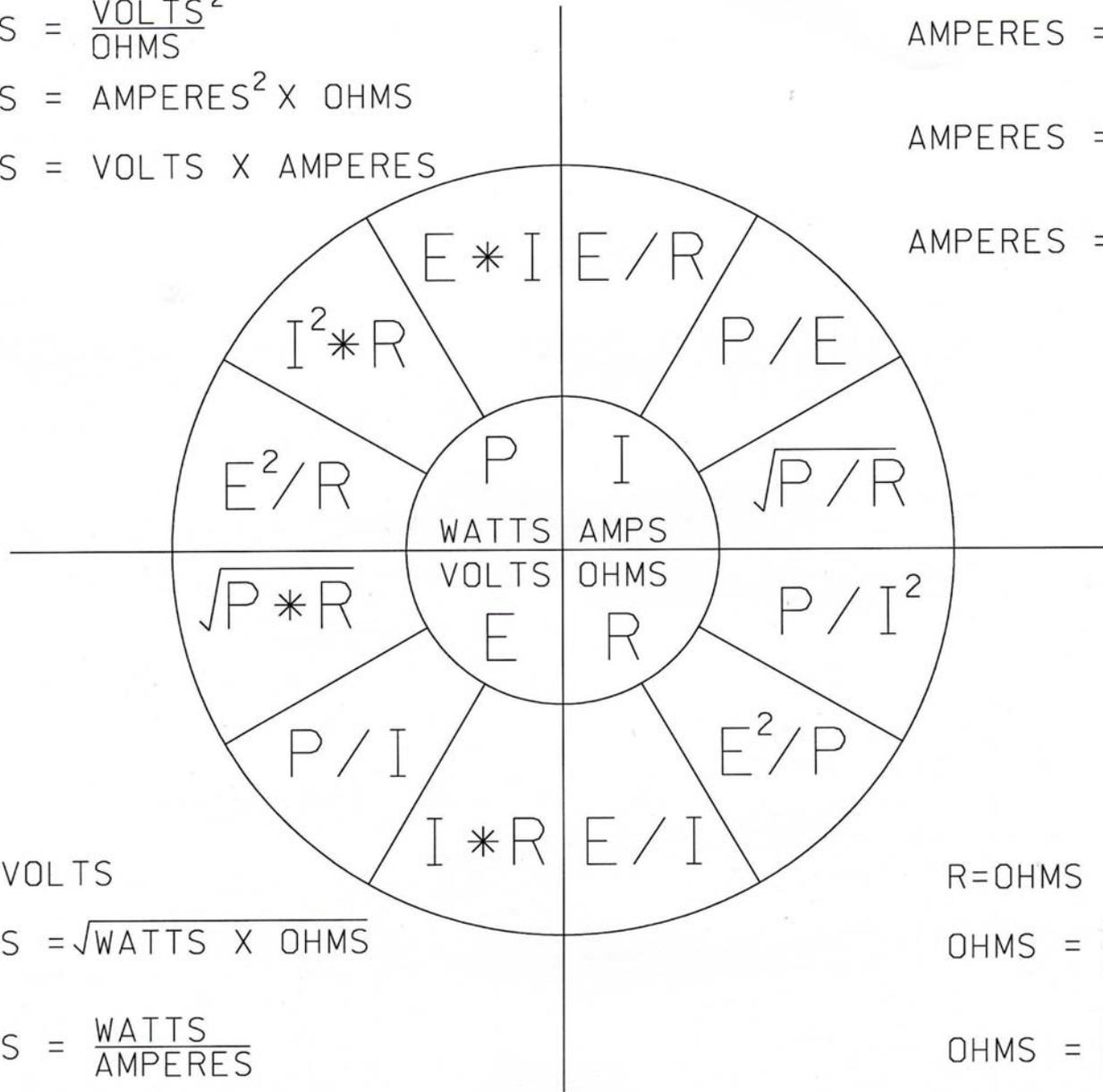
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Clear Catinkus for PIER (Power)

(P) Power is the amount of current times the voltage level at a given point measured in wattage or watts.

(I) Current is what flows on a wire or conductor like water flowing down a stream. Current flows from points of high voltage to points of low voltage on the surface of a conductor. Current is measured in (A) amperes or amps.

(E) Voltage is the difference in electrical potential between two points in a circuit. It's the pressure or push behind current flow through a circuit, and is measured in (V) volts.

(R) Resistance determines how much current will flow through a component. Resistors are used to control voltage and current levels. A very high resistance allows a small amount of current to flow. A very low resistance allows a large amount of current to flow. Resistance is measured in ohms.

Example

- A circuit having a resistance of 5 ohms is under a pressure of 110 volts. How much current will flow?
- amperes = volts / resistance
- amperes = 110 volts / 5 ohms
- answer = 22 amperes

Example

- If the resistance of a circuit is 10 ohms, what is the voltage necessary for a flow of 20 amperes?
- volts = amperes x ohms
- volts = 20 amperes x 10 ohms
- Answer = 200 volts

Example

- On a 110 volt circuit what resistance is necessary to obtain a flow of 15 amperes?
- ohms = volts / amperes
- ohms = 110 volts / 15 amperes
- Answer = 7.33 ohms

Example

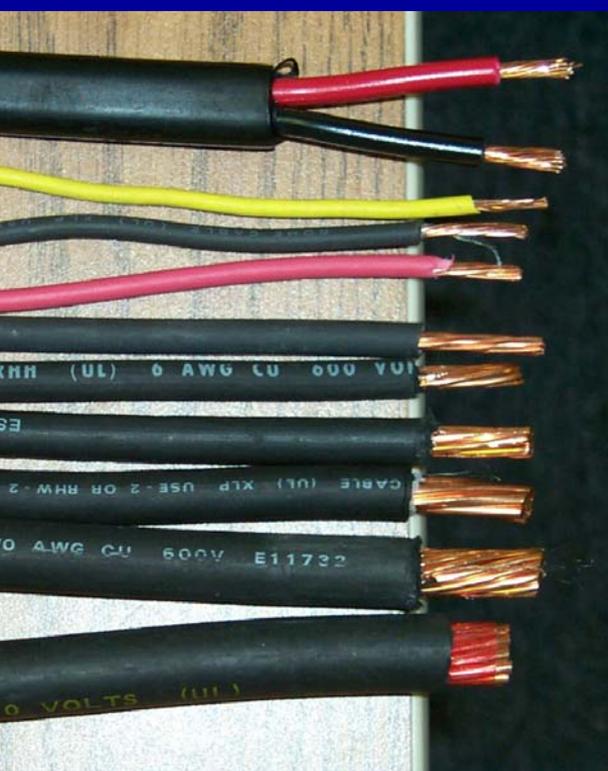
- A water heater is served by a 240 volt circuit. The heating element is 4500 watts. What is the load on this circuit?
- $4500 \text{ watt heating element} / 240 \text{ volts} = 18.75 \text{ amps}$
- On this circuit, what resistance is necessary within the heating element to obtain the flow of 18.75 amperes?
- $\text{ohms} = \text{volts} / \text{amperes}$
- $\text{ohms} = 240 \text{ volts} / 18.75 \text{ amperes}$
- Answer = 12.80 ohms

Example

- A coffee pot is served by a 120 volt circuit. The heating element is 1500 watts. What is the load on this circuit?
- $1500 \text{ watt heating element} / 120 \text{ volts} = 12.50 \text{ amps}$
- On this circuit, what resistance is necessary within the heating element to obtain the flow of 12.50 amperes?
- $\text{ohms} = \text{volts} / \text{amperes}$
- $\text{ohms} = 120 \text{ volts} / 12.50 \text{ amperes}$
- Answer = 9.60 ohms

Electrical Energy Unit Conversions

- 1 watt = 1 volt x 1 ampere x power factor* * *
- watts = volt amperes
- 1 ampere = 1 watt / 1 volt
- 1 volt = 1 watt / 1 ampere
- k = 1000 (accepted convention that “k” indicates 1000) NEC 110.6, Conductor sizes - comments
- ___ watts / 1000 = ___ kilo volt ampere (kVA)
- 1,528 watts / 1000 = 1.528 kVA
- ___ kVA x 1000 = ___ watts (or volt amperes)
- 3.224 kVA x 1000 = 3,224 watts (or volt amperes)
- * * * For WSDOT calculation purposes the power factor is assumed to be 1.



#3/0

#1/0

#2

#4

#6

#8

#10

#12

#14

#10-Pole and Bracket Cable

What is Line Loss?

- Line Loss is the voltage drop (V_d) between the electrical service and the load. Line loss usually controls wire size determination rather than the allowable ampacities listed in Chapter 3 of the National Electrical Code.
- Recommended allowable voltage drop is discussed in 2005 NEC article 210.19, FPN No.4

Why do we need to worry about Voltage Drop?

- If you have too much Voltage Drop on a circuit, the equipment you are trying to power may not work.
- Inefficiency equals using more power and receiving less output. (see reasonable operating efficiency commentary after NEC 2005 Article 215.2 in the handbook)
- You need to make sure you have enough capacity for future use. (Figure 3-4% for future Illumination loads and 1-2% for future ITS loads.)

Maximum Voltage Drop Requirements

- **High Pressure Sodium** - ultimate loads known $V_d = 8\%$, unknown $V_d = 5\%$.
- **Metal Halide** - ultimate loads known $V_d = 8\%$, unknown $V_d = 5\%$.
- **Mercury Vapor** - ultimate loads known $V_d = 10\%$, unknown $V_d = 5\%$.
- **Temporary Illumination System** (installed & removed within same contract) - $V_d = 10\%$.
- **Traffic Signal** - $V_d = 5\%$.
- **ITS System** - $V_d = 3\%$

Wire size

- On new ITS circuits that are not powered by a transformer, pick your wire size so that you have **1.5-2%** voltage drop.
- On transformers that have GFCI's included in the loading calculations, pick your wire so that you have **5%** maximum voltage drop. If there are no GFCI's included (load for pump, fan motors, etc.) then use **3%** voltage drop.
- **Note: All transformers referred to in this class are for ITS or Traffic Signal loads. To size a transformer for a pump, motor or other specialty item, consult HQ Traffic Design.**
- On new illumination circuits (ultimate load unknown) pick your wire size so that you have **4-5%** voltage drop.
- On new signal circuits pick your wire size so that you have **3-4%** voltage drop.
- On existing ITS circuits where you are replacing the wire the maximum voltage drop allowed is **3%**.
- On existing signal circuits where you are replacing the wire the maximum voltage drop allowed is **5%**.
- On existing illumination circuits (ultimate load known) where you are replacing the wire the maximum voltage drop allowed is **8%**.

How do we calculate Voltage Drop?

In order to calculate line loss you need to know:

This formula: $Vd = 2ALR$

Where:

Vd= Voltage Drop.

2 = because the power goes out and back using two wires.

A = load being drawn. (Amperes)

L = distance the load is being carried. (Feet – one way length of the circuit)

R = resistance per foot of wire used. (Ohms) When looking up the “R” factor in the chart you need to know two things:

- The wire size carrying the load. (#2, #4, #6, #8, etc.)
- The type of wire being used. (Copper or Aluminum)16

Determining the "R"

Use these columns depending on wire type

Size	X-Section	(copper only)	Copper	Aluminum
(AWG)	(Square Inches)	(Amps)	(ohms/foot)	(ohms/foot)
500 Kcmil	0.7901	380	0.000026	
350 Kcmil	0.5958	310	0.000038	
250 Kcmil	0.4596	255	0.000054	
4/0	0.3718	230	0.000063	
3/0	0.3117	200	0.000080	
2/0	0.2624	175	0.000101	
1/0	0.2223	150	0.000127	0.000201
1	0.1900	130	0.000160	
2	0.1333	115	0.000201	0.000319
4	0.0973	85	0.000321	0.000508
6	0.0726	65	0.000510	0.000808
8	0.0556	50	0.000809	
10	0.0330	30*	0.001290	
12	0.0260	20*	0.002051	
14	0.0210	15*	0.003261	
75 degree Celcius insulation	NEC, Chapter 9, Table 5-Type RHW* conductors-w/o outer covering	NEC, Table 310.16 *reduced per Article 240.4(D)	NEC Chapter 9, Table 8	NEC Chapter 9, Table 8

Calculating the distance (L) between loads

- Scale off the distance between each load or the distance between the load and the service.
- Add 5' when entering the service cabinet or another cabinet to power.
- Add 10' per in-grade junction box that the wire passes through. This takes into account the conduit sweeps and the 3' of slack wire.
- Add 5' to each side of wire run (instead of 10') when there is a splice in the junction box.
- Add 5' for the sweep into the luminaire and up to the handhole.
- Add 5' for NEMA junction boxes.
- Add 2' to each side of wire run (instead of 5') when there is a splice in the NEMA junction box.
- Add 52' (for 40' pole with 16' mast arm) or 62' (for 50' pole with 16' mast arm) to the distance to accommodate for the last luminaire pole and mast arm on each run. Use a #10 wire (pole & bracket cable) for this distance.
- Add 2' to enter terminal cabinet and terminate conductor on terminal block.
- For aerial temporary illumination, add 10% of the total span length of aerial conductors

Different Types of Loads (A)

- There are three different types of loads that we calculate.
 - 1.) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), (previously SC&DI)
 - 2.) Traffic Signal System
 - 3.) Illumination System (including sign lights)
- There are different ways to calculate each of these loads

Amps - voltage relationship - Example

The basic way a load is calculated is by dividing the wattage (Volt Amperes) by the voltage serving the load.

$$\frac{2520\text{W(or } 2.52\text{kVA)}}{120\text{V}} = 21.0\text{Amps}$$

$$\frac{7500\text{W(or } 7.5\text{kVA)}}{120\text{V}} = 62.5\text{Amps}$$

$$\frac{2520\text{W(or } 2.52\text{kVA)}}{240\text{V}} = 10.5\text{Amps}$$

$$\frac{7500\text{W(or } 7.5\text{kVA)}}{240\text{V}} = 31.25\text{Amps}$$

$$\frac{2520\text{W(or } 2.52\text{kVA)}}{480\text{V}} = 5.25\text{Amps}$$

$$\frac{7500\text{W(or } 7.5\text{kVA)}}{480\text{V}} = 15.625\text{Amps}$$

ITS Loads

An ITS circuit is sized for the ultimate load that can be drawn at one time. This is usually controlled by the rated output of the transformer. If there is **no transformer**, use the figures below to calculate your loads. **Most ITS cabinet are served with a 120 volt circuit** – this is why you typically serve these cabinets with a transformer. Check your cabinet voltage requirement if you don't know.

Ramp Meter (RM) -720W+1800W(GFCI's)=2520W

Camera Cabinet (CC) -324W+1800W(GFCI's)=2124W

Data Station (ES) -252W+1800W(GFCI's)=2052W

Highway Advisory Radio Station (HAR)-200W+1800W(GFCI's)=2000W

RWIS – 120W+1800W(GFCI's)=1920W

Permanent Traffic Recorder & Weigh-In-Motion-240W + 1800W(GFCI's)= 2040W

Variable Message Sign (VMS)-Contact the ITS designer because each sign requires a different loading. If you are the ITS designer contact the manufacturers for like size and type VMS Sign data.

(Generally, if the load is below 1800 watts, there is not an included GFCI load.) **If the load is larger than 1800 watts, then a GFCI load is assumed to be included.**

Consult with ITS designers to let them know this is your intention and to make sure this will be adequate. If you are the ITS designer, please keep this in mind.)

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Signal Loads - LED

A Signal circuit is sized for the ultimate load that can be drawn at one time. This is usually the sum of the items below:

300W ----- **Controller**

1800W ----- **2-GFCI's** (receptacles - vent fan & cabinet light(s) are included within this load)

15W ----- multiply by the Total # of **Pedestrian Displays**

25W for 12" heads (signal displays) **or**

15W for 8" heads (flashing beacon displays)-multiply by the **Total # of Vehicle Display Lamps** illuminated at one time (1 Lamp per 3 section display, 2 Lamps per 4 or 5 section display)

USE THESE NUMBERS FOR SIZING CONDUCTORS.

Signal Loads – LED - Example

For a **“T” intersection** use 9-vehicle heads, and 6-pedestrian heads.

$$300W+1800W+(9*25W)+(6*15W)=2415W$$

$$\frac{2415W}{120V}=20.125\text{Amps}$$

For a **four legged intersection** use 12-vehicle heads, and 8-pedestrian heads.

$$300W+1800W+(12*25W)+(8*15W)=2520W$$

$$\frac{2520W}{120V}=21.00\text{Amps}$$

If there are supplemental heads used in your design these values may be larger. Use these values as a minimum.

Signal Loads - incandescent

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300W ----- **Controller**

1800W ----- **2-GFCI's** (receptacles - vent fan & cabinet light(s) are included within this load)

116W ----- multiply by the Total # of **Pedestrian Displays**

165W for 12" heads (signal displays) **or**

69W for 8" heads (flashing beacon displays)-multiply by the **Total # of Vehicle Display Lamps** illuminated at one time (1 Lamp per 3 section display, 2 Lamps per 4 or 5 section display)

USE THE LED NUMBERS FOR SIZING CONDUCTORS.

Signal Loads - incandescent - Example

For a **“T” intersection** use 9-vehicle heads, and 6-pedestrian heads.

$$300W+1800W+(9*165W)+(6*116W)=4281W$$

$$\frac{4281W}{120V}=35.675Amps$$

For a **four legged intersection** use 12-vehicle heads, and 8-pedestrian heads.

$$300W+1800W+(12*165W)+(8*116W)=5008W$$

$$\frac{5008W}{120V}=41.73Amps$$

If there are supplemental heads used in your design these values may be larger. Use these values as a minimum.

Flashing Beacons

- 8” Lens – incandescent
 - 1 lamp = 69 watts
 - 2 lamps = 138 watts
 - 4 lamps = 276 watts
 - 8” Lens – LED
 - 1 lamp = 15 watts
 - 2 lamps = 30 watts
 - 4 lamps = 60 watts
 - 12” Lens – incandescent
 - 1 lamp = 165 watts
 - 2 lamps = 330 watts
 - 4 lamps = 660 watts
 - 12” Lens – LED
 - 1 lamp = 25 watts
 - 2 lamps = 50 watts
 - 4 lamps = 100 watts
- The dimmable flashing unit draws 0.005 amps at 120 volts. For line loss calculation purposes, you can ignore the dimming flasher unit load.
- A large majority of existing flashers have 1 or 2 eight inch lens. The need would have to be great before you would use twelve inch lens.

Illumination Loads

Each luminaire has a different lamp load factor depending on what wattage lamp and what voltage you are using. You have to check the manufacturers catalog cuts to see what voltage the particular luminaire draws during it's "start-up" period. This is roughly the same as **multiplying the wattage by 1.2 then dividing by the serving voltage**, but the catalog values are more accurate. These are the numbers from the GE catalog.

Bulb	HPS	HPS	MH	MH
	AMPS Load@	AMPS Load@	AMPS Load@	AMPS Load@
<u>Wattage</u>	<u>240V</u>	<u>480V</u>	<u>240V</u>	<u>480V</u>
100	0.6	0.3		
150	0.9	0.5		
175*	0.9	0.5		
200	1.1	0.6	1.1	
250	1.4	0.7	1.3	0.6
310	1.7	0.9	1.7	
400	2.1	1.1	2.0	1.0
1000	4.8	2.5		

* Mercury Vapor

Illumination Load Examples

$$175\text{W MV} = \sim 240\text{w} / 480\text{v} = 0.5 \text{ Amps}$$

$$250\text{w HPS} = \sim 336\text{w} / 480\text{v} = 0.7\text{Amps}$$

$$310\text{w HPS} = \sim 432\text{w} / 480\text{v} = 0.9\text{Amps}$$

$$400\text{w HPS} = \sim 528\text{w} / 480\text{v} = 1.1\text{Amps}$$

Things to consider when laying out your circuits

Try to balance the loads on your circuits.

Run an individual branch circuit to each cabinet.

No illumination circuit breaker can be larger than 50 amps. (NEC 2005 210.23 D)

Distance vs load... running large wire a long distance...it may be better to install a new service.

Example: 1000' of #2 wire inside 2" conduit = \$26,860.

New Type B, 25 feet of conduit & #8 conductors +\$6,000 (plus utility hookup fee).

Stagger lights on different circuits on a roadway:

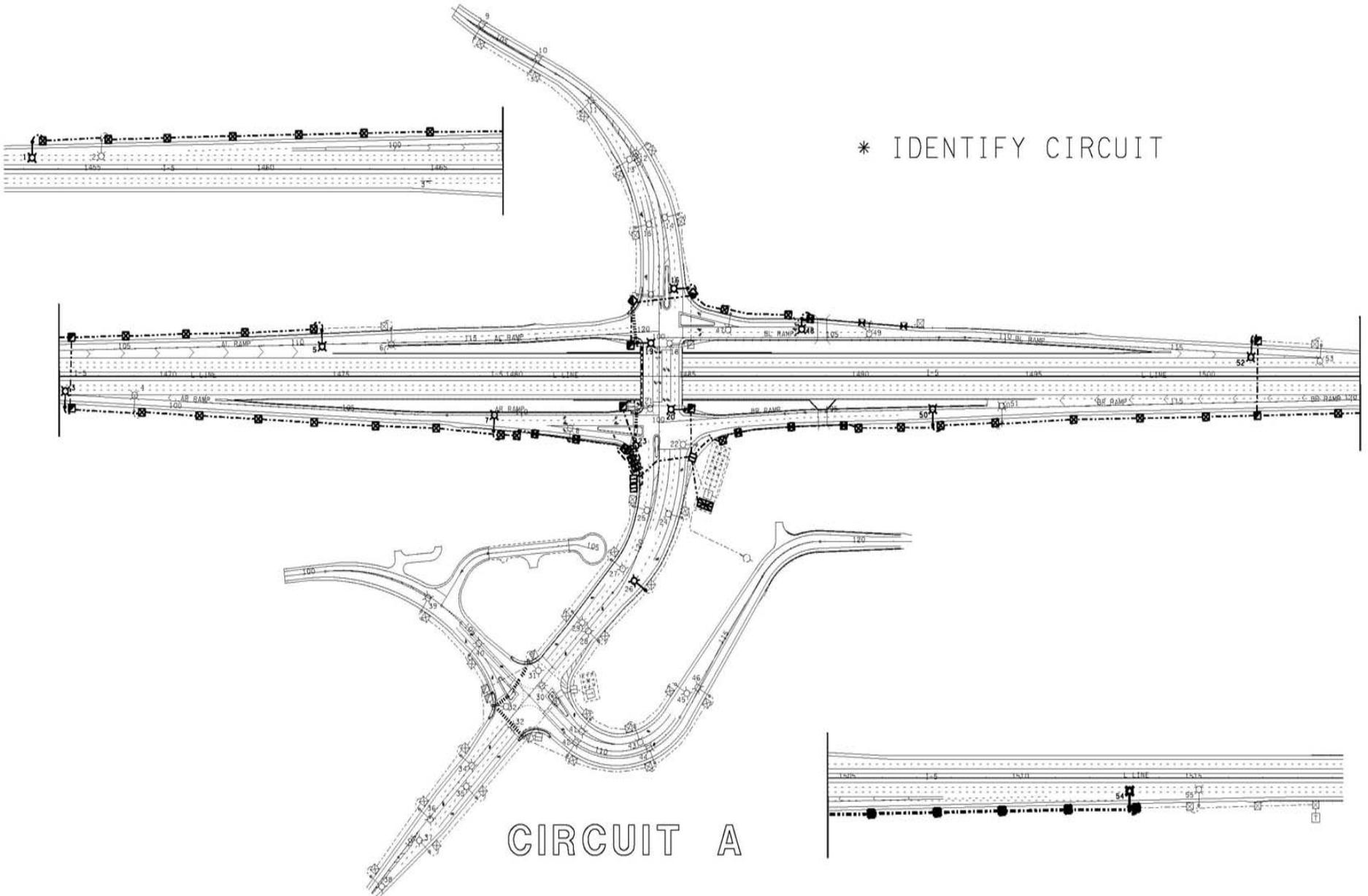
Order of preference:

Every other light on a roadway is on a different circuit.

Each side of roadway is on a different circuit.

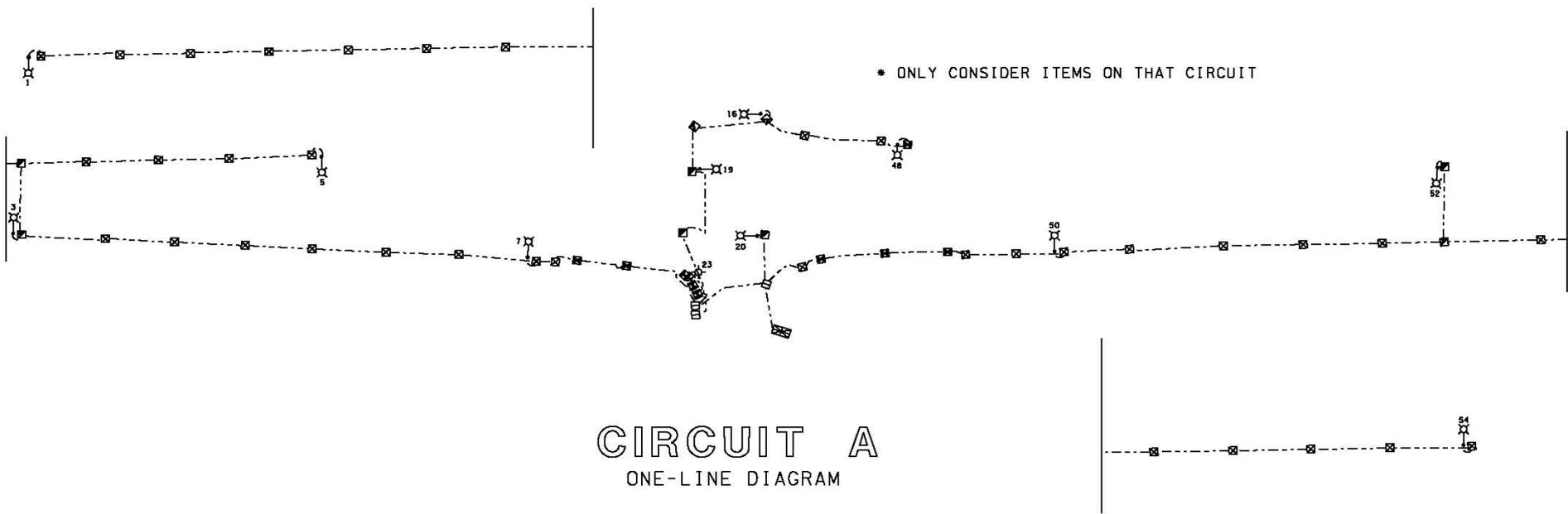
Each leg of an intersection is on a different circuit.

Everything is on one circuit.

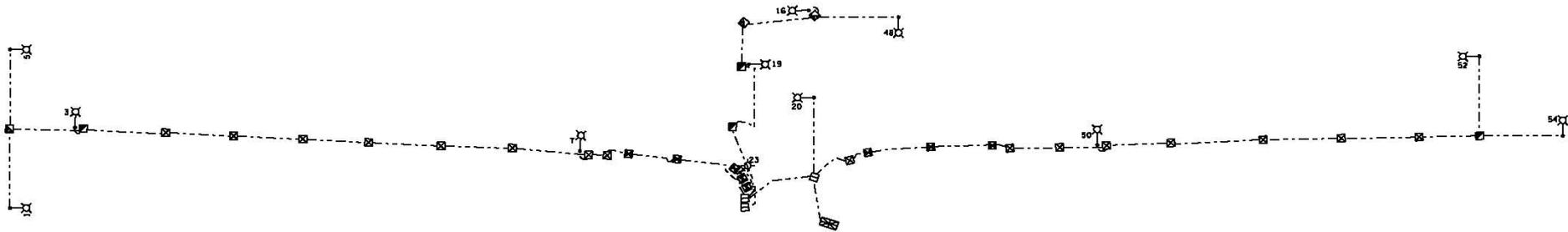


* IDENTIFY CIRCUIT

CIRCUIT A

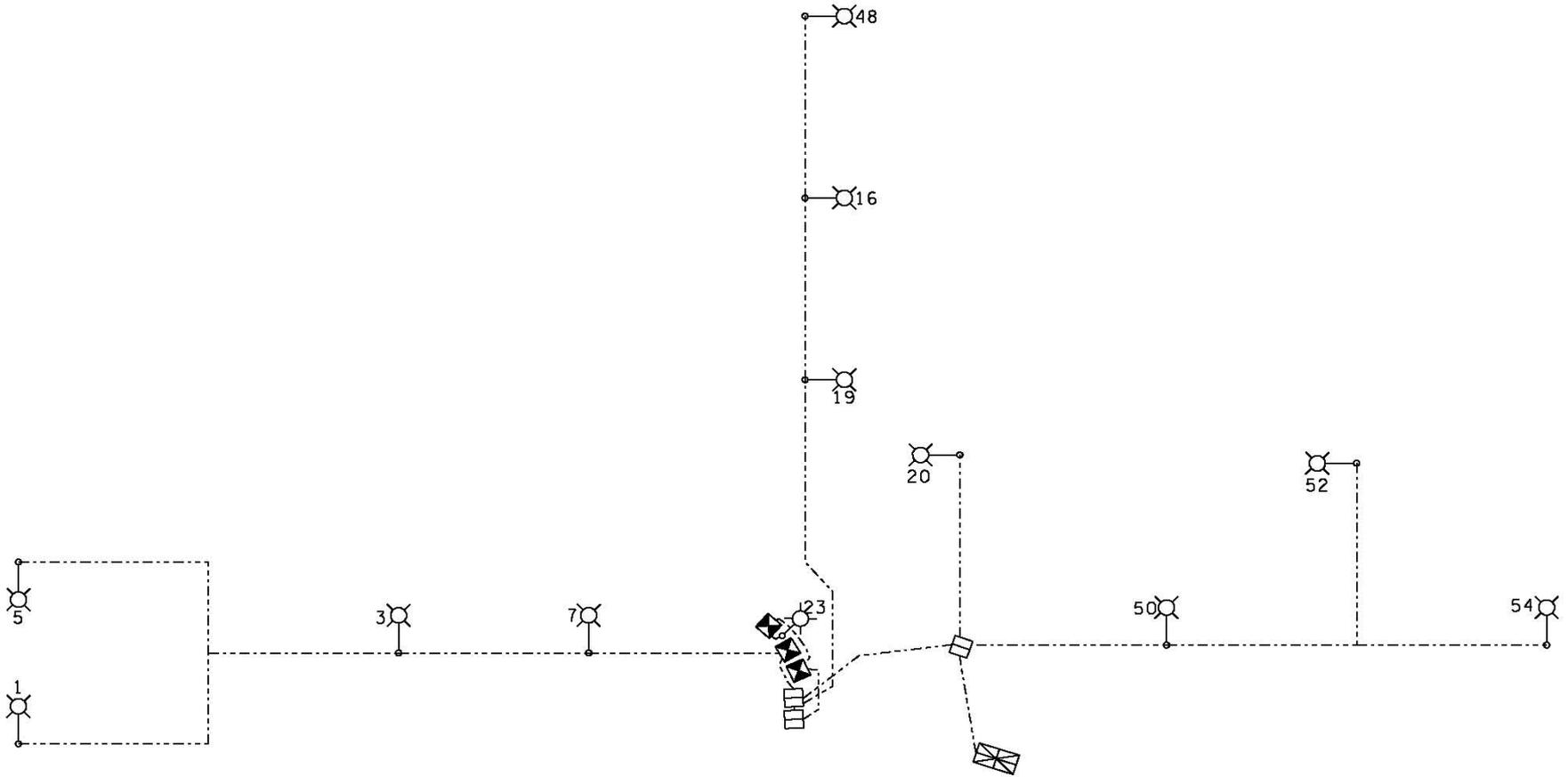


* BREAK EVERYTHING DOWN TO "POINT LOADS"



CIRCUIT A
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

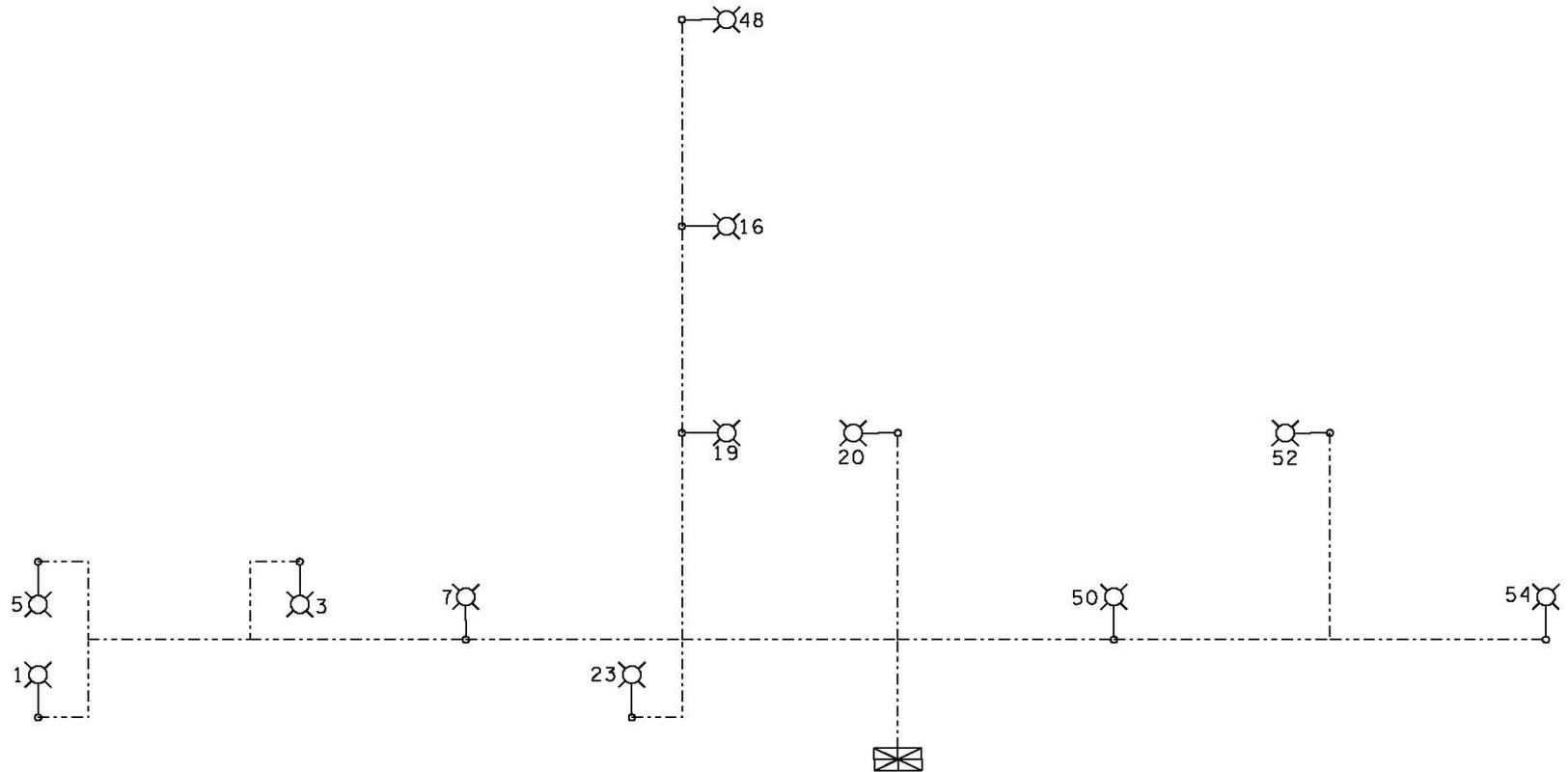
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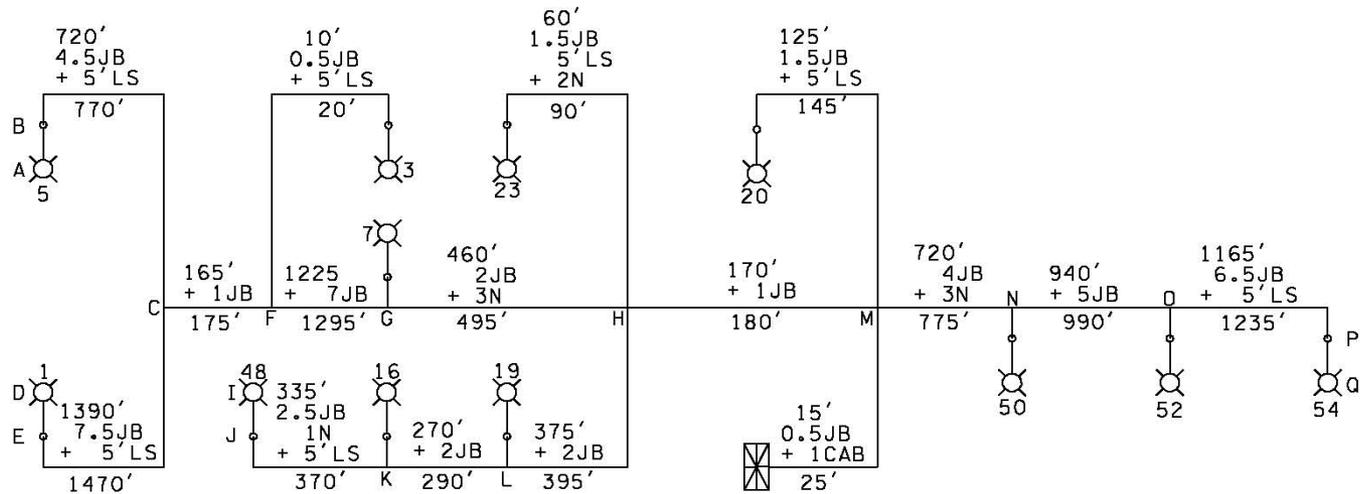
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ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

* LAY IN YOUR DISTANCES, THIS INCLUDES ALL ADDITIONS FOR JUNCTION BOXES, CABINETS, ETC.

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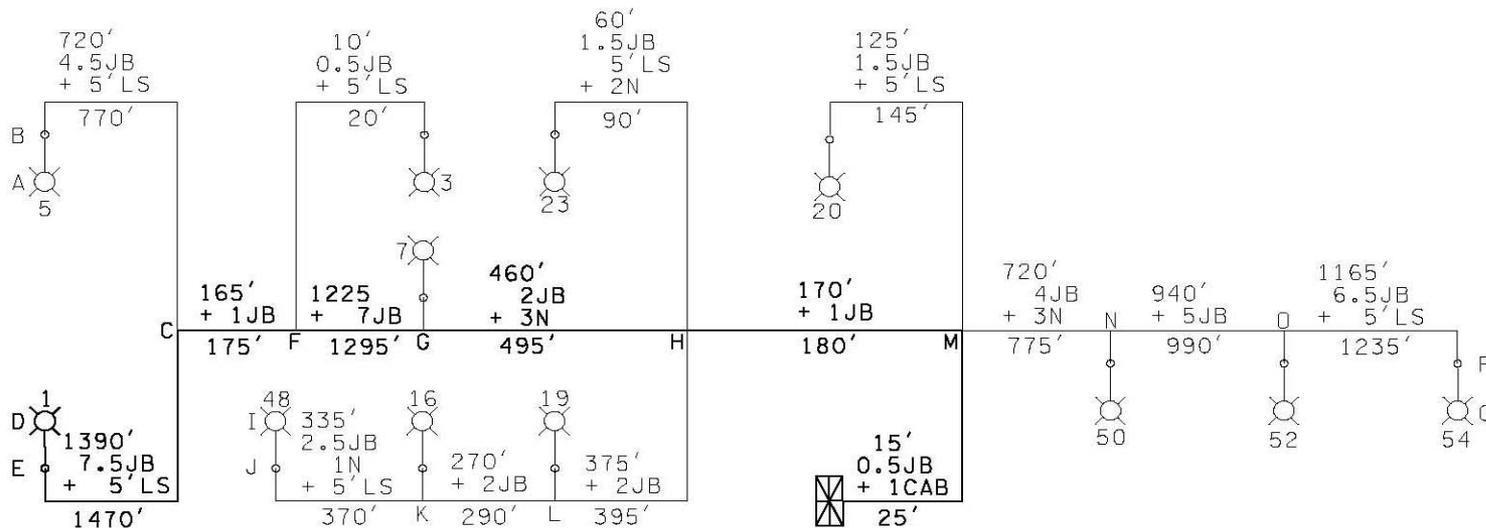
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CIRCUIT A

LINE LOSS LEG 1

Circuit A Load calculations

Illumination Circuit A load

12-250 watt, HPS Luminaires, 480 VAC, 0.7 Amps per luminaire

$12 \times 0.7 \text{ amps} = 8.4 \text{ Amps}$

Voltage Drop for Circuit A , Leg #1 – 1st try

Total load on Segment Wire out and Back Total length of Segment Resistance of #8 conductor

$$V_d = 2ALR$$

Service to M	= 2(8.4)(5cab+15+5(1/2jb)=25)(0.000809)	= 0.339780
M to H	= 2(5.6)(10(1jb)+170=180)(0.000809)	= 1.630944
H to G	= 2(2.8)(20(2jb)+460+15(3n)=495)(0.000809)	= 2.242548
G to F	= 2(2.1)(70(7jb)+1225 =1295)(0.000809)	= 4.400151
F to C	= 2(1.4)(10(1jb)+165 =175)(0.000809)	= 0.396410
C to E	= 2(0.7)(70(7jb)+1390+5(1/2jb)+5(1s) =1470)(0.000809)	= 1.664922
Hand hole to Light	= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)	<u>= 0.093912</u>
		10.768667

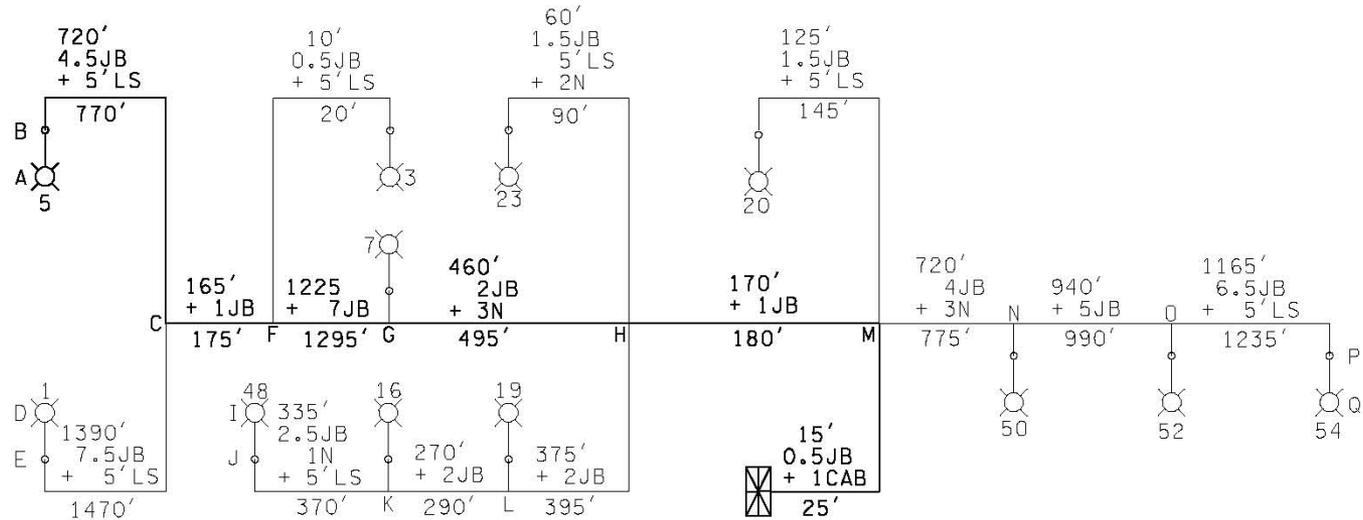
$10.768667 / 480 = 0.022434 * 100 = 2.2\% \quad V_d$
 2.2% < 5% - #8 wire is acceptable

Resistance of #8 conductor
Resistance of #10 conductor

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CIRCUIT A

LINE LOSS LEG 2

Voltage Drop for Circuit A , Leg #2 – 1st try

Total load on Segment Wire out and Back Total length of Segment $V_d = 2ALR$ Resistance of #8 conductor

Service to M	$= 2(8.4)(5cab + 15 + 5(1/2jb) = 25)(0.000809)$	$= 0.339780$
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F to C	$= 2(1.4)(10(1jb) + 165 = 175)(0.000809)$	$= 0.396410$
C to B	$= 2(0.7)(45(4.5jb) + 720 + 5(1s) = 770)(0.000809)$	$= 0.872102$
Hand hole to Light	$= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)$	$= 0.093912$
		<u>9.975847</u>

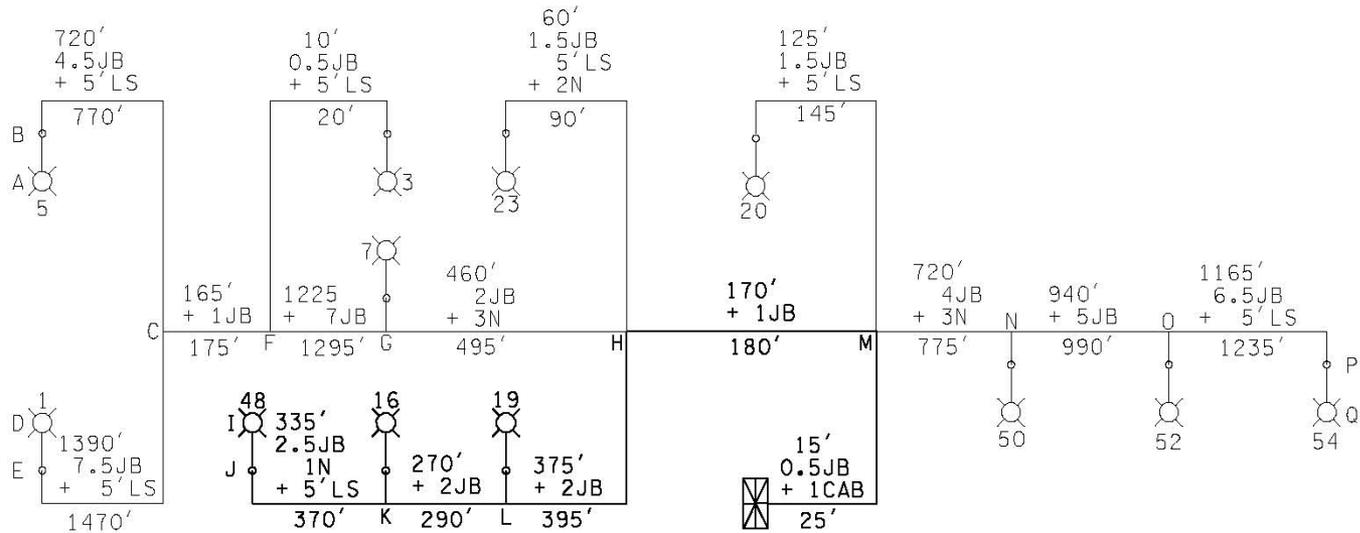
$9.975847 / 480 = 0.020783 * 100 = 2.1\% \quad V_d$
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Resistance of #8 conductor
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CIRCUIT A

LINE LOSS LEG 3

Voltage Drop for Circuit A , Leg #3 – 1st try

Total load on Segment Wire out and Back Total length of Segment Resistance of #8 conductor

$$V_d = 2ALR$$

Service to M	= 2(8.4)(5cab+15+5(1/2jb)=25)(0.000809)	= 0.339780
M to H	= 2(5.6)(10(1jb)+170=180)(0.000809)	= 1.630944
H to L	= 2(2.1)(20(2jb)+375 =395)(0.000809)	= 1.342131
L to K	= 2(1.4)(20(2jb)+270 =290)(0.000809)	= 0.656908
K to J	= 2(0.7)(25(2.5jb)+335+5(1n)+5(1s) =370)(0.000809)	= 0.419062
Hand hole to Light	= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)	= <u>0.093912</u>
		4.482737

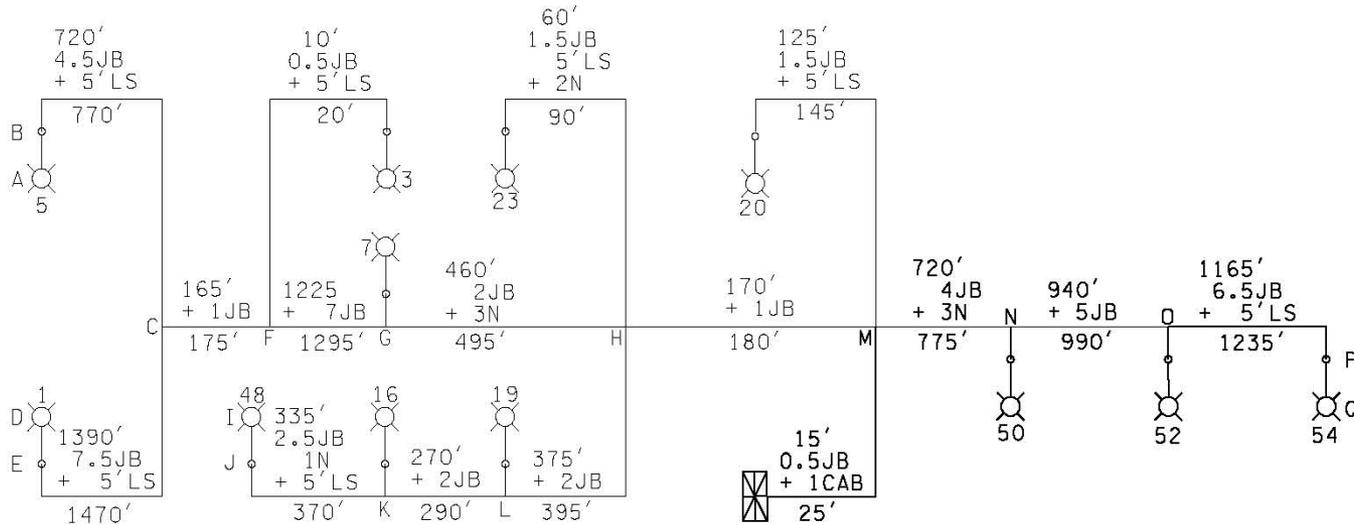
4.482737/480=0.009339*100=0.93% Vd
 0.93% < 5% - #8 wire is acceptable

Resistance of #8 conductor
Resistance of #10 conductor

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CIRCUIT A

LINE LOSS LEG 4

Voltage Drop for Circuit A , Leg #4 – 1st try

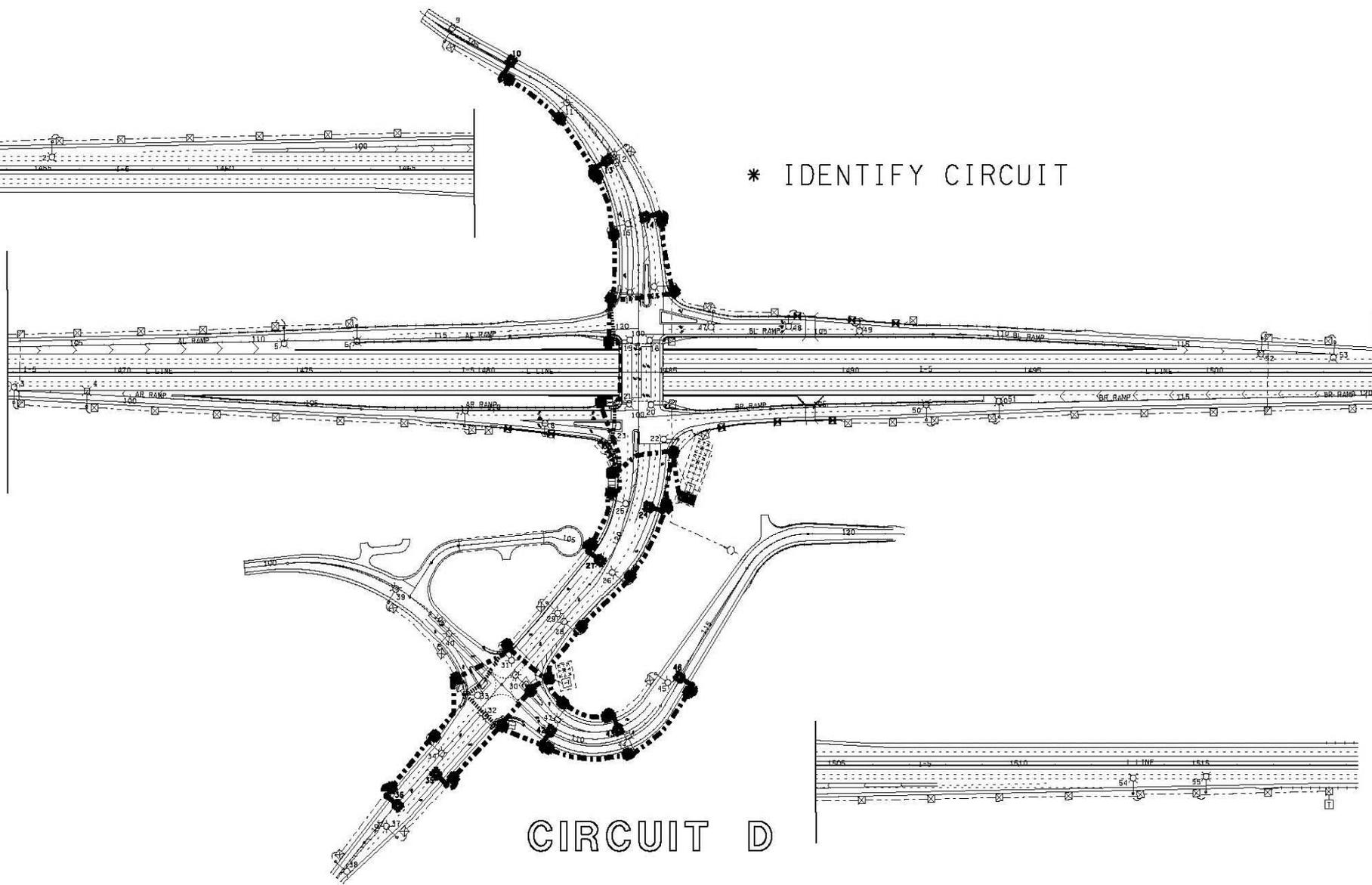
Total load on Segment \nearrow Resistance of #8 conductor
Wire out and Back \nearrow $V_d = 2ALR$ \nwarrow
Total length of Segment \rightarrow

Service to M	$= 2(8.4)(5cab + 15 + 5(1/2jb) = 25)(0.000809)$	$= 0.339780$
M to N	$= 2(2.1)(40(4jb) + 725 + 10(2n) = 775)(0.000809)$	$= 2.633295$
N to O	$= 2(1.4)(50(5jb) + 940 = 990)(0.000809)$	$= 2.242548$
O to P	$= 2(0.7)(60(6jb) + 1165 + 5(1/2jb) + 5(ls) = 1235)(0.000809)$	$= 1.398761$
Hand hole to Light	$= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)$	$= \underline{0.093912}$
		6.708296

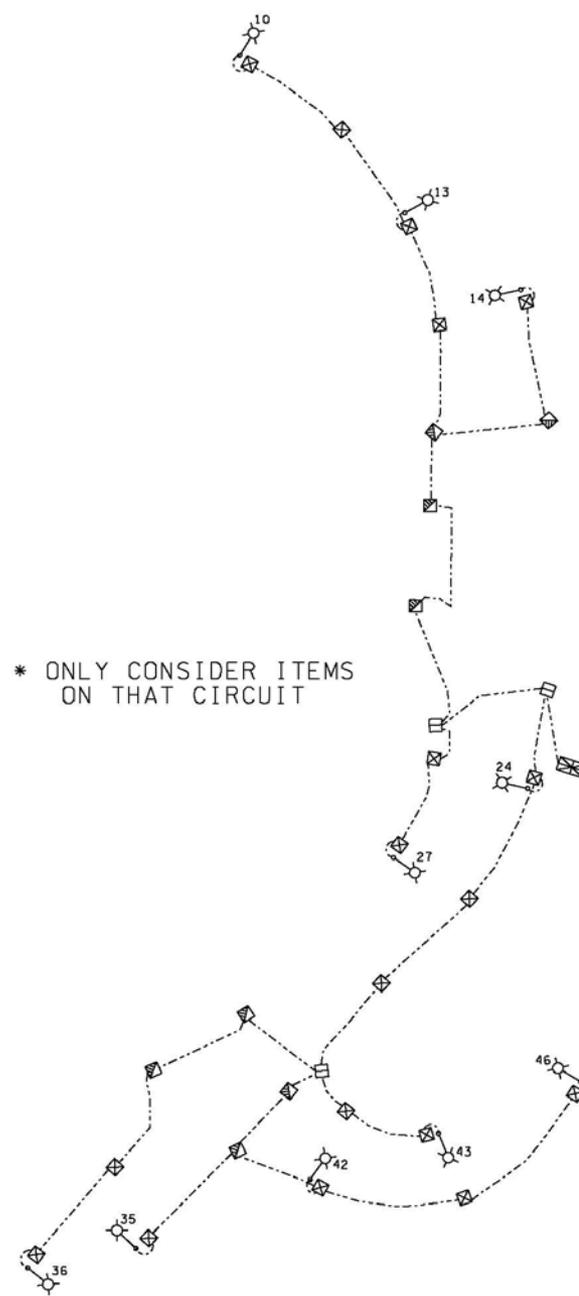
$6.708296 / 480 = 0.013976 * 100 = 1.40\% \quad V_d$
 $1.40\% < 5\% - \#8 \text{ wire is acceptable}$

Resistance of #8 conductor
Resistance of #10 conductor

* IDENTIFY CIRCUIT

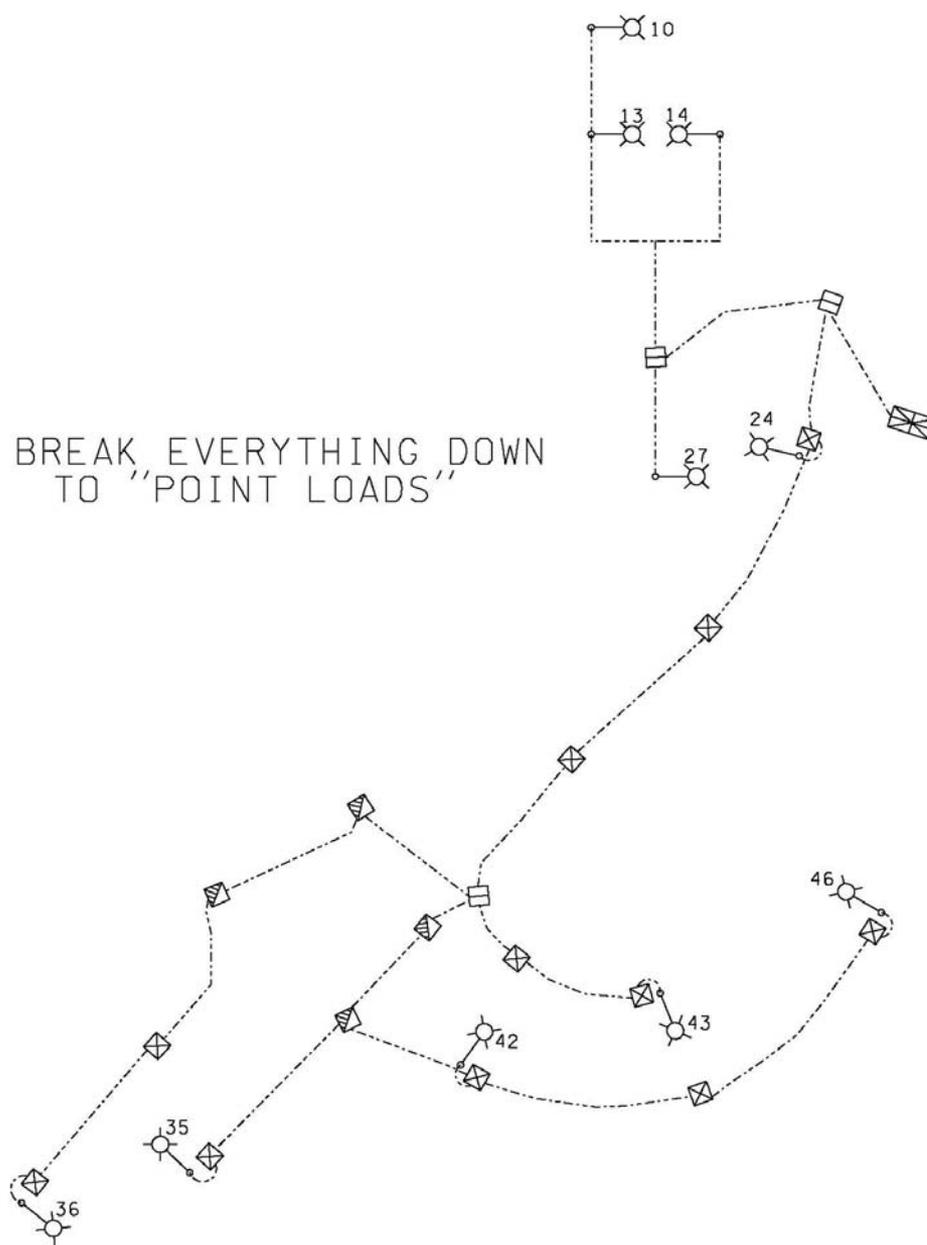


CIRCUIT D

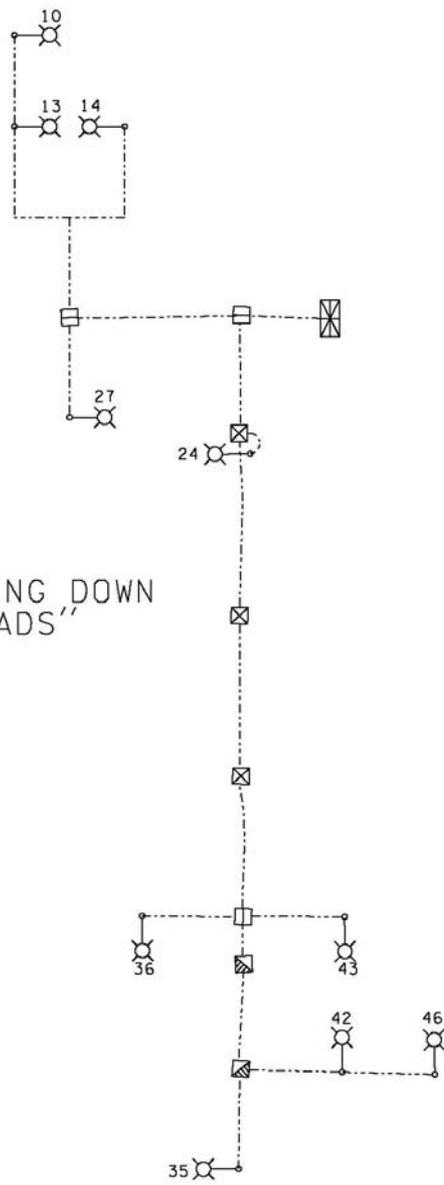


CIRCUIT D
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

* BREAK EVERYTHING DOWN
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CIRCUIT D
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

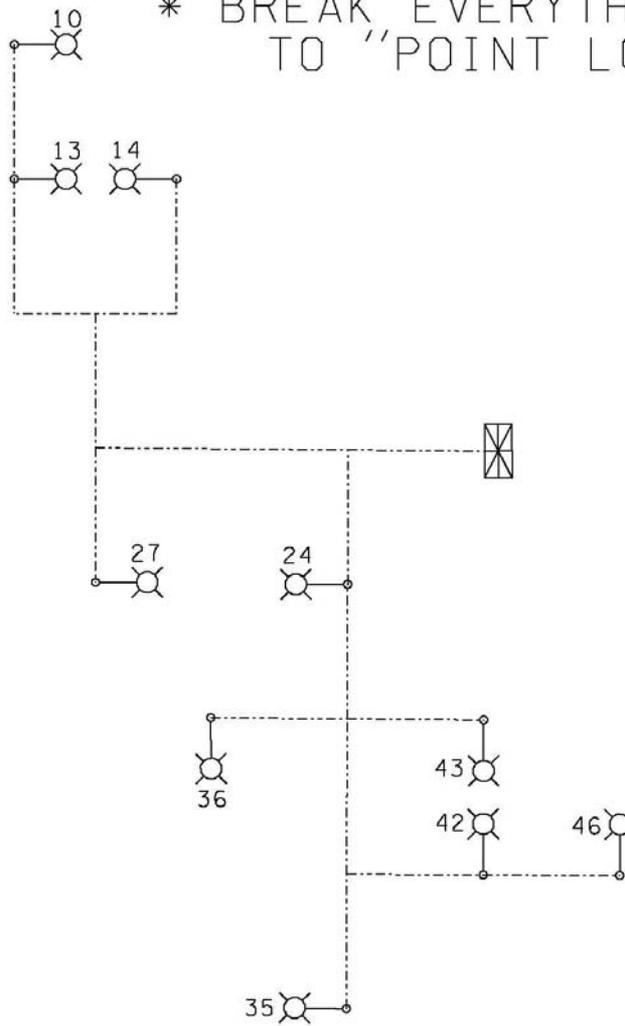


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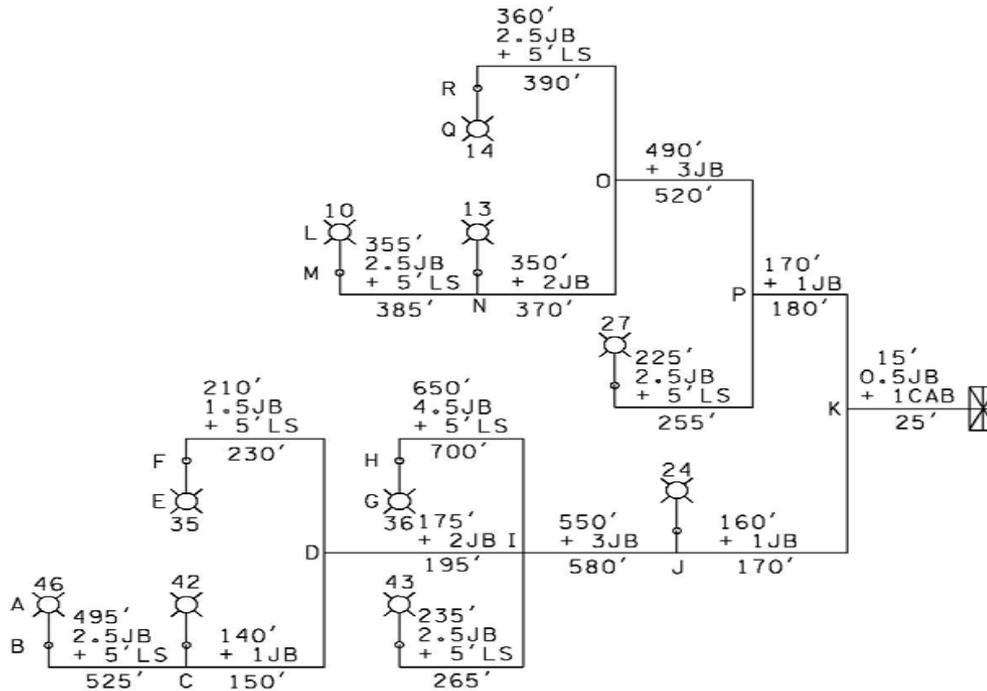
CIRCUIT D

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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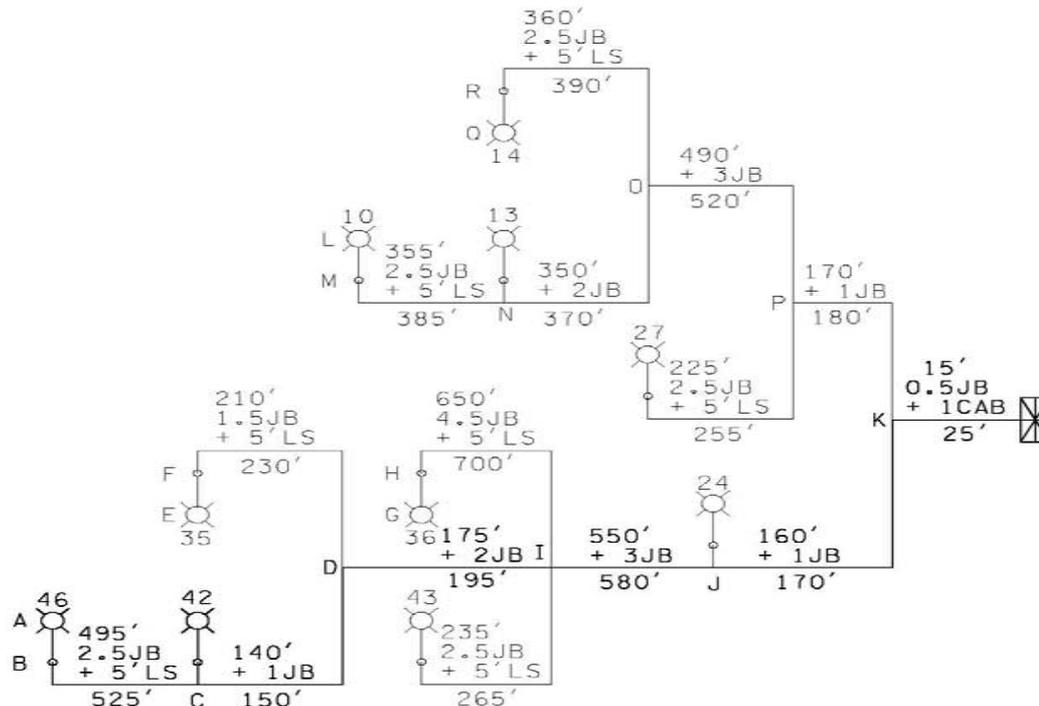
CIRCUIT D

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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CIRCUIT D

LINE LOSS LEG 1

Circuit D Load calculations

Illumination Circuit D load

10-250 watt, HPS Luminaires, 480 VAC, 0.7 amps per luminaire

$10 \times 0.7 \text{ amps} = 7.0 \text{ amps}$

Voltage Drop for Circuit D , Leg #1 – 1st try

Total load on Segment Wire out and Back Total length of Segment Resistance of #8 conductor

$$V_d = 2ALR$$

Service to K	= 2(7.0)(5cab+15+5(1/2jb)=25)(0.000809)	= 0.283150
K to J	= 2(4.2)(10(1jb)+160=170)(0.000809)	= 1.155252
J to I	= 2(3.5)(30(3jb)+550=580)(0.000809)	= 2.580710
I to D	= 2(2.1)(20(2jb)+175 =195)(0.000809)	= 0.662571
D to C	= 2(1.4)(10(1jb)+140 =150)(0.000809)	= 0.339780
C to B	= 2(0.7)(25(2.5jb)+495+5(1s) =525)(0.000809)	= 0.594615
Hand hole to Light	= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)	= <u>0.093912</u>
		5.709990

$5.709990 / 480 = 0.011896 * 100 = 1.2\% \quad V_d$
 $1.2\% < 5\%$ - #8 wire is acceptable

Resistance of #8 conductor
Resistance of #10 conductor

Voltage Drop for Circuit D , Leg #2 – 1st try

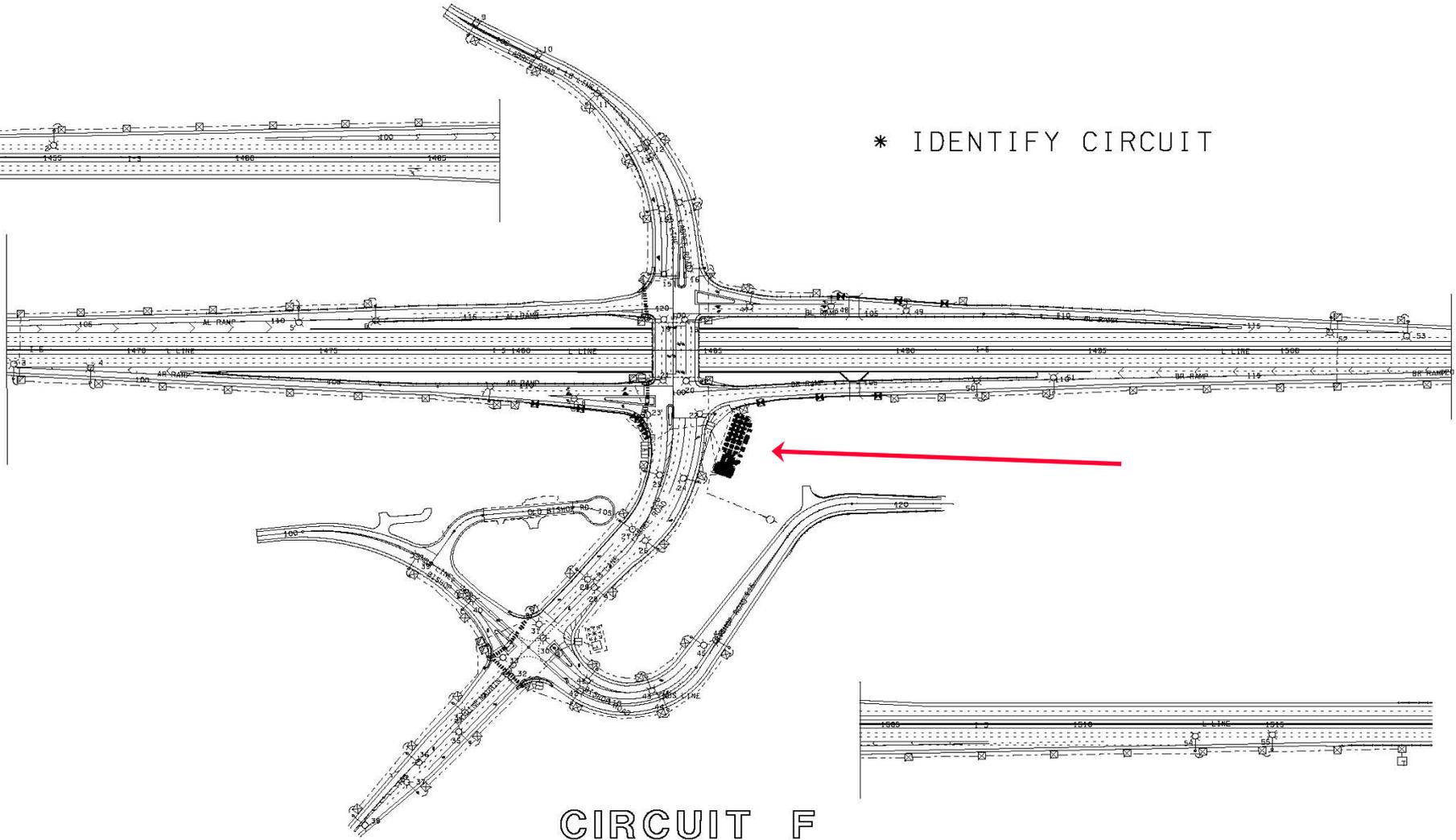
Total load on Segment \nearrow $V_d = 2ALR$ \nwarrow Resistance of #8 conductor
Wire out and Back \nearrow Total length of Segment \rightarrow

Service to K	$= 2(7.0)(5cab + 15 + 5(1/2jb) = 25)(0.000809)$	$= 0.283150$
K to P	$= 2(2.8)(10(1jb) + 170 = 180)(0.000809)$	$= 0.815472$
P to O	$= 2(2.1)(30(3jb) + 490 = 520)(0.000809)$	$= 1.766856$
O to N	$= 2(1.4)(20(2jb) + 350 = 370)(0.000809)$	$= 0.838124$
N to M	$= 2(0.7)(20(2jb) + 355 + 5(1/2jb) + 5(1s) = 385)(0.000809)$	$= 0.436051$
Hand hole to Light	$= 2(0.7)(52)(0.001290)$	$= 0.093912$
		<u>4.233565</u>

$4.233565 / 480 = 0.008820 * 100 = 0.88\% \quad V_d$
 $0.88\% < 5\%$ - #8 wire is acceptable

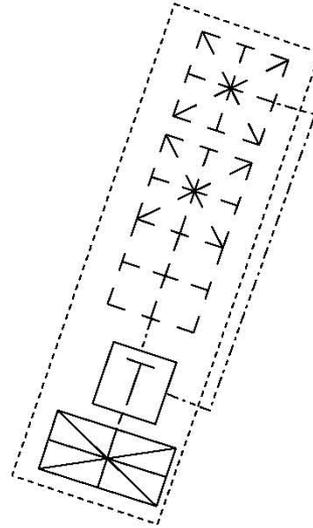
Resistance of #8 conductor
Resistance of #10 conductor

* IDENTIFY CIRCUIT



CIRCUIT F

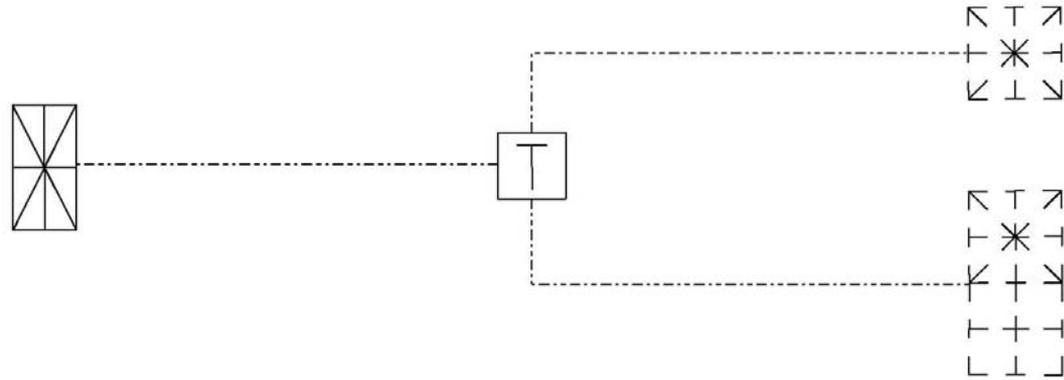
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CIRCUIT F

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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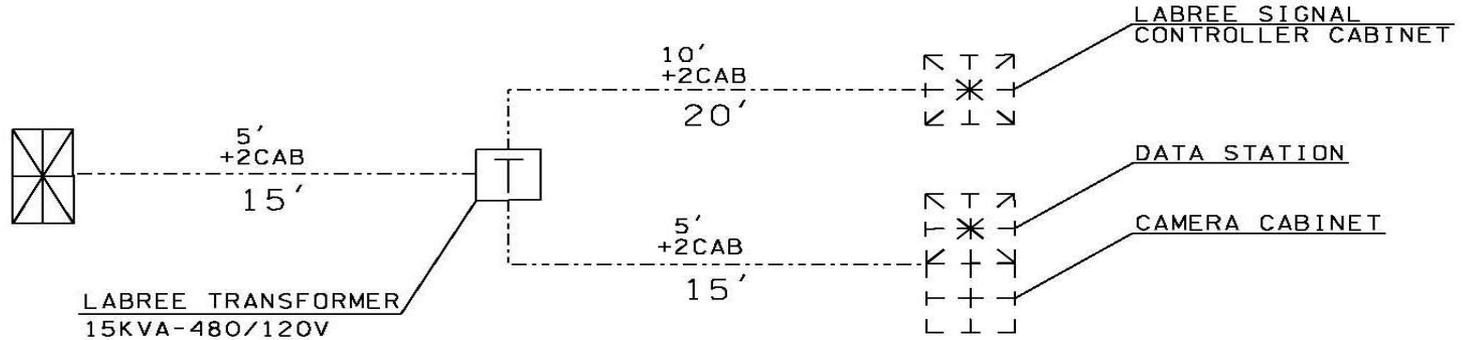
CIRCUIT F

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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CIRCUIT F

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

Voltage Drop for Circuit F – 1st try $V_d=2ALR$

Given: 480/120 volt - 15 kVA transformer.

Find Load: 15 kVA x 1000 = 15,000 watts

15,000watts / 480 volts = 31.25 Amps. Load = 31.25 Amps

Total length of Segment 

Total load on Segment

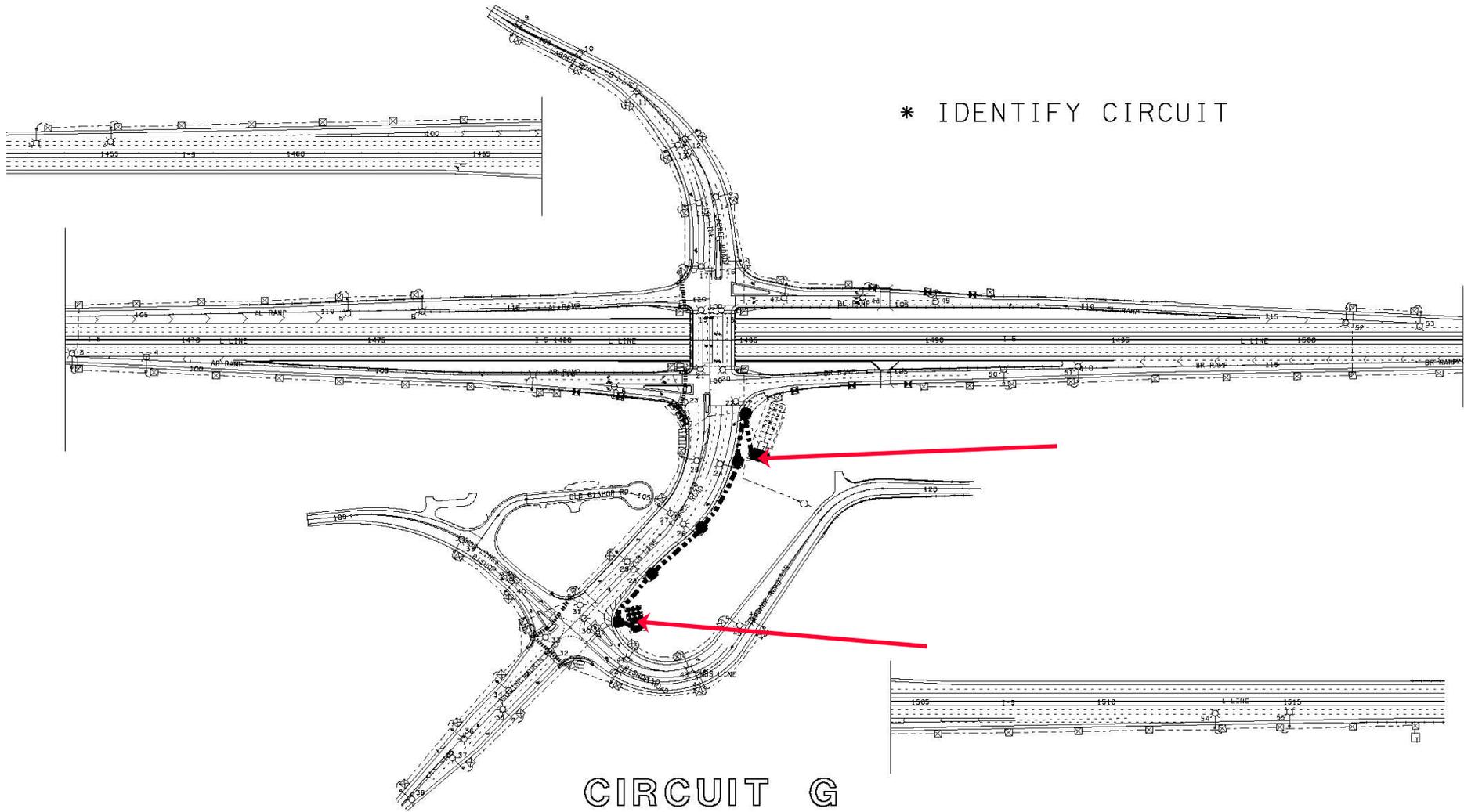
Wire out and Back

$$\text{Service to Labree} = 2(31.25)(10(2\text{cab}) + 5 = 15)(0.000809) = 0.758438$$

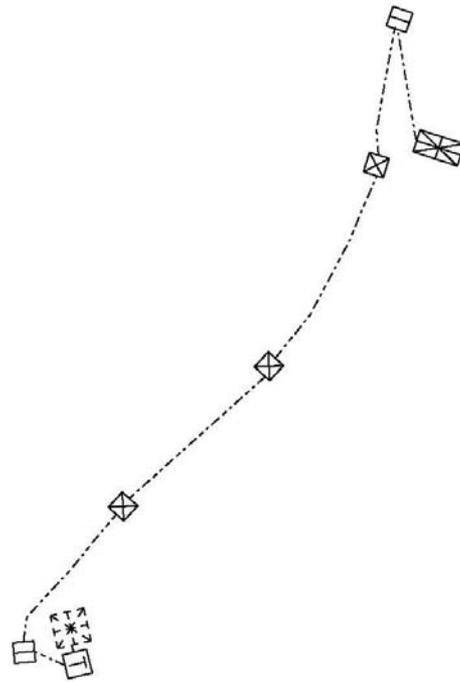
$$0.758438 / 480 = 0.001580 * 100 = 0.16\% \quad V_d$$

0.16% < 5% - #8 wire is OK

Note: This is a transformer that has GFCI's included in the loading calculations, so we used 5% V_d instead of 3% V_d .

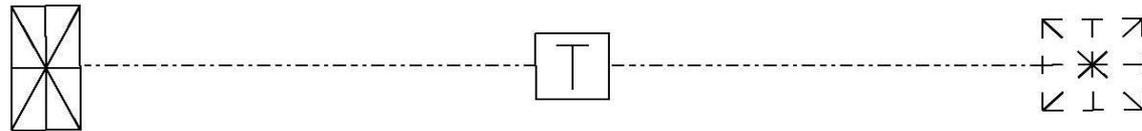


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CIRCUIT G
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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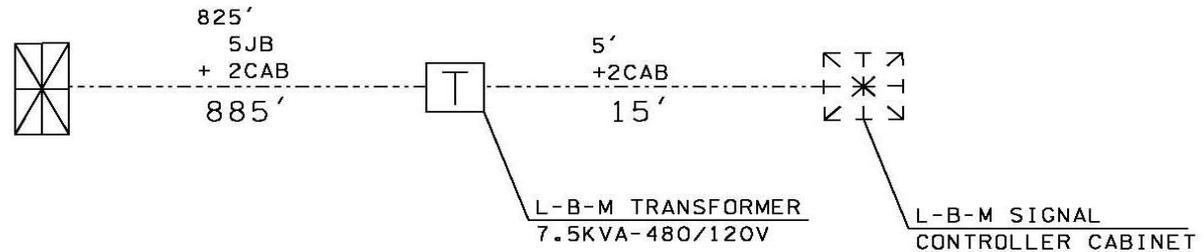


CIRCUIT G
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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CIRCUIT G

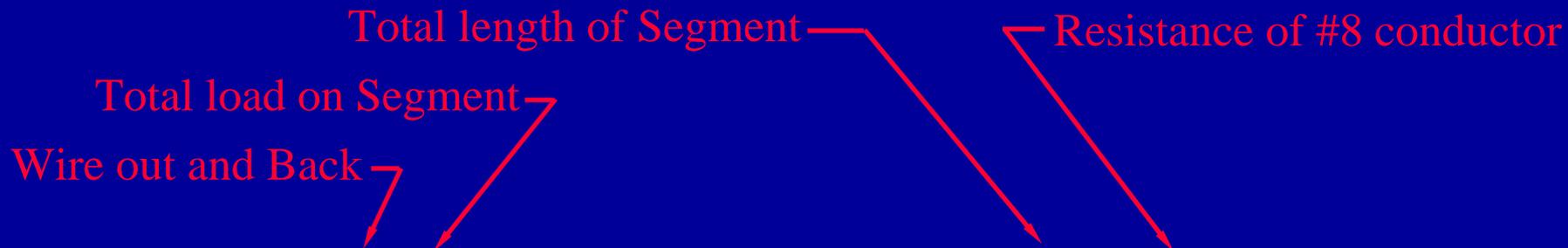
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

Voltage Drop for Circuit G - $V_d=2ALR$

Given: 480/120 volt – 7.5 kVA LBM Transformer.

Find Load: 7.5 kVA x 1000 = 7,500 watts

7,500watts / 480 volts = 15.6 Amps. Load = 15.6 Amps



Service to LBMTran= $2(15.6)(10(2cab)+50(5jb)+825=885)(0.000809)=22.338108$

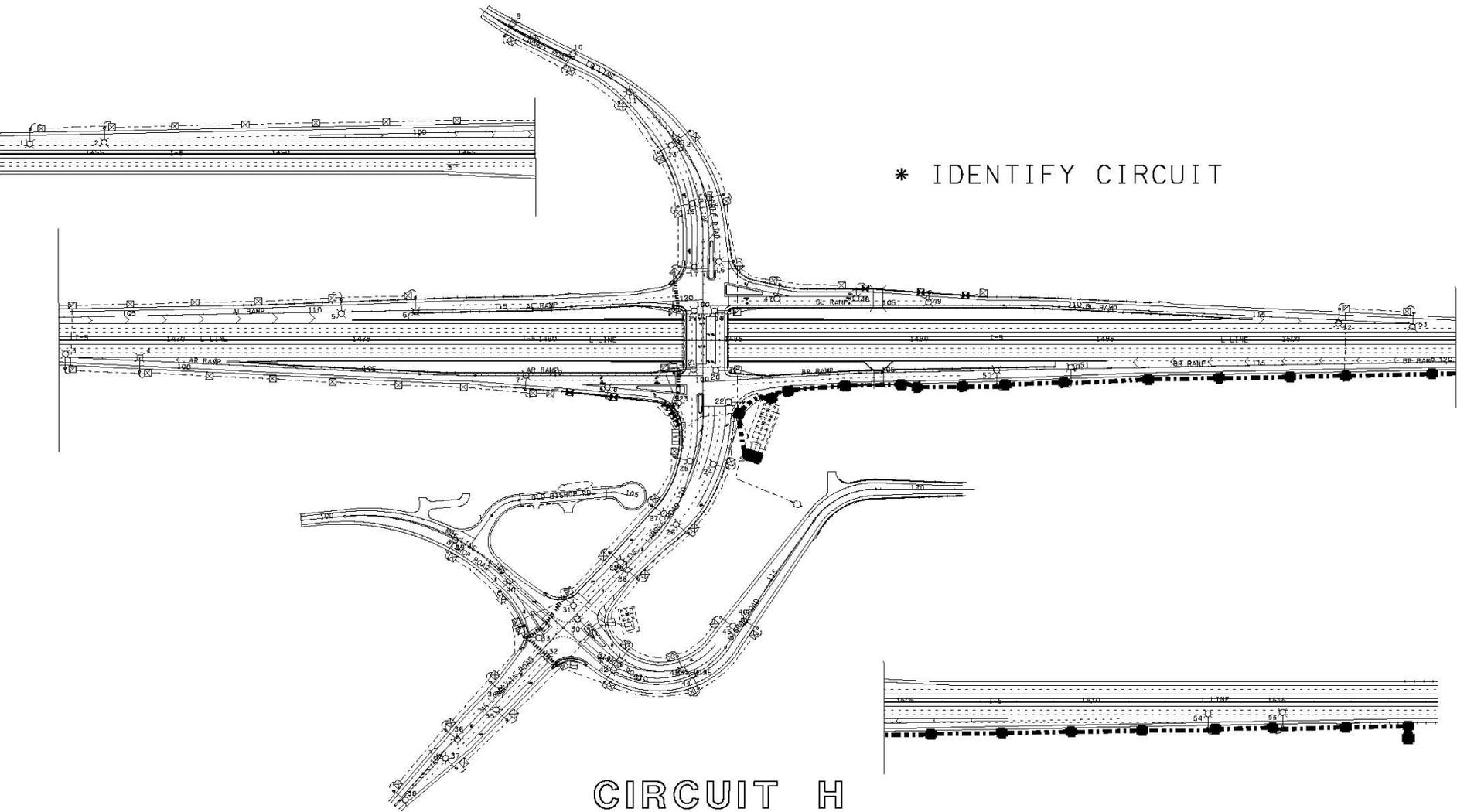
$22.338108/480=0.046538*100=4.7\% \quad V_d$

4.7% < 5% - #8 wire is acceptable.

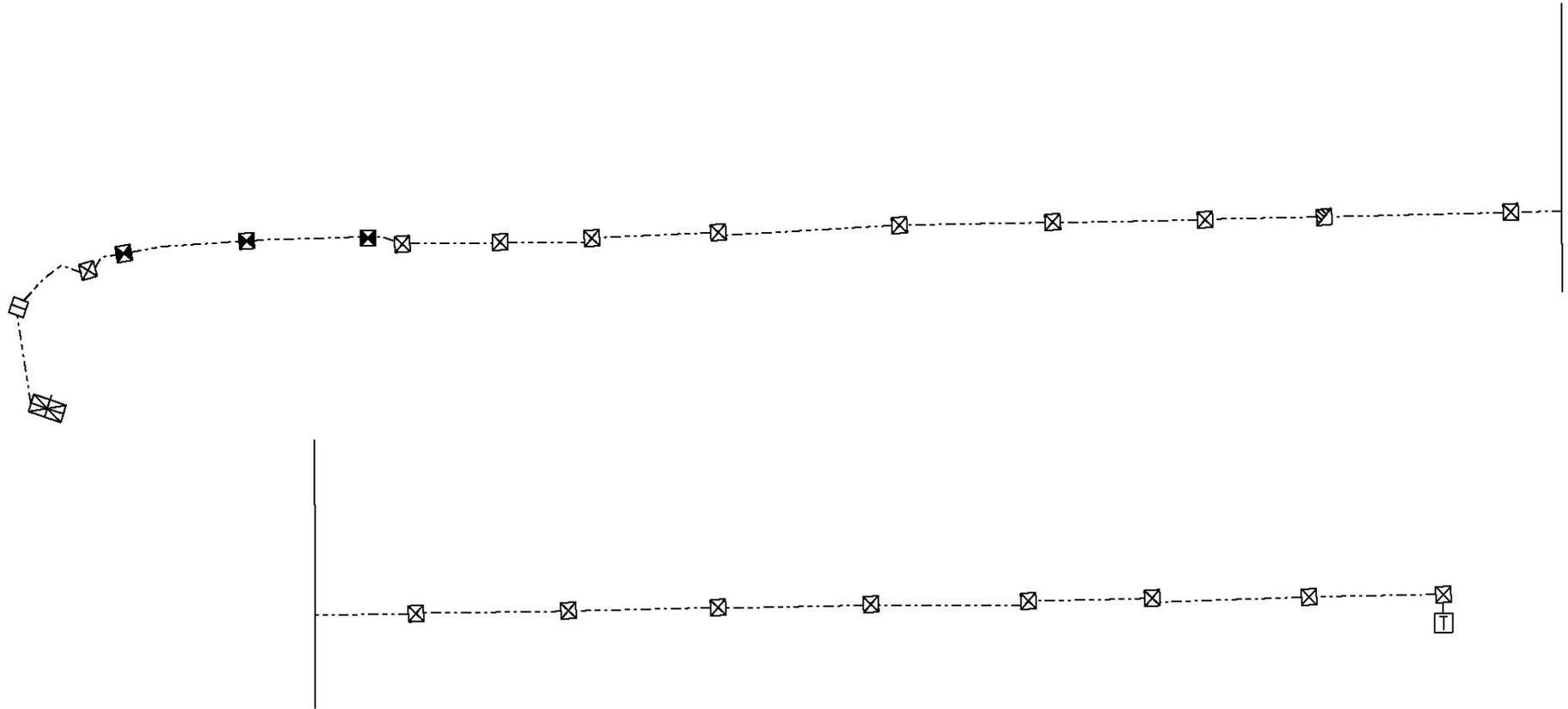
Note: This is a transformer that has GFCI's included in the loading calculations, so we used 5% V_d instead of 3% V_d .

* IDENTIFY CIRCUIT

CIRCUIT H

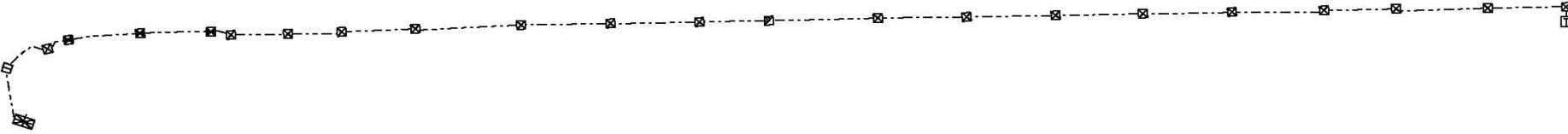


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CIRCUIT H
ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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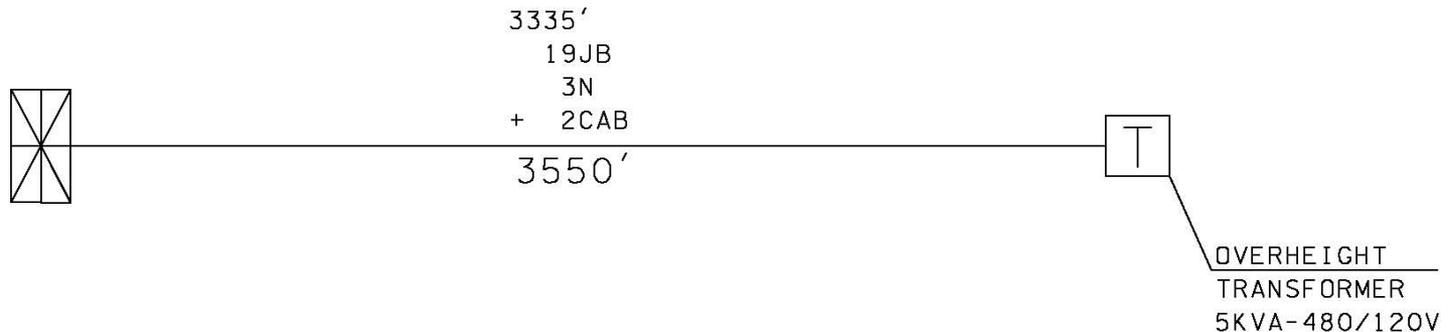
CIRCUIT H

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

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CIRCUIT H

ONE-LINE DIAGRAM

Voltage Drop for Circuit H - $V_d=2ALR$

Given: 480/120 volt - 5 kVA overheight vehicle detector transformer.

Find Load: 5 kVA x 1000 = 5,000 watts

5,000watts / 480 volts = 10.4 Amps. Load = 10.4 Amps



Service to OHVTran= $2(10.4)(10(2cab)+190(19jb)15(3n)+3335=3550)(0.000809)=59.736560$
 $59.736560/480=0.124451*100=12.4\%$ Vd

12.4% > 5% - #8 wire is not acceptable.

Service to OHVTran= $2(10.4)(10(2cab)+190(19jb)15(3n)+3335=3550)(0.000510)=37.658400$
 $37.658400/480=0.078455*100=7.8\%$ Vd

7.8% > 5% - #6 wire is not acceptable.

Service to OHVTran= $2(10.4)(10(2cab)+190(19jb)15(3n)+3335=3550)(0.000321)=23.702640$
 $23.702640/480=0.049380*100=4.9\%$ Vd

4.9% < 5% - #4 wire is acceptable.

Resistance of #6 conductor

Resistance of #4 conductor

Note: This is a transformer that has GFCI's included in the loading calculations, so we used 5% Vd instead of 3% Vd.

Signlighter & 480 Volt example

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400W-HPS LUMINAIRES

50' LUMINAIRES WITH 16' MAST ARMS

175W-MV SIGN LIGHTS

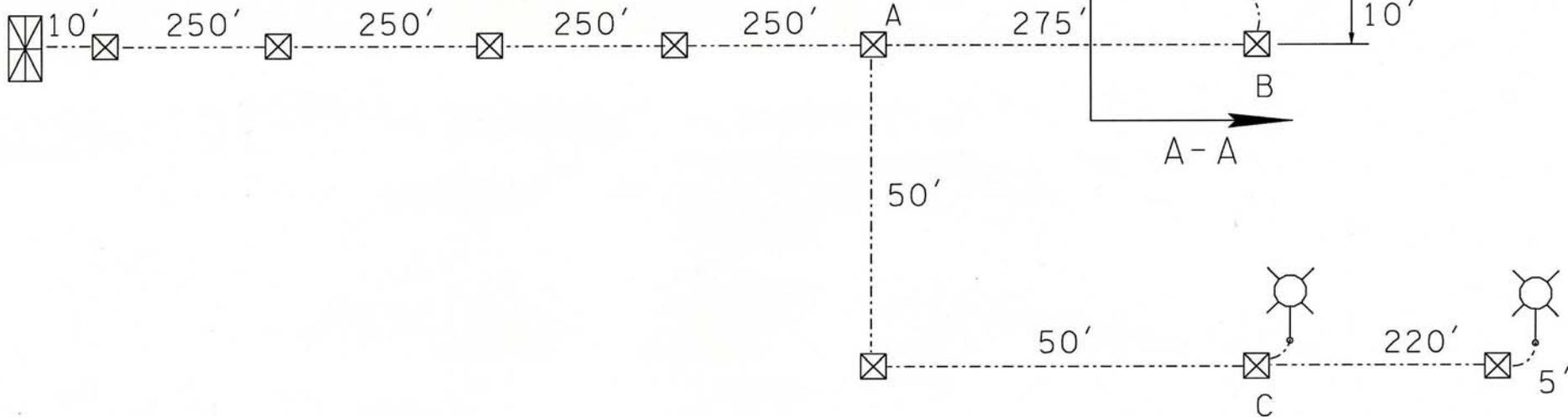
480V SERVICE

#8 WIRE FROM SERVICE TO HANDHOLES OF LUMINAIRES AND SIGN STRUCTURE

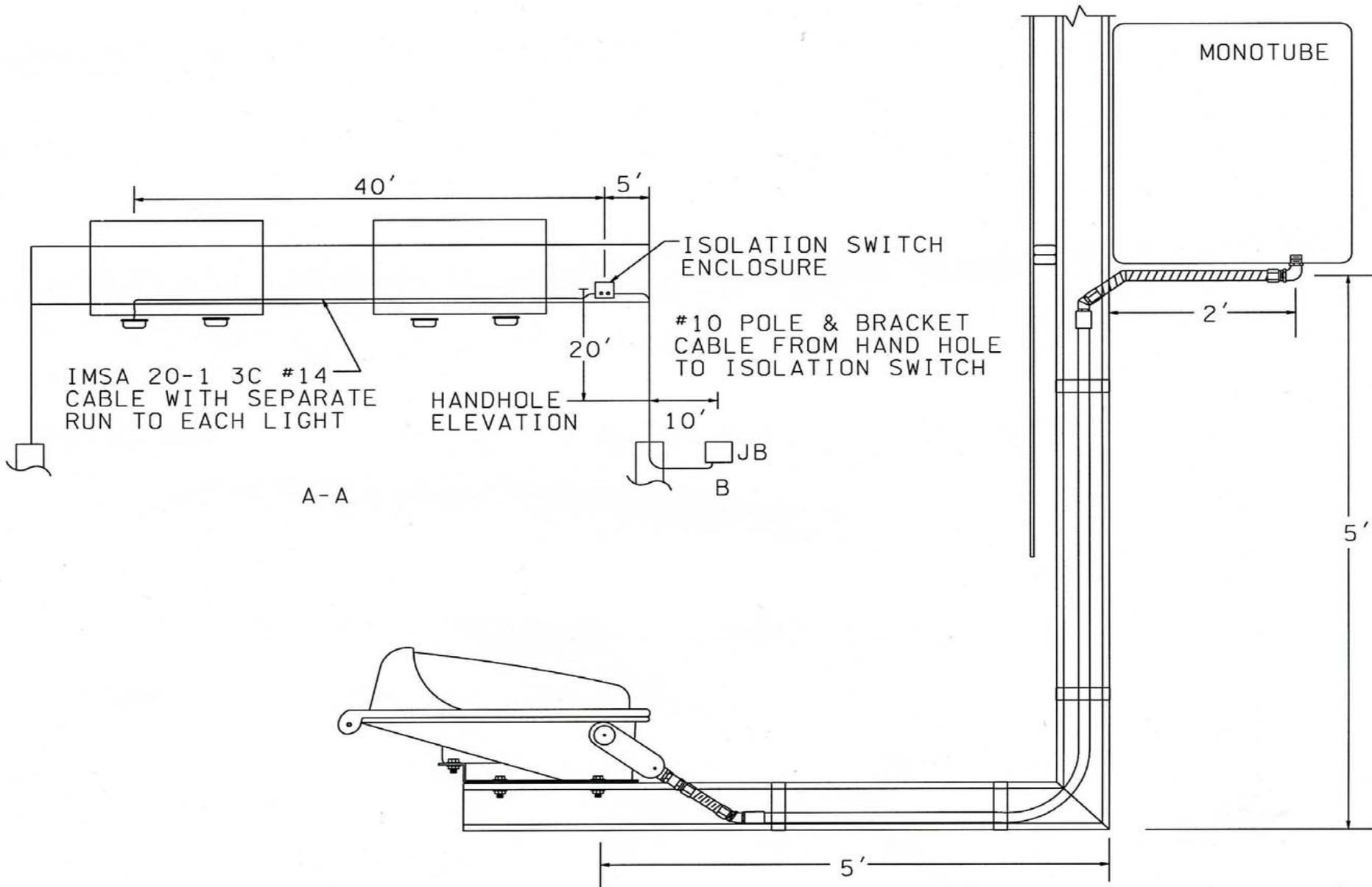
FIND:

WHAT IS THE LINE LOSS FOR BOTH BRANCH LEGS?

WHICH LEG IS THE MAJOR LEG?



Signlighter @ 480 Volt example – cont.



Sign lighter & 480 Volt example – cont.

Calculating loads for this circuit

- 400 watt HPS luminaire at 480 volts = 1.1 amps
- 175 watt MV luminaire at 480 volts = 0.5 amps
- Total load for circuit = 2 (1.1) + 4 (0.5)
- Total Load = 4.2 amps

Voltage Drop for 2 Luminaire Circuit

$$V_d = 2ALR$$

Wire out and Back

Resistance of #8 conductor

Total load on Segment

Total length of Segment

Service to A = (1060)

$2(4.2)(5+10+10+250+10+250+10+250+10+250+5)(0.000809)$	=7.203336
A to C = $2(2.2)(5+50+10+50+5=120)(0.000809)$	=0.427152
C to hand hole = $2(1.1)(5+220+10+5+5=245)(0.000809)$	=0.436051
Hand hole to light = $2(1.1)(62)(0.001290)$	<u>=0.175956</u>
	8.242495

$$8.242495/480 = 0.017172 * 100 = 1.7\% \quad V_d$$

1.7% < 5% - #8 wire is acceptable

Resistance of #10 conductor

Voltage Drop for 4 Sign Light Circuit

Service to A= (1060)

Resistance of #8 conductor

Resistance of #10 conductor

$2(4.2)(5+10+10+250+10+250+10+250+10+250+5)(0.000809)$	=7.203336
A to B = $2(2)(5+275+5=285)(0.000809)$	=0.922260
B to hand hole = $2(2)(5+10+5=20)(0.000809)$	=0.064720
Hand hole to ISO box = $2(2)(20+5+2=27)(0.001290)$	=0.139320
ISO box to out signlight = $2(0.5)(2+40+2+5+5+2=56)(0.003261)$	= <u>0.182616</u>
	8.512252

$$8.512252/480=0.017734*100=1.8\% \quad V_d$$

1.8% < 5% - #8 wire is acceptable

Resistance of #14
IMSA conductor

Sign lighter & 480 Volt example – cont.

- The leg supplying the sign lights has a voltage drop of 1.8%.
- The leg supplying the luminaires has a voltage drop of 1.7%.
- The major leg is the one supplying the sign lights.

When laying out wire, keep this in mind:

- **Keep all conductors from any one service in the junction boxes for that service. Do not ever combine conductors from one service with conductors from another service. Do not share conduit or junction boxes between services.**
- **Run 2 wires in the conduit when you are going cabinet to cabinet.**

(There is always a third wire running in all conduits – the equipment grounding conductor. This wire is minimum size #8 AWG, sized per NEC Article 250 - 122 – table 250.122)

- **The quick disconnects for the luminaire poles can only handle a #4, #6 or #8 conductor, so make sure you bring one of these sizes into the luminaire from the nearest junction box, and nothing larger.**
- **The splice kits for Wye splices or inline splices can only handle up to a #2 without going to a special, more expensive splice kit.**
- **The smallest size conductor we are allowed to use on an illumination circuit is a #8 (in the conduit) , except for the pole & bracket cable which is a #10 or the #14 3C IMSA cable from the isolation switch to the sign light luminaire. The largest you want to use is a #2 for ease of installation.**
- **As you move out from the service to the load end of the circuit, the size of the conductors should get smaller as you go. Do not go from a smaller conductor to a larger conductor.**

**Any
Questions?**