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Government supports grid-connected inverter construction for communication base stations



Overview

How can communications support the grid of the future?

Ensuring the reliable and resilient delivery of electrical energy is critical for the U.S. economy, which increasingly relies on secure communications systems to support grid operations. Adapting to the grid of the future requires a comprehensive understanding of the differences between communication technologies that support grid operations.

Will inverters provide grid-forming services?

This multiyear perspective recognizes that the scale and scope of the types of power systems for which inverters will be called on to provide grid-forming services will and should begin modestly.

How does a grid forming inverter work?

Grid-forming inverters can start up a grid if it goes down—a process known as black start. Traditional “grid-following” inverters require an outside signal from the electrical grid to determine when the switching will occur in order to produce a sine wave that can be injected into the power grid.

What is grid communication?

Much of grid communication is performed over purpose-built communication networks owned and maintained by grid utilities. Broadly speaking, grid communication systems are comprised of multiple transport technologies and protocols carried by a variety of media.

Why is reactive power important in a grid service inverter?

Reactive power is one of the most important grid services inverters can provide. On the grid, voltage—the force that pushes electric charge—is always switching back and forth, and so is the current—the movement of the electric charge. Electrical power is maximized when voltage and current are synchronized.

How do I use communication technology to support grid requirements?

Applying the appropriate communication technology to support grid requirements depends upon many factors beyond just the communication technology, how it is deployed (e.g., architecture) and operations. One method is to start with the grid services or processes needing support.

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