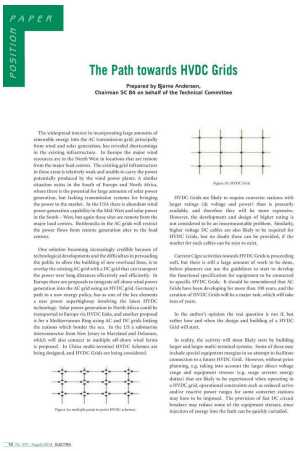
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The widespread interest in incorporating large amounts of renewable energy into the AC transmission grid, principally from wind and solar generation, has revealed shortcomings in the existing infrastructure. In Europe the major wind resources are in the North West in locations that are remote from the major load centres. The existing grid infrastructure in these areas is relatively weak and unable to carry the power potentially produced by the wind power plants.

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