Smart Inverters

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What are Smart Inverters

 A more sophisticated version of a standard inverter that utilize power electronics for autonomous decision making

Benefits of Smart Inverters

- Potentially allow for increased interconnection capacity
- May reduce mitigation costs
- Will play an important role in grid support with ride-through capability / aiding in voltage stability
- Will play an important role in distribution management system (DMS)

Complications Due to Smart Inverters

Dynamic system impact studies required when sites have different settings



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Bulk Power System Settings					
Setting	Selection				
Category	Cat III				
Voltage Disturbance - OV2	1.20 pu / 0.16 sec				
Voltage Disturbance - OV1	1.10 pu /2.0 sec				
Voltage Disturbance - UV2	0.5 pu / 1.1 sec				
Voltage Disturbance - UV1	0.88 pu / 3.0 sec				
Frequency Disturbance – OF2	62.0 Hz / 0.16 sec				
Frequency Disturbance – OF1	61.2 Hz / 300.0 sec				
Frequency Disturbance – UF2	56.5 Hz / 0.16 sec				
Frequency Disturbance – UF1	58.5 Hz / 300.0 sec				
Frequency Droop	IEEE 1547-2018 Default				
Enter Service Criteria – Frequency Minimum	≥ 59.5 Hz				
Enter Service Criteria – Frequency Maximum	IEEE 1547-2018 Default ≤ 60.1 H				
Enter Service Criteria – Voltage Minimum	IEEE 1547-2018 Default	≥ 0.917 p.u.			
Enter Service Criteria – Voltage Maximum	≤ 1.05 pu				
Enter Service Performance – Delay Before Export	300.0 sec				
Enter Service Performance – Ramp Time	300.0 sec				
Enter Service Ramp Characteristics	Linear				
Enter Service Exceptions	Require default linear ramp for system	is >50 kVA			
Voltage Support Functions					
Category	В				
Preferred Reactive Power Function	Volt-Var				
Modify Volt-Var Curve from Defaults	Yes				
Enable Volt-Watt	No				
Modify Volt-Watt Curve from Default	Yes				

Previous Voltage & Frequency	System Settings Requirements
Setting	Selection
Category	Cat III
Voltage Disturbance - OV2	1.20 pu / 0.16 s
Voltage Disturbance - OV1	1.10 pu / 1.0 s
Voltage Disturbance - UV2	0.45 pu / 0.16 s
Voltage Disturbance - UV1	0.88 pu / 2.0 s
Frequency Disturbance – OF2	61.8 Hz / 0.16 s
Frequency Disturbance – OF1	61 Hz / 180.0 s
Frequency Disturbance – UF2	57 Hz / 0.16 s
Frequency Disturbance – UF1	59 Hz / 300.0 s

- Smart inverters (UL-1741 SB) required as of January 1st
- Settings modifications made to voltage and frequency deviations / ride-through
- Volt-var will be the primary voltage support function
- Settings will be verified using .csv file type



Common File Format for Inverter Setting Verification

A	В	A	В		A	В
1 PARAMETER	VALUE	31 ES_RAMP_RATE-SS	300	61	QP_CURVE_Q2_LOAD-SS	
2 MT_FILE_INFO_TYPE	SS	32 CONST_PF_MODE_ENABLE-SS	DISABLED	62	QP_CURVE_Q3_LOAD-SS	
3 MT_UTILITY_NAME	Central Hudson	33 CONST_PF_EXCITATION-SS		63	PV_MODE_ENABLE-SS	DISABLED
4 MT_COUNTRY	United States of America	34 CONST_PF-SS		64	PV_CURVE_V1-SS	1.07
5 MT_STATE	New York	35 CONST_Q_MODE_ENABLE-SS	DISABLED	65	PV CURVE P1-SS	1
6 MT_DATE_OF_APPLICABILITY	1/1/2023	36 CONST_Q-SS		66	PV CURVE V2-SS	1.1
7 MT_DER_SITE_NAME-APP		37 QV_MODE_ENABLE-SS	ENABLED	67	PV_CURVE_P2-SS	
8 MT_DER_OWNER_NAME-APP		38 QV VREF-SS	1	68	PV OLRT-SS	10
9 MT_POWER_CONVERSION_DEV	INVERTER	39 QV VREF AUTO MODE-SS	DISABLED	69	OV2 TRIP V-SS	1.2
10 MT_NP_NORMAL_OP_CAT-APP	CAT_B	40 QV VREF TIME-SS		70	OV2 TRIP T-SS	0.16
11 MT_NP_ABNORMAL_OP_CAT-APP	CAT_III	41 QV CURVE V2-SS	0.97	71	OV1 TRIP V-SS	1.1
12 MT_NP_P_MAX-MIN-APP	50	42 QV CURVE Q2-SS	0	72	OV1 TRIP T-SS	2
13 MT_NP_P_MAX-MAX-APP		43 QV CURVE V3-SS	1.03	73	UV1 TRIP V-SS	0.88
14 MT_NP_AC_V_NOM-APP		44 QV CURVE Q3-SS	0	74	UV1 TRIP T-SS	3
15 MT_CIRCUIT_TOPOLOGY		45 QV CURVE V1-SS	0.93	75	UV2 TRIP V-SS	0.5
16 MT_SERVICE_TYPE		46 QV CURVE Q1-SS	0.44	76	UV2 TRIP T-SS	1.1
17 MT_PRIMARY_POWER_SOURCE		47 QV CURVE V4-SS	1.07	77	OF2 TRIP F-SS	62
18 MI_APPLICATION_PURPOSE		48 QV CURVE Q4-SS	-0.44	78	OF2_TRIP_T-SS	0.16
19 MI_PRIMARY_MOVER	-	49 QV OLRT-SS	5	79	OF1_TRIP_F-SS	61.2
20 MI_VARIABLE_GENERATION_TYP		50 QP MODE ENABLE-SS	DISABLED	80	OF1_TRIP_T-SS	300
21 COMMENT	For PV DER, PV_CURVE_P2 should be the lesser value of 0.2 of Prated or Pmin	51 QP_CURVE_P3_GEN-SS		81	UF1_TRIP_F-SS	58.5
22 AP LIMIT ENABLE-SS	lesser value of 0.2 of fraced of finiti	52 QP_CURVE_P2_GEN-SS		82	UF1 TRIP T-SS	300
23 AP LIMIT-SS		53 QP_CURVE_P1_GEN-SS		83	UF2_TRIP_F-SS	56.5
24 ES PERMIT SERVICE-SS	ENABLED	54 QP_CURVE_P1_LOAD-SS		84	UF2 TRIP T-SS	0.16
25 ES V LOW-SS	0.917	55 QP_CURVE_P2_LOAD-SS		85	PF_DBOF-SS	0.036
26 ES V HIGH-SS	1.05	56 QP_CURVE_P3_LOAD-SS		86	PF_DBUF-SS	0.036
27 ES F LOW-SS	59.5	57 QP_CURVE_Q3_GEN-SS		87	PF_KOF-SS	0.05
28 ES F HIGH-SS	60.1	58 QP_CURVE_Q2_GEN-SS		88	PF_KUF-SS	0.05
29 ES DELAY-SS	300	59 QP_CURVE_Q1_GEN-SS		89	PF OLRT-SS	5
30 ES RANDOMIZED DELAY-SS	0	60 QP_CURVE_Q1_LOAD-SS		90		



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Volt-VAr Settings			
Parameter	Set Point		
Vref ¹	Vn²		
V1	0.93 pu		
Q1	44%, injection		
V2	0.97 pu		
Q2	0 pu		
V3	1.03 pu		
Q3	0 pu		
V4	1.07 pu		
Q4	44%, absorption		
Open Loop Response Time	5 sec		
Enable Autonomous Vref	No		
Default Enabled?	Yes		

¹Vref is the reference voltage ²Vn is the nominal voltage

- Volt-var function shall be default enabled
- Will begin to inject reactive power at 0.97 pu voltage
- Will stop injecting reactive power at 0.93 pu voltage (maximum 44% injection)
- Will begin to absorb reactive power at 1.03 pu voltage
- Will stop absorbing reactive power at 1.07 pu voltage (maximum 44% absorption)



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Volt-Watt Settings			
Parameter	Set Point		
V1	1.07 pu		
P1	Prated ¹		
V2	1.10 pu		
P2	The lesser of 0.2 Prated or Pmin ²		
P'2 (absorption, storage only)	0		
Open Loop Response	10 sec		

¹Prated is the nameplate active power rating of the DER in per unit (pu) ²Pmin is the minimum active power output of the DER in per unit (pu)

- Volt-Watt function shall be default disabled
- Will begin to curtail active power at 1.07 pu voltage
- Will curtail active power down to minimum rating at 1.10 pu voltage



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Questions / Comments

The smart inverter settings discussed in this presentation can be found on our Interconnection Online Application Portal (IOAP) at https://cenhuddg.powerclerk.com

