

# NON - POWER - LIMITED FIRE ALARM CIRCUITS (NPLFA)

INDUSTRY REFERENCE SKETCHES 1/10 THRU 10/10

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### **SKETCH #1**

Sketch #1 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch.

- a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?
- b- For a 30A Fire Alarm Service Switch may the Grounding Electrode Conductor be sized for 30A and a # 10 awg wire be used?

### **SKETCH #2**

Sketch #2 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch and a Multi-Story Fire Alarm Power Riser

- a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

### **SKETCH #3**

Sketch #3 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch at 265/460v and a step down transformer indicating the bonding of the neutral at the transformer.

- a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

### **SKETCH #4**

Sketch #4 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch at 265/460v and a step down transformer indicating the bonding of the neutral at the Fire Alarm disconnect on the load side of the transformer.

- a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

### **SKETCH #5**

Sketch #5 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch and a dedicated 3-Pole Automatic Transfer Switch.

- a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

**SKETCH #6**

Sketch #6 depicts a service arrangement for a Fire Alarm Service Switch and a dedicated 4-Pole Automatic Transfer Switch.

a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

**SKETCH #7**

Sketch #7 depicts a service arrangement for a Dedicated Fire Alarm ATS in a building with Multiple Emergency Generators.

a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

**SKETCH #8**

Sketch #8 depicts a service arrangement for a Dedicated Fire Alarm ATS in a building with Multiple Emergency Generators.

a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

**SKETCH #9**

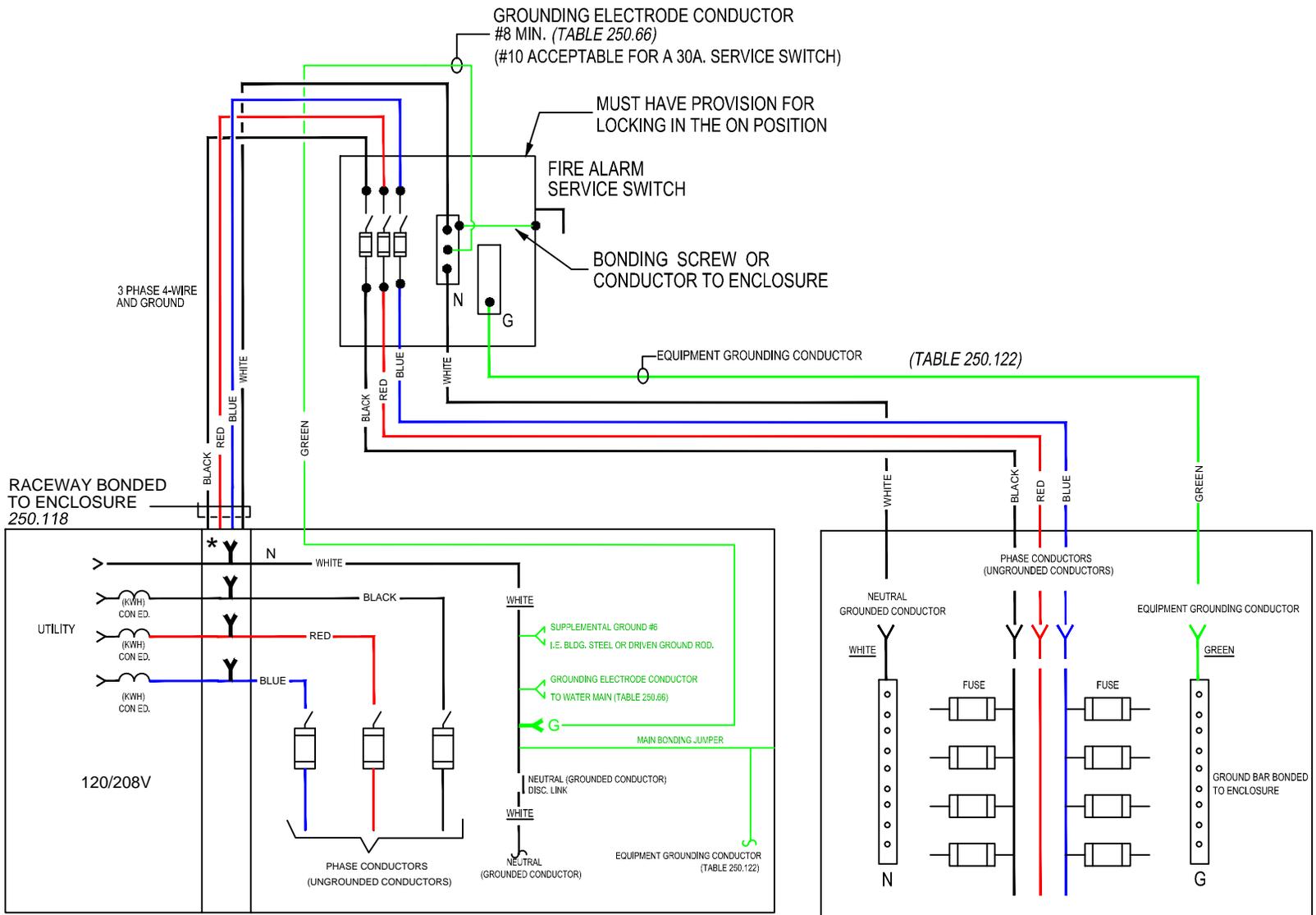
Sketch #9 depicts a service arrangement for a Dedicated Fire Alarm ATS in a building with Multiple Emergency Generators and a Paralleling Switchboard.

a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?

**SKETCH #10**

Sketch #10 depicts a service arrangement for a Sub-System Fire Alarm Fused Cut-Out.

a- Is this an acceptable wiring arrangement?



\* FIRE ALARM TAP LOCATED AFTER THE CON EDISON C.T.S. AND AHEAD OF THE SERVICE SWITCH.

- G- SERVICE SWITCHES PERMITTED PER CON EDISON SERVICE
- FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH DOES NOT REQUIRE ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL (110.2 B EXCEPTION #1) ONLY IF FIRE ALARM WORK IS BEING DONE.
- FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH IS NOT CONSIDERED ONE OF THE 6 PERMITTED SERVICE SWITCHES.

CT CABINET

SERVICE SWITCH - FIRE ALARM TAP

TYPICAL FIRE ALARM FUSED CUT-OUT PANEL 120/208V.

120/208V

- SERVICE SWITCH MUST BE RATED FOR AVAILABLE FAULT CURRENT AT SERVICE POINT.
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOXES MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.
- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC, OR MI CABLE. (760.46)
- RMC MAY BE RGS OR ALUMINUM

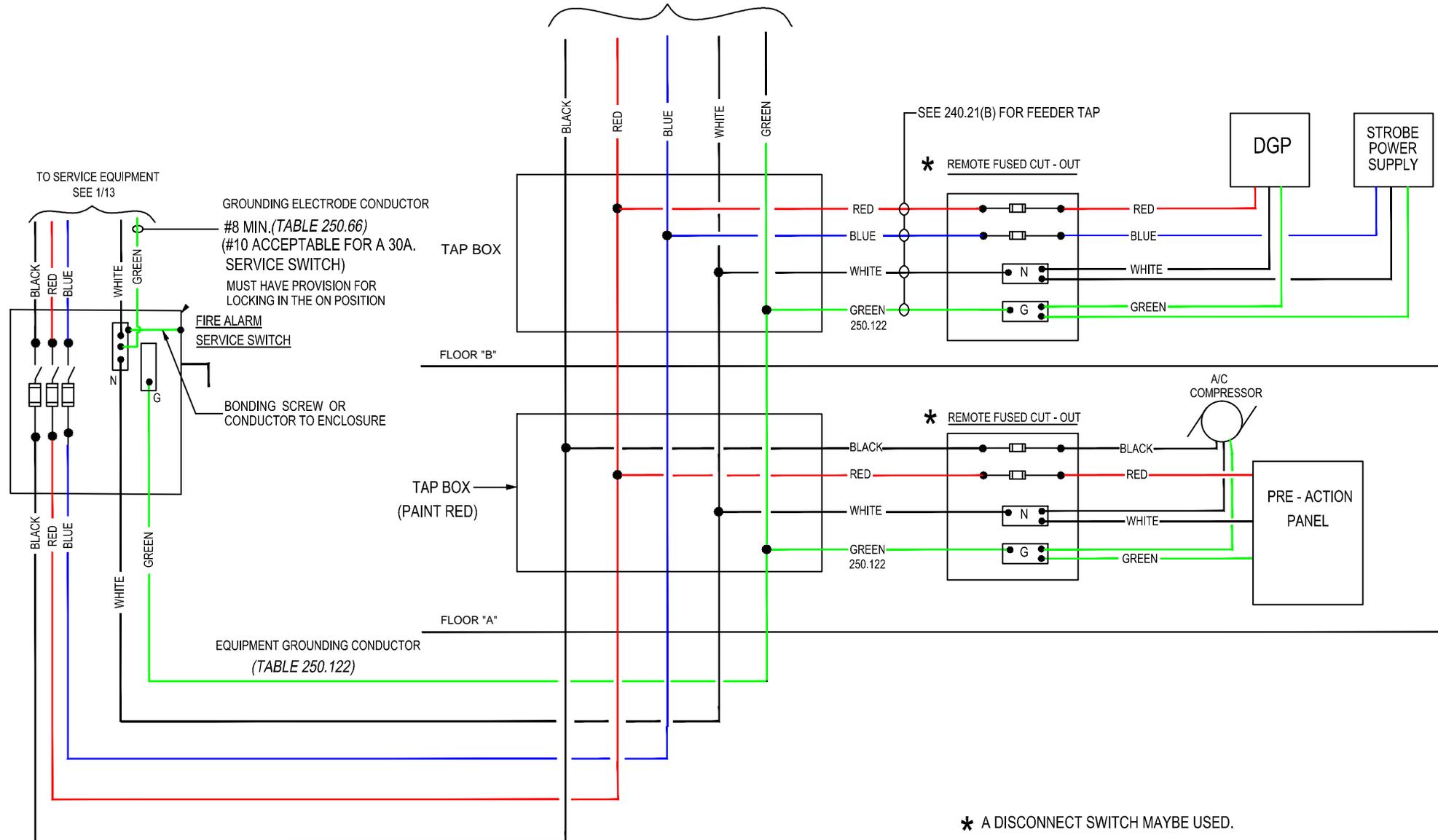
TYPICAL FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH 120/208

● G ● GROUND BAR (TYPICAL) BONDED TO ENCLOSURE

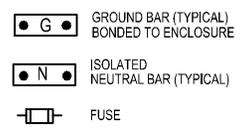
● N ● ISOLATED NEUTRAL BAR (TYPICAL)

— FUSE

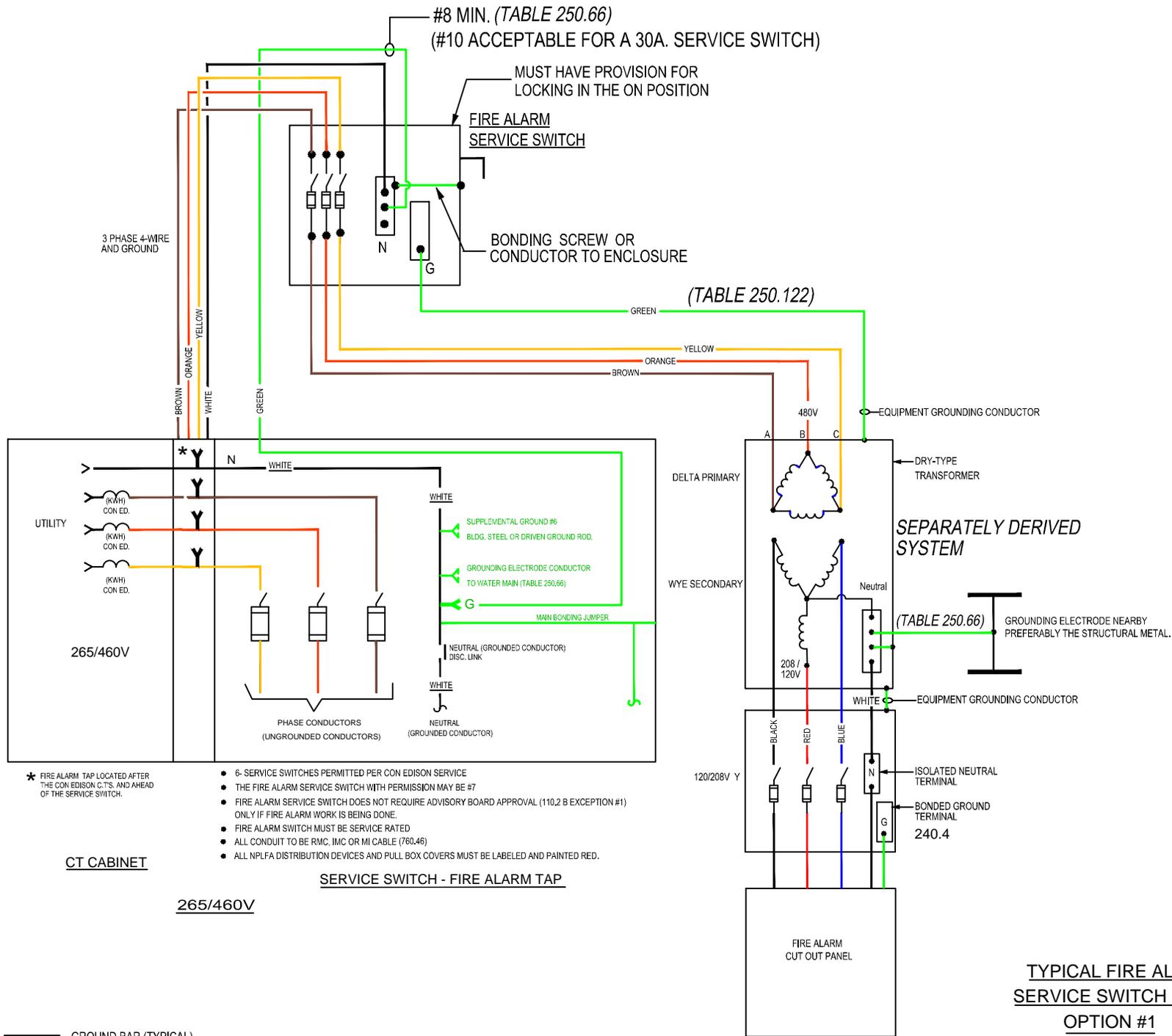
FIRE ALARM POWER RISER



- FUSE SIZE IN FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH AND REMOTE FIRE ALARM CUT-OUTS MUST COORDINATE.
- RISER CONDUCTORS MUST BE CONTINUOUS OR SPLICED AT A LISTED TERMINAL DEVICE
- A LISTED DEVICE MUST BE USED FOR TAPPING FEEDER CONDUCTOTRS.
- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC, OR MI CABLE. (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.



MULTI-STORY FIRE ALARM POWER RISER



● G ● GROUND BAR (TYPICAL)  
BONDED TO ENCLOSURE

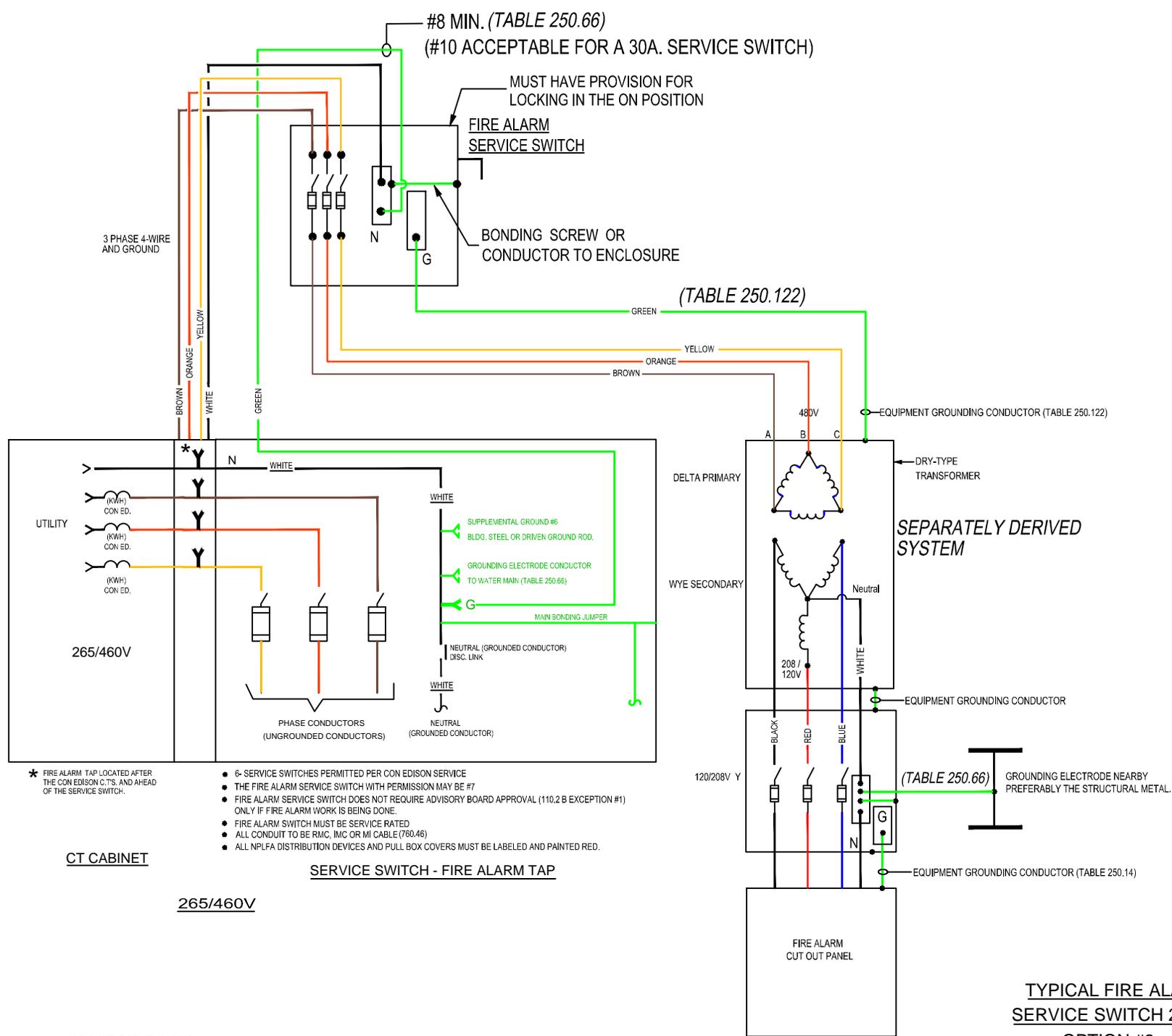
● N ● ISOLATED NEUTRAL BAR (TYPICAL)

—|— FUSE

" GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONNECTION AT TRANSFORMER "

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\* FIRE ALARM TAP LOCATED AFTER THE CON EDISON C.T'S. AND AHEAD OF THE SERVICE SWITCH.

- 6- SERVICE SWITCHES PERMITTED PER CON EDISON SERVICE
- THE FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH WITH PERMISSION MAY BE #7
- FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH DOES NOT REQUIRE ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL (110.2 B EXCEPTION #1) ONLY IF FIRE ALARM WORK IS BEING DONE.
- FIRE ALARM SWITCH MUST BE SERVICE RATED
- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.

CT CABINET

SERVICE SWITCH - FIRE ALARM TAP

265/460V

● G ● GROUND BAR (TYPICAL) BONDED TO ENCLOSURE

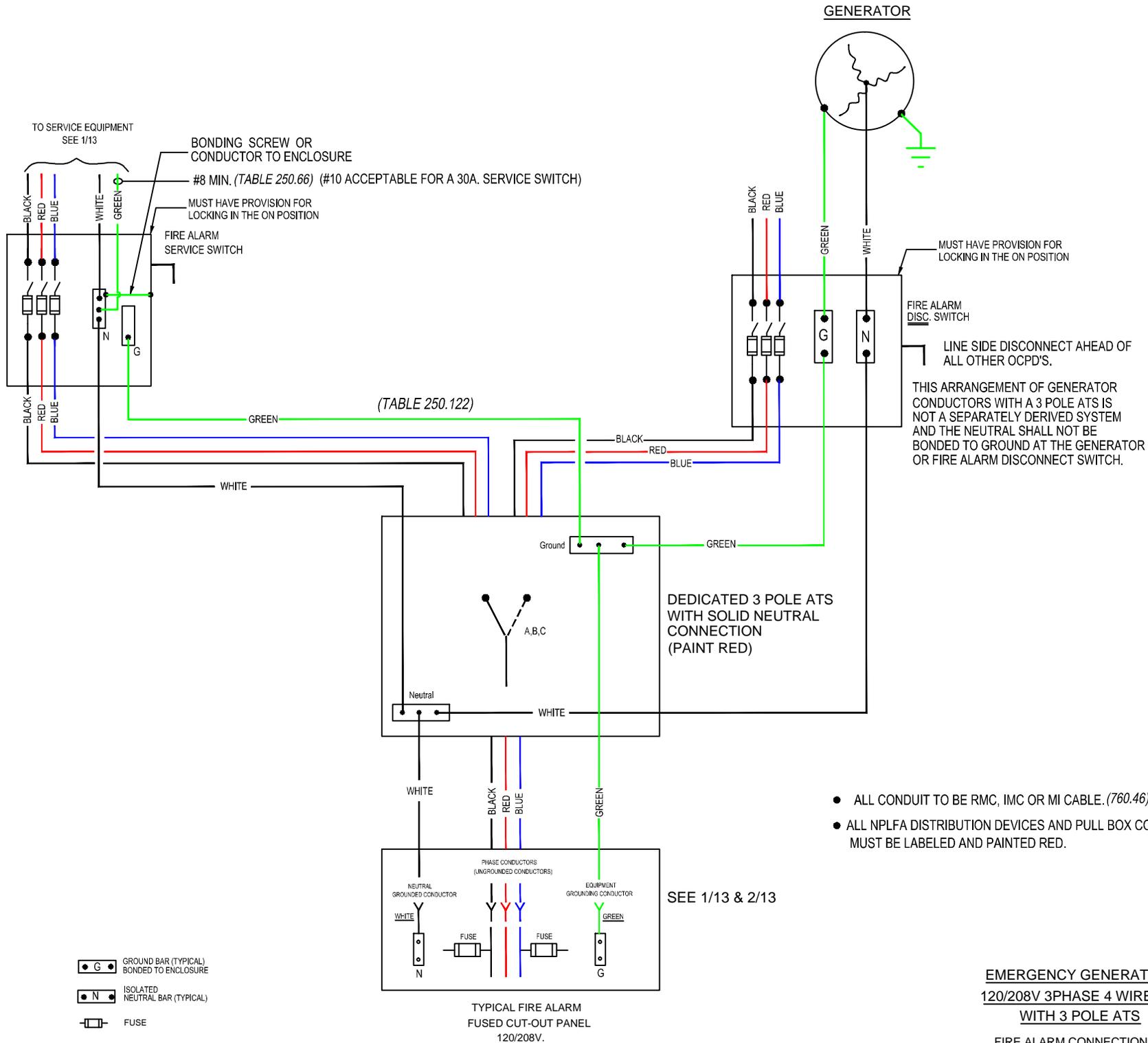
● N ● ISOLATED NEUTRAL BAR (TYPICAL)

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TYPICAL FIRE ALARM SERVICE SWITCH 265/460V OPTION #2

" GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONNECTION AT THE FIRST DISCONNECTING MEANS"

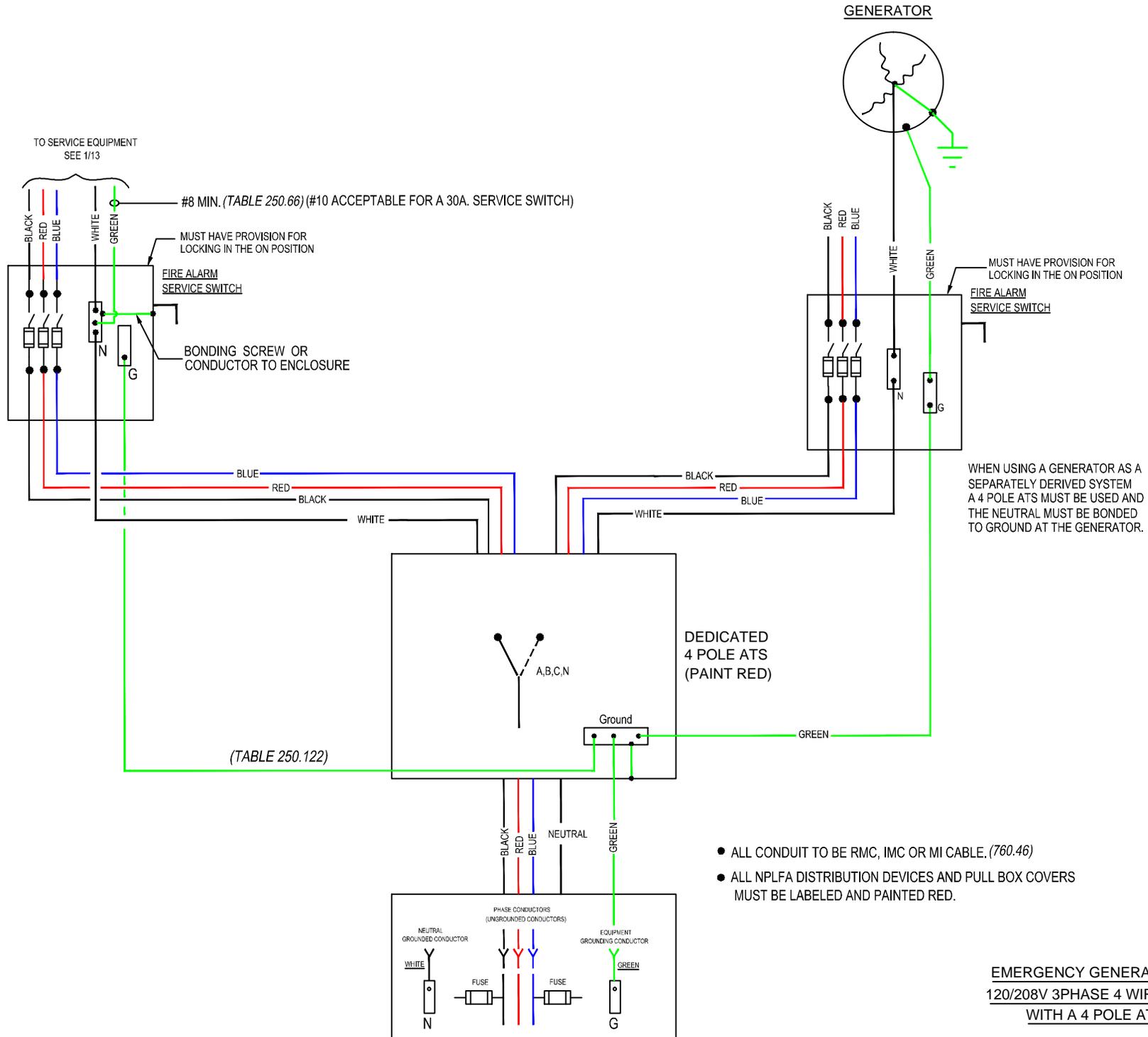
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- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE. (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.

**EMERGENCY GENERATOR**  
**120/208V 3PHASE 4 WIRE SYSTEM**  
**WITH 3 POLE ATS**

**FIRE ALARM CONNECTIONS**



**GENERATOR**

TO SERVICE EQUIPMENT  
SEE 1/13

#8 MIN. (TABLE 250.66) (#10 ACCEPTABLE FOR A 30A. SERVICE SWITCH)

MUST HAVE PROVISION FOR  
LOCKING IN THE ON POSITION

FIRE ALARM  
SERVICE SWITCH

BONDING SCREW OR  
CONDUCTOR TO ENCLOSURE

BLUE  
RED  
BLACK  
WHITE

DEDICATED  
4 POLE ATS  
(PAINT RED)

(TABLE 250.122)

A,B,C,N

Ground

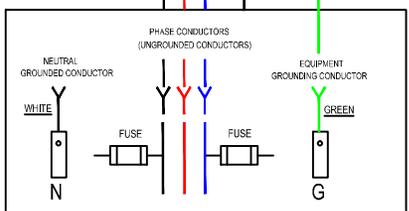
GREEN

MUST HAVE PROVISION FOR  
LOCKING IN THE ON POSITION

FIRE ALARM  
SERVICE SWITCH

WHEN USING A GENERATOR AS A  
SEPARATELY DERIVED SYSTEM  
A 4 POLE ATS MUST BE USED AND  
THE NEUTRAL MUST BE BONDED  
TO GROUND AT THE GENERATOR.

- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE. (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.



TYPICAL FIRE ALARM  
FUSED CUT-OUT PANEL  
120/208V.

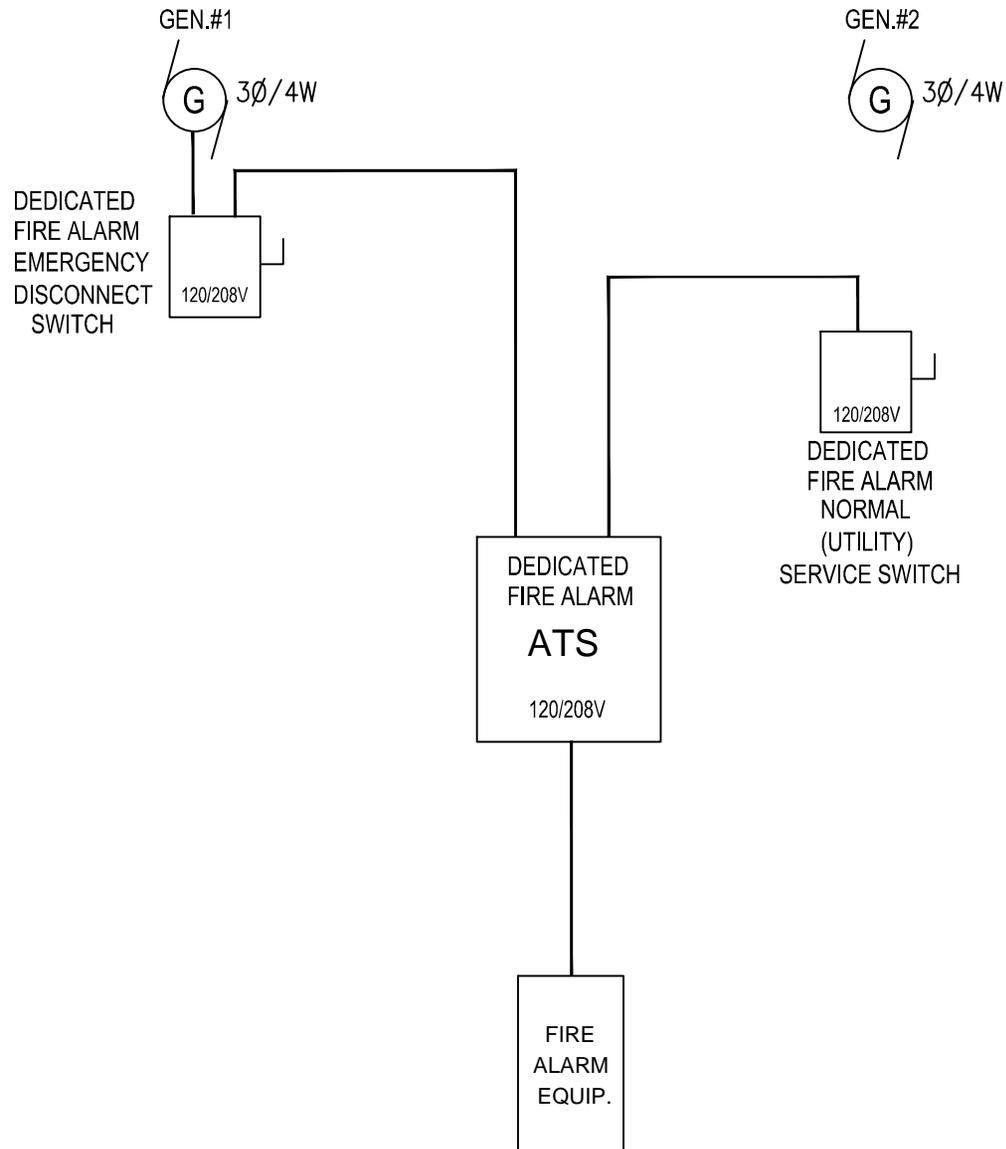
- G • GROUND BAR (TYPICAL) BONDED TO ENCLOSURE
- N • ISOLATED NEUTRAL BAR (TYPICAL)
- |\_|- FUSE

**EMERGENCY GENERATOR  
120/208V 3PHASE 4 WIRE SYSTEM  
WITH A 4 POLE ATS**

**FIRE ALARM CONNECTIONS**

# MULTIPLE EMERGENCY GENERATORS

## NON - PARALLELED

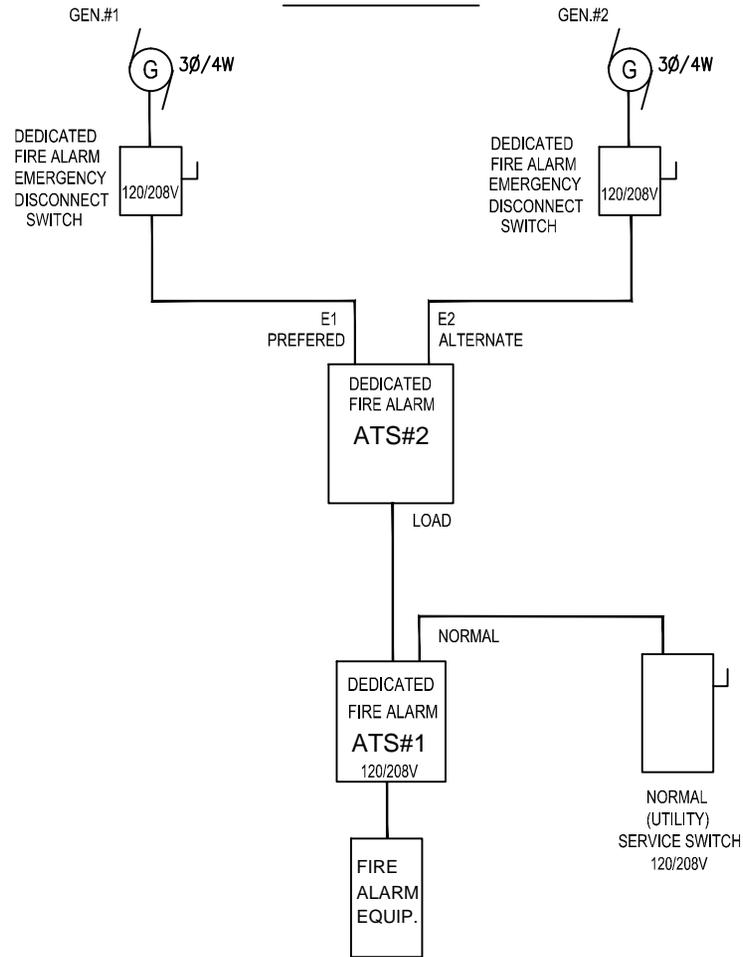


- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.

FIRE ALARM EMERGENCY CONNECTIONS  
TWO OR MORE NON - PARALLELED GENERATING  
SOURCES WITH A FIRE ALARM CONNECTION  
TO A SINGLE GENERATOR SOURCE.

# MULTIPLE EMERGENCY GENERATORS

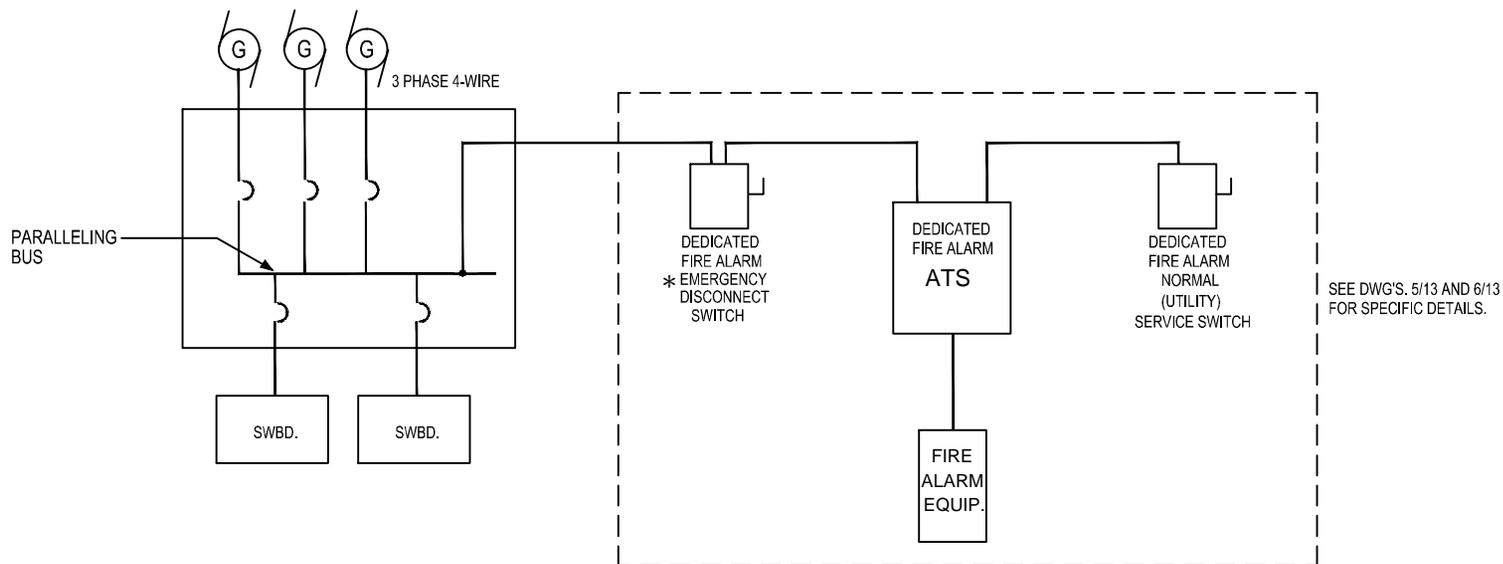
## NON - PARALLELED



- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE (760.46)
- ATS#1 SHALL HAVE PROVISION FOR STARTING BOTH EMERGENCY GENERATORS ON LOSS OF POWER.
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.

FIRE ALARM EMERGENCY OPTIONAL CONNECTIONS  
TWO OR MORE NON - PARALLELED GENERATING  
SOURCES WITH A FIRE ALARM CONNECTION  
TO TWO GENERATOR SOURCES.

## MULTIPLE EMERGENCY GENERATORS WITH PARALLELING SWITCHGEAR



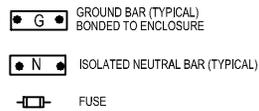
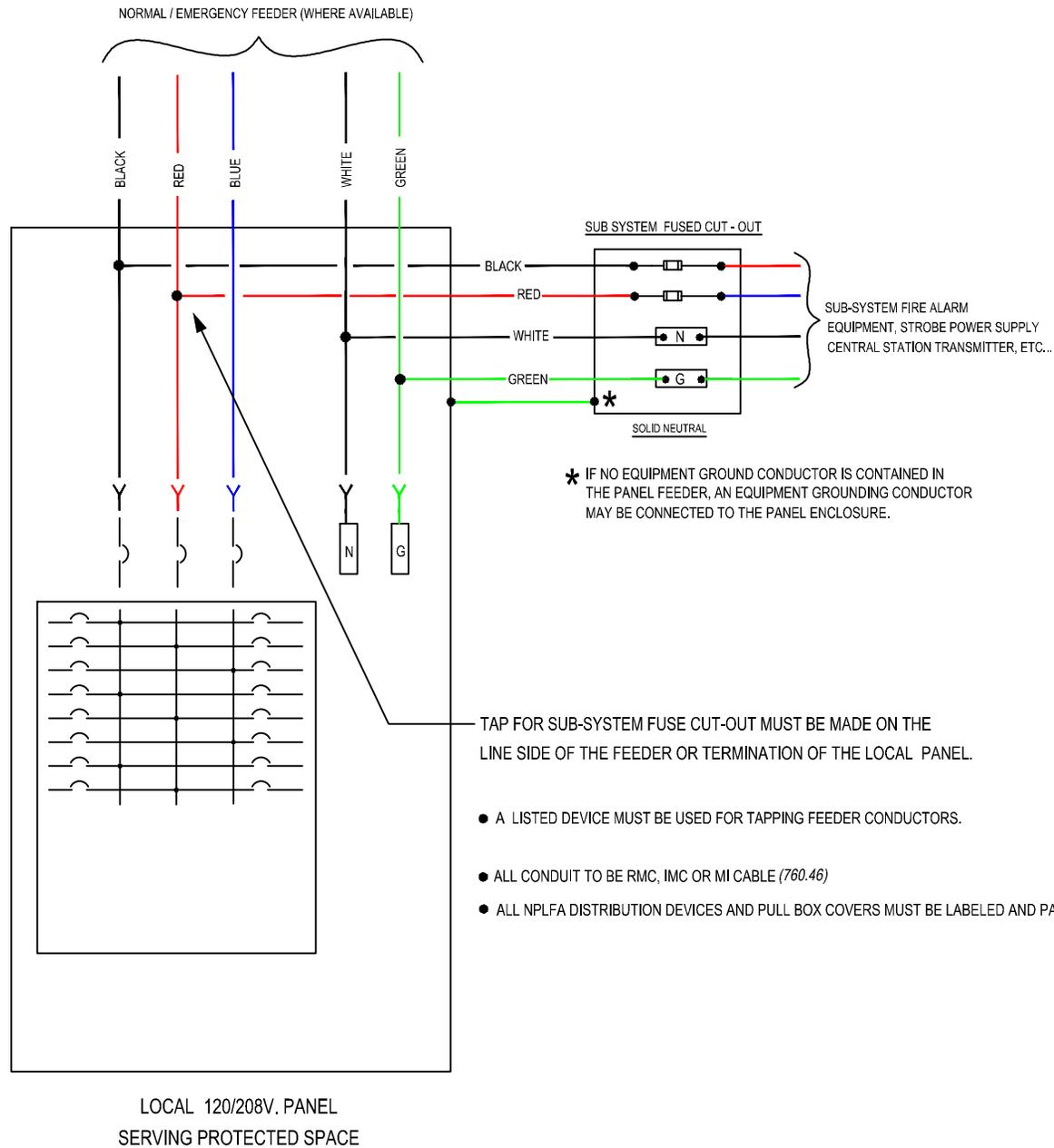
\* DOES NOT REQUIRE A SERVICE SWITCH CONFIGURATION.

- ALL CONDUIT TO BE RMC, IMC OR MI CABLE (760.46)
- ALL NPLFA DISTRIBUTION DEVICES AND PULL BOX COVERS MUST BE LABELED AND PAINTED RED.

FIRE ALARM EMERGENCY CONNECTIONS  
TO A PARALLELED GENERATOR SOURCE.

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## BUILDING SUB-SYSTEM FIRE ALARM FUSED CUT-OUT