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Grid connection of PV plants - operator perspective

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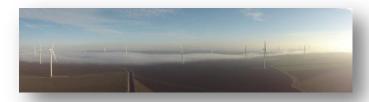


8.2 Engineering group

- History: Founded in 1995
 - 8.2 Engineering partnership Obst & Ziehmann founded in 2003
 - 8.2 Consulting AG founded in 2006
 - 8.2 Academy founded in 2009



- More than 140 employees
- 22 independent 8.2 offices worldwide
- Over 5,000 customers in 39 countries worldwide



- Competence & Experience in Wind (On- & Offshore), Photovoltaics & Bioenergy plants
 - Over 18,000 wind turbines assessed worldwide
 - Due Diligence for more than 2 GW wind capacity worldwide
 - More than 2.3 GWp PV capacity assessed







In the 80th and 90th PV plants in Germany ...

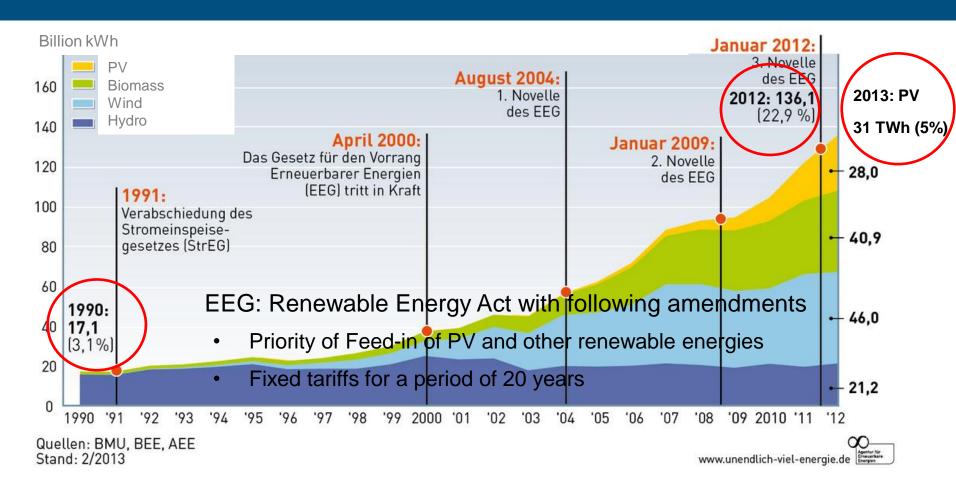


... were taken serious only by few people – this has changed!



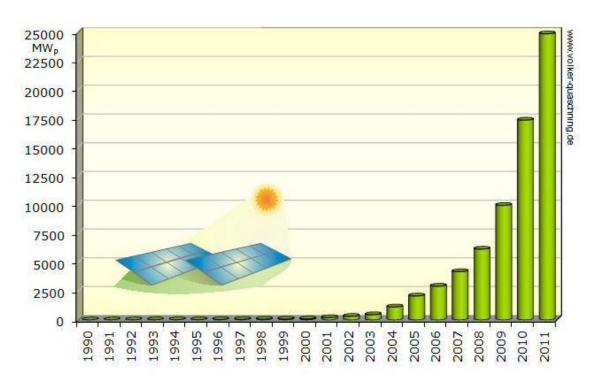


Development of power generation in Germany by RE since 1990





Installed power of PV plants in Germany



~ 36 GWp at present (3 / 2014) Source: Federal Grid Agency

... on a sunny day in June 2014 around noon time, PV plants will produce about 50% of the required electric energy in Germany (load of ~ 70 GW)





Installed base of PV plants in Germany

Approx 1.400.000 PV plants grid connected in Germany in 4/2014

source: Federal Grid Agency

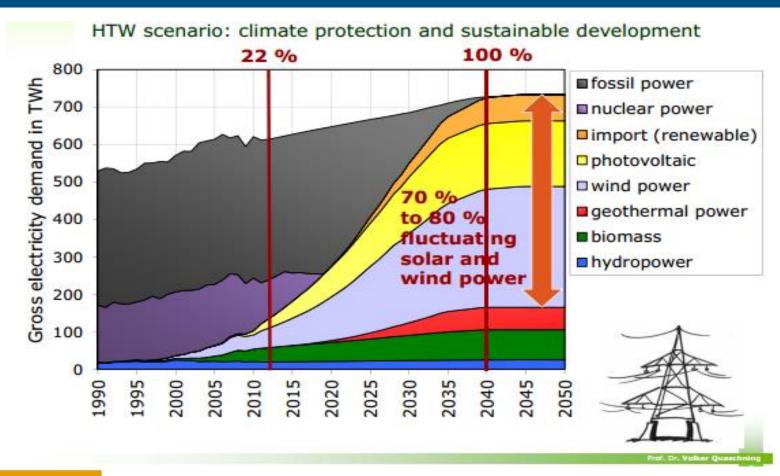
- More than 95% are distributed plants
- Less than 5% are utility scale while they represent more than 50% of the installed capacity







Future German electricity production – Scenario HTW





This is what we need to avoid ...



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How to secure security of supply and grid stability?

Like conventional plants PV plants must be operated in a way that they support grid stability and have no negative impact on other grid-connected systems and devices

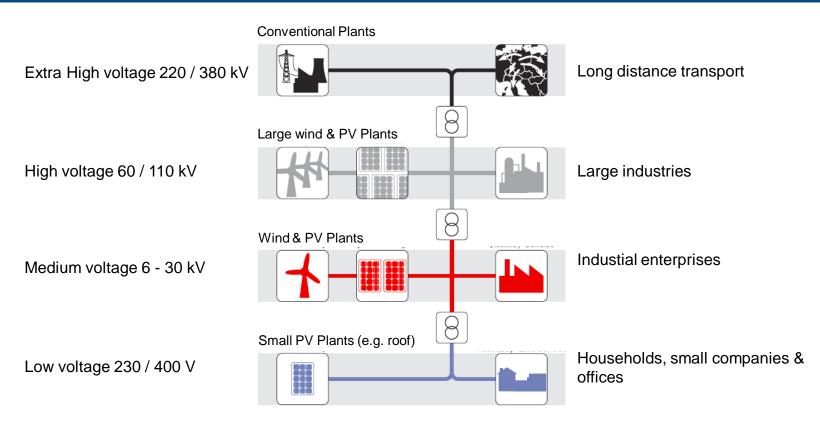


Renewable Energy Act (EEG)

Guidelines & standards including the requirement to provide system services (Systemdienstleistungen SDL)



The German grid structure



The vast majority of PV Plants > 100 kWp is connected to the medium voltage level of the grid



Laws and Guidelines related to the grid connection of PV plants

- Renenewable Energy Act (EEG)
 - Mandatory registration at BNA (Federal Grid Agency)
 - Mandatory remote controlled power management for PV plants > 30 kWp
- Major national guidelines
 - BDEW TransmissionCode (2007) http://www.bdew.de/internet.nsf/id/A2A0475F2FAE8F44C12578300047C92F/\$file/TransmissionCode2007.pdf
 - BDEW medium voltage guidline (2008)
 http://www.bdew.de/internet.nsf/id/A2A0475F2FAE8F44C12578300047C92F/\$file/BDEW_RL_EA-am-MS-Netz_Juni_2008_end.pdf
 - VDE low voltage application rules VDE-AR-N 4105 (2011) http://www.vde.com/en/fnn/pages/n4105.aspx
- Grid operator guidelines Decisive for grid connection
 - Technical connection conditions (TAB technische Anschlussbedingungen)
 - Typically referring to the national guidelines, deviations possible

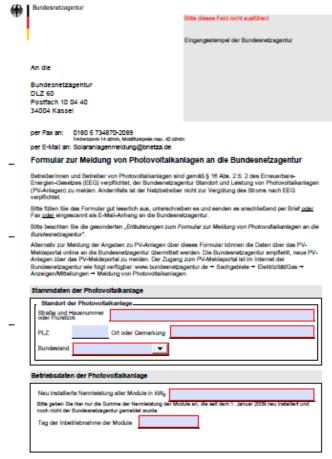




EEG: Mandatory registration at BNA (Federal Grid Agency)

Without registration no reimbursement of Fed-In energy

https://app.bundesnetzagentur.de/pv-meldeportal/

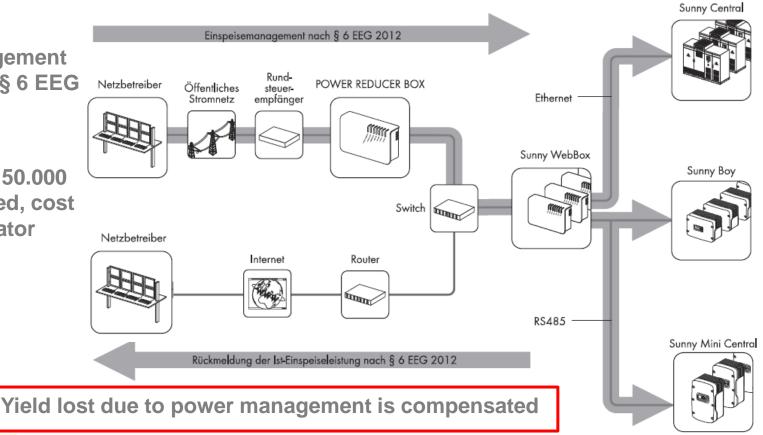




EEG: Mandatory remote controlled power management

Power management according to § 6 EEG

Upgrade of ~ 50.000 plants required, cost born by operator

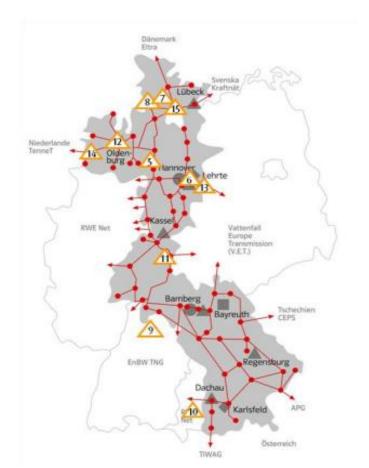




Necessity of power management – Example TENNET (1)

Grid congestion endangering the grid stability (n-1 criteria) and requiring corrective actions

- Short term redispatch of plant capacity
- Feed-In power management of PV and other RE plants

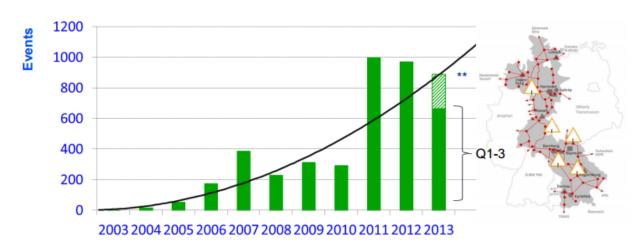




Necessity of power management— Example TENNET (2)

Development of n-1 events on high voltage level endangering stability of the transmission grid

Jahr	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Ereignisse*	2	15	51	172	387	228	312	290	998	970	888**
Tage	2	14	51	105	185	144	156	161	308	344	353**



[·] Ereignisse, in deren Folge Maßnahmen nach § 13 EnWG und § 11 EEG ergriffen wurden ohne Spannungsprobleme

^{**} Extrapoliert aus Daten 2013, Quartal 1-3





Necessity of power management – Example EWE Netz (1)





- 70% of annually transported energy is produced by PV and mainly wind plants (RE plants)
- Installed RE power in the EWE distribution grid area is 125% the needed power (EWE considers themselves no longer "supplier" but rather "disposer" of energy)

source: EWE Netz

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Necessity of power management – Example EWE Netz (2)

	2010	2012	2013*
Number of RE plants	32.000	51.500	55.500
RE portion of distributed energy	46%	63%	70%
RE invest versus total invest	16%	30%	30 %
Payment for feed-in of RE (Mio. €)	885	1.256	1.289
Additional headcount due to RE	160/1	230	270
RE power versus needed power	49%	98%	125%
Development n-1 events	100	370	> 450
	* Waste proposations		



Essentials of the BDEW medium voltage guideline 2008 (1)

- Power Generating Units (PGU) such as inverters of PV plants need a <u>PGU certificate</u> issued by an accredited body* confirming that the unit complies with
 - BDEW medium Voltage guideline (2008)
 - FGW guideline TR 8 http://www.wind-fgw.de/tr_engl.html



- larger than 1 MVA apparent power or
- more than 2 km distance to the grid connection point

consisting of one or more PGU need a <u>PGS (planning)</u> <u>certificate</u> issued by an accredited body* confirming that the system design complies with BDEW medium voltage guideline (2008) and FGW guideline TR 8

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Richtlinie für Anschluss und Parallelbetrieb von Erzeugungsanlagen am Mittelspannungsnetz

Ausgabe Juni 2008



^{*} Accredited at the DAkkS (National accreditation body for the Federal Republic of Germany) - http://www.dakks.de/en





Essentials of the BDEW medium voltage guideline 2008 (2)

- Power Generating Systems (PGS,i.e. PV plants) need after construction and grid connection a <u>PGS conformity</u> <u>assessment</u> by a technical expert checking whether the realisation of the PGS is complying with
 - the requirements of the grid operator
 - the requirements of the PGS certificate
 - FGW guideline TR 8 Chapter 6 http://www.wind-fgw.de/tr_engl.html
- Power Generating Systems (PGS, i.e. PV plants) will obtain a <u>PGS conformity declaration</u> by the technical expert in case
 - no deviation was found during the on-site conformity assessment
 - all required documents (mainly data sheets, protocols of type and safety tests) are available

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Example of a PGU certificate

PGU certificate for SMA Sunny Central SC xxx CP Series

Einheitenzertifikat gemäß **BDEW Mittelspannungsrichtlinie** GL Renewables Statement No. SDL-A-013-2010, Revision 3 SMA Solar Technology AG Hersteller Sonnenaliee 1 D-34266 Niestetal SMA Sunny Central SC xxx CP Typ Erzeugungseinheit Technische Daten Maximale Wirkleistung Bemessungsspannung (LV) 270 V ... 360 V Bemessungsspannung (MV) variabel Nennfrequenz Bewertungsgrundlage BDEW Mittelspannungsrichtlinie FGW TR3, TR4 und TR8 gemäß Anhang 1 Wir bestätigen, dass die Erzeugungseinheiten der oben benannten und im Anhang 2 beschriebenen Baureihe durch den Germanischen Lloyd bezüglich der Anforderungen der BDEW Mittelspannungsrichtlinie an Photovoltaik-Erzeugungseinheiten geprüft wurden und die Anforderungen der BDEW Mittelspannungsrichtlinie mit der Ergänzung vom Februar 2011 erfüllen. Der Hersteller hat die Zertifizierung seines Qualitätsmanagementsystems nach ISO 9001:2008 nachgewiesen. Dieses Zertifikat beinhaltet folgende Anhänge: Anhang 1 Auflagen, Bewertungsgrundlage und Prüfberichte auf denen das Zertifikat basiert Anhang 2 Schematischer Aufbau und Angabe der Technischen Daten der Erzeugungseinheit Anhang 3 Angaben mit Bezug auf die Modellvalidierung und Erläuterungen zum EZE-Modell Anhang 4 Auszüge aus den Ergebnissen der Typprüfungen nach FGW TR3 Dieses Zertifikat ist gültig bis zum 2. Dezember 2015 für Photovoltaik-Wechselrichter der oben genannten Baureihe, vorausgesetzt der Hersteller unterhält ein Qualitätsmanagementsystem nach ISO 9001:2008. Hamburg, 21. September 2011 MiSch Germanischer Lloyd Industrial Services GmbH

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Example of a PGS certificate

Cover page of a PGS certificate for a PV-plant of one of our customers





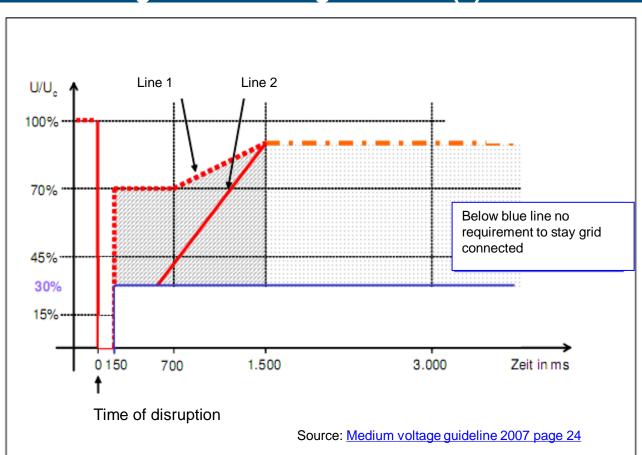


Key system service: Dynamic grid stabilisation Low Voltage Ride Through of PGS (1)

- Support grid stability in case of short term voltage drops or black outs
 - Relevant for all type of short circuits (1, 2, 3 phases)
- Basic requirements of LVRT (low voltage ride through)
 - No disconnection in case of grid failure
 - In case of grid failure feed-in of reactive power in order to stabilize the voltage
 - Following clearance of the grid failure no withdrawal of more reactive power than before the incident



Key system service: Dynamic grid stabilisation Low Voltage Ride Through of PGS (2)



U above red line 1:

No disconnection of PGS

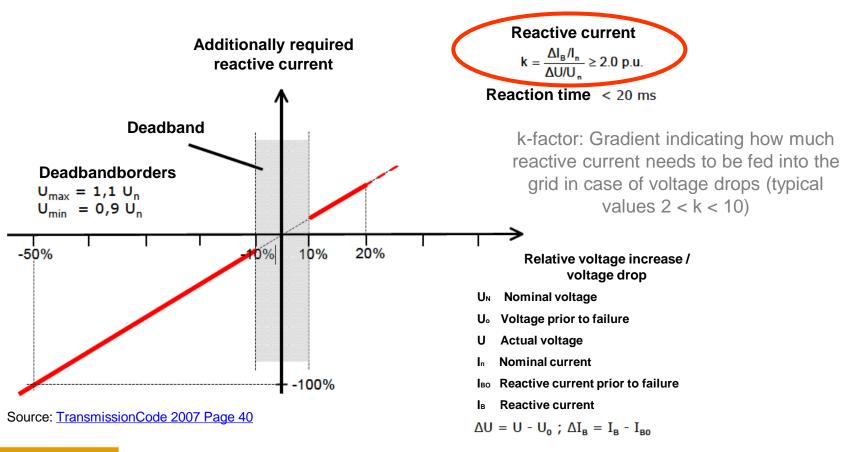
U between red lines 1 and 2:

Feed-in reactive power in order to stabilize the voltage based on the requirements of the grid operator (k-factor)

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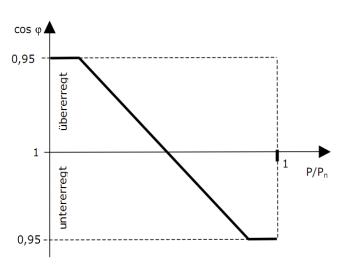
Key system service: Dynamic grid stabilisation Low Voltage Ride Through of PGS (3)





Key system service: Supply of reactive power of PGS

- Grid operator may demand the supply of reactive power between cos(φ) 0,95 and 1 inductively and capacitively
- Basic options for cos(φ) handling
 - cos (φ) as a fixed value, remote control by grid operator optional
 - cos(φ) as a variable of voltage
 - cos(φ) as a variable of effective power
 - fixed value of reactive power in Mvar



Source: Medium voltage guideline 2008 page 29

<u>Important:</u> Unless otherwise agreed upon with the grid operator, the requested cos(φ) value has to be met at grid connection point (GCP)!



Key system service: Consequence of meeting $cos(\phi)$ value at GCP

- Background: PV plants have an own specific impedance
 - Cables capacitive impact
 - Transformer inductive impact
 - Specific impedance is not a fixed value but subject to the operating point of the plant
- cos(φ) at PGU(s) i.e. inverter(s) –different from cos(φ) value at GCP
 - Specifically important in case of long AC cabling / string inverters

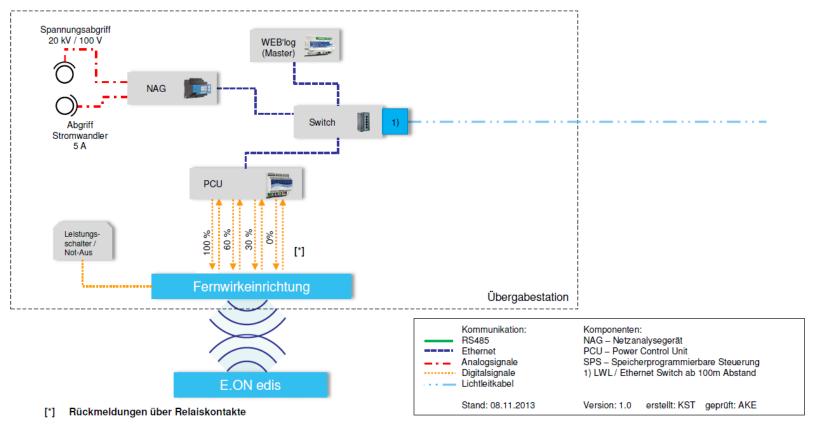


Implementation of an independent PGS controller needed





Key system service: Schematic overview PGS controller

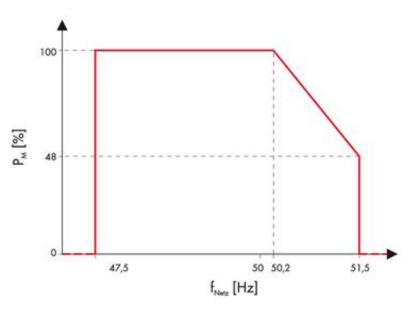


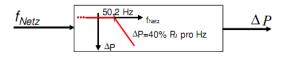
Source: Meteocontrol

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Key system service: Frequency based reduction of effective power





 $\Delta P = 20 P_M \frac{50.2 \text{ Hz} - f_{Netz}}{50 \text{ Hz}}$ bei 50,2 Hz $\leq f_{Netz} \leq 51,5 \text{ Hz}$ Source: Medium voltage guideline 2007 page 28

P_M: actual power at f_{net} > 50,2 Hz

f_{net}: grid frequency

- Soft reduction of effective power for 50,2 Hz < f < 51,5 Hz
- Previously disconnection at f_{net} > 50,2 Hz (black-out risk)
- Upgrade of ~ 300.000 existing PV plants till 2014





Key system service: Decoupling of grid and PGS at GCP

Basic parameters of the protective relay system (GCP)

Function	Setting range of values	Recommended values of the protective relay	
Voltage increase U>>	1,00 – 1,30 Un	1,15 Uc	<= 100 ms
Voltage increase U>	1,00 – 1,30 Un	1,08 Uc	1 min
Voltage decrease U<	0,10 – 1,00 Un	0,80 Uc	2,70 s
Reactive Power withdraw / low voltage protection Q-> U<	0,70 – 1,00 Un	0,85 Uc	t = 0,5 s

- Definite time overcurrent (short circuit) and ground fault protection
 - Parameters Isc, IE and release times t based on request of grid operator





Key system service: Decoupling of PGU(s) – e.g. inverters

Decoupling parameters at PGU level

Function	Setting range of values	Recommended values of the protective relay		
Voltage increase U>>	1,00 – 1,30 Un	1,20 Uns	<= 100 ms	
Voltage decrease U<	0,10 – 1,00 Un	0,80 Uns	1,5 – 2,4 s *	
Voltage decrease U<<	0,10 – 1,00 U _N	0,45 Uns	300 ms	
Frequency increase f>	50,00 – 52,00 Hz	51,5 Hz	<= 100 ms	
Frequency decrease f<	47,50 – 50,00 Hz	47,50 Hz	<= 100 ms	

^{*} Subject to grid operator requirements

Source: Medium voltage guideline 2007 page 41



Compliance process for grid connection of PV plant (medium voltage)

Application for grid connection of plant by plant operator to grid operator

Data sheet preliminary GCP

PGS Certificate Approval and final GCP

Construction and grid connection

Conformity assesment

Plant operator files application

- Planned site, size and components
- Only PGU with a PGU certificate are eligible
- Formsheet F1 BDEW
 Medium Voltage Guideline

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F Vordrucke

Der Netzbetreiber legt die Inhalte der Vordrucke eigenverantwortlich fes

F.1 Datenblatt einer Erzeugungsanlage – Mittelspannung

Anlagenanschrift	Straße, Hausnummer PLZ, Ort						
Anschlussnehmer	Vorname, Name Straße, Hausnummer PLZ, Ort Telefon, E-Mail						
	Geothermie	Wasse	rkraftwerk		Winden	ergieanla	ge 🗆
Erzeugungsanlage	Brennstoffzelle	Blockheizkraftwerk		Photovo	otovoltaikanlage 🔲		
(bei Energiemix Mehrfach-Nennung)	Aufstellungsort PV-Anlage: Dachfläche Freifläche			Fassade			
	Sonstige:						
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Anlagenart	Neuerrichtung		☐ Erweit	erung		Rad	kbau
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Kunden / Einspeiser-Nr. bereits vorhanden ?							



Compliance process for grid connection of PV plant (medium voltage)

Application by plant operator

Data sheet by grid operator with preliminary GCP and set of requirements

PGS Certificate Approval and final GCP

Construction and grid connection

Conformity assesment

Grid operator returns data sheet

- Preliminary grid connection point
- Requirements for grid connection (parameters of protection relays, LVRT mode, reactive power supply, etc)
- Grid data (Short circuit power, impedance angle, etc)

Annex B: Questionnaires for new system

Part B: Grid operator questionnal

Data questionnaire for grid operators of new systems TG 8, Ann Certification of a generating system Part 8					
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Overview TGS, Annex C:					
	rm-voltage Guideline 2008 (BDEW MVG 2008), questionnal nnaire for grid operators (TG 8, Annex C, Part B)	re F1			
Part II: Data questio	nnaire for grid operators (1 G a, Annex C, Part b)				
Name of generating sys- tem					
Agreed installed active power P _{av}					
Grid operator including contact person and con- tact details					
Registration number of grid operator					
Name of grid connection point					
See C	ct data: :hecklist TG 8, Annex C, Part A (F1) ment rupplied ment not supplied				
Other remarks:					



Compliance process for grid connection of PV plant (medium voltage)

Application by plant operator

Data sheet by grid operator Plant operator orders PGS certificate at independent body

Approval and final GCP

Construction and grid connection

Conformity assesment

PGS certificate determines whether

- planned RE plant meets requirements of grid operator
- additional conditions have to be fulfilled (e.g. limitation of active power)





Compliance process for grid connection of PV plant (medium voltage)

Application by plant operator

Data sheet by grid operator

PGS certificate Check of PGS certificate and final approval of GCP by grid operator

Construction and grid connection

Conformity assesment

Final approval of GCP by grid operator

- Confirmation by grid operator that the RE plant does not have a negative impact on the grid
- Contract concerning grid connection

Data questionnaire for gr Certification of a generat	id operators of new systems ing system	TG 8, Annex C, Part B
		1 (9)
Overview TGS, Annex C: Part A: BDEW Mediu	m-voltage Guideline 2008 (BDEW MVG 2008), questionnal	ine F1
Part B: Data question	nnaire for grid operators (TG 8, Annex C, Part 8)	
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Compliance process for grid connection of PV plant (medium voltage)

Application by plant operator

Data sheet by grid operator

PGS certificate

Approval and final GCP

Construction and commissioning in accordance with approved planning

Conformity assesment

Construction and commissioning

- Construction in accordance with approved planning of the RE plant
- Safety test procedure prior to commissioning
- commissioning in presence of grid operator, construction company and plant operator (signed protocoll)





Compliance process for grid connection of RE plant (medium voltage)

Application by plant operator

Data sheet by grid operator

PGS certificate Approval and final **GCP**

Construction and grid connection

Conformity assessment and declaration by independent body

Conformity assessment and declaration by independent body

- Performed on order of plant operator
- Checking on-site parameter settings, equipment installed, etc
- Conduct functional test of remote control of active power and supply of reactive power





Example on-site conformity assessment (1)

Requirement PGS certificate PV Plant Vierraden: Limitation of active power to 5.457 kW

Auflage 2



Begrenzung der Wirkleistung der EZA auf P_{EZA} = 5.457 kW

Corresponding check during conformity assessment

Prüfpunkt Zertifikat 7.3.2.4 Wirkleistungsbe- grenzung		Gemäß der Auflage 2 des Anlagenzertifikates muss die Wirkleistung der EZA auf 5.457 kW bei einer Gesamtscheinleistung von 5 636 kVA begrenzt werden. Entsprechend muss die Wirkleistung jeder einzelnen EZE auf 97% begrenzt werden. Der entsprechende Parameter • PLA-Einstellungen ist mit einem maximalen Leistungsniveau von 97% korrekt eingestellt und im Parameterprotokoll dokumentiert.



Example on-site conformity assessment (2)

Requirement PGS certificate PV Plant Vierraden: LVRT Mode k = 2

Corresponding check during conformity assessment

Dyna	mische Netzstützung - Low-Voltage-Ride-Through (LVR	T) Modus
Funktion 1	aktiv: keine Blindstromeinspeisung, keine oder minimale Wirkleistungseinspeisung im Fehlerfall	aktiviert
Funktion 2	aktiv: Blindstromeinspeisung in Abhängigkeit zur Tiefe des Spannungseinbruchs mit definiertem k-Faktor k-Faktor gemäß SDLWindV Einstellbereich: k = 0-10 k-Faktor gemäß TC2007	aktiviert mit k = 2

Prüfpunkt Zertifikat	\boxtimes	Der Netzbetreiber fordert gemäß CB Bogen
7.3.3.2 und 7.3.3.4		für die dynamische Netzstützung keine
Dynamische Netz- stützung, LVRT Mo- dus		Blindstromeinspeisung und keine oder minimale Wirkleistungseinspeisung im Fehlerfall. Falls die EZE diesen Modus nicht unterstützen ist alternativ der k-Faktor mit k = 2 einzustellen, wie entsprechend im Anlagenzertifikat ausgeführt (k-Faktor gemäß TC 2007 mit k = 2). Der zugehörige Parameter • Strom-/Spannungsverstärkung Fault Ride Through ist korrekt eingestellt und im Parameterprotokoll dokumentiert.



Example on-site conformity assessment (3)

Requirement PGS certificate PV Plant Vierraden:
Over current protection

Corresponding check during conformity assessment

	l»	900 A
\boxtimes	t _i >>	0,05 s
Überstromzeitschutz	1>	300 A
	t _i >	0,2 s

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Prüfpunkt Zertifikat 7.7 Kurzschlussschutz (UMZ, Erdschluss)		Der Kurzschlussschutz ist ebenfalls mit dem Schutzrelais 7SJ80, Seriennummer BF1208050847, des Herstellers Siemens in der Übergabestation realisiert.
		Nach den Vorgaben des Netzbetreibers sind für den Kurzschlussschutz der EZA folgende Parametereinstellungen gefordert:
		Überstromzeitschutz (UMZ Schutz)
		Stromsteigerungsschutz
		• I>> 900 A (3 A sek.)
		• t _{l>>} 0,05 s
		Stromsteigerungsschutz
		• I> 300 A (1 A sek.)
		• t _{i>} 0,2 s



Conclusion



PV is a grown-up and the operator is responsible for compliance with the rules in order to support and secure grid stability



Thank you for your attention!

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