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1. During 1951 and 1952 VEB Transformatorenwerk Oberschoeneweide (TRO) in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, delivered six regulating transformers of 100 MVA and 220 kV to the USSR. Within the next two years, however, they were returned from the USSR to TRO because they had become unserviceable after relatively short times of operation. Before the transformers were delivered to the USSR, they had been tested with 180 percent test voltage.

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2. In 1952 TRO obtained another Soviet order for the delivery of two regulating transformers of 125 MVA and 220 kV. The order specified that these transformers were to be tested with 400 to 440 kV. One of these transformers was to be exhibited at the 1953 Leipzig fall fair, but this plan was abandoned when it turned out that the transformer did not pass the tests in the TRO test stands. From late 1953 on, TRO attempted to improve the two transformers scheduled for shipment to USSR. In mid-May 1955, the transformers were subjected to insulation tests with the test voltage mentioned. It turned out that neither transformer was able to operate under the specified conditions.

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