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Chapter 4: Electrical Infrastructure

- Onshore Electrical Transmission
 - Transmission Line (> 200 kV)
 - Power Line (50 kV to 200 kV)
 - Distribution (<50 kV) extends to the end users of electricity</p>
- Offshore Electrical Transmission
 - Offshore Electrical Cables (132 kV up to 420 kV); designed to resist saltwater corrosion & mechanical stresses
 - Generation capacity of wave & tidal is small, so distribution scale



Chapter 4: Electrical Infrastructure

- Wave & Tidal Energy: Required Electrical Infrastructure
 - Offshore WECs located as far as 20 km from shore
 - Onshore WECs located in shallow water at the shoreline
 - Subsea cables bring power to shore & connect to electric utility substation
 - Existing or Planned Worldwide: 1 kV to 13 kV
 - WEC combined with offshore uses no subsea cabling
 - WEC combined with offshore wind



Chapter 4: Electrical Infrastructure

- PacWave South test site
- Five 30 kV to shore electrical cables



