GE Energy

Wind Plant Systems
- Grid Integration
- Plant and Turbine Controls
- SCADA

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Agenda

- Grid Friendly Wind Plant
- Wind Plant Controls
- SCADA System
What makes a Wind Plant “Grid Friendly”?

- Does not trip during Faults and other System Disturbances … *ride through capability*
- Regulates Plant Voltage and Power
- Limits the Rate of Change of Power from Variations in Wind Speed … *Ramp Rate Control*
- Reacts to Changes in Grid Frequency … *Frequency Droop*
- Controls the Insertion and Removal of Large Power Blocks … *Startup and Shutdown Control*
- Provides Reactive Power When Needed … *Wind Free Reactive Power*

Grid Fault Tolerance

**Low Voltage Ride Through**
- Required by grid codes
- Improves gearbox life

**Zero Voltage Ride Through**
- Required by FERC after 12/31/07
- New controls for unbalanced faults
- GE 1.5 and 2.5 will comply

**Fault Recovery**
- Voltage recovery better than conventional generator

[Graph showing GE's Standard WindRIDE-THRU Offerings]

- LVRT
- ZVRT

[Graph showing voltage recovery of the wind farm]

- Synchronous Generator swings dramatically

[Graph showing unbalanced line-to-line fault]
Low Voltage Ride Through Capability

Low voltage ride through (LVRT) is a turbine capability when the voltage in the grid drops due to a fault or load change in the grid.

The severity of the voltage dip is defined by the voltage level during the dip (may go down to zero) and the duration of the dip.

Depending on the application the device may, during and after the dip, be required to:
- Disconnect temporarily from the grid, but reconnect and continue operation after the dip
- Stay operational and not disconnect from the grid
- Stay connected and support the grid with reactive power

Power Droop

- When circuit activity changes abruptly, it can cause a sudden drop or rise in power supply voltage.
- This change is known as power droop and is an instance of power supply noise.
- Power droop can cause an IC to fail.
- Such failures should be screened during testing.
- Evaluation of the worst-case power drop by accumulating the high- and low-frequency effects.
Voltage Regulation

- Regulates Grid Voltage at Point of Interconnection
- Minimizes Grid Voltage Fluctuations Even Under Varying Wind Conditions

Actual measurements from a 162MW wind plant

Wind Turbine ➔ Converter ➔ Transformer ➔ Generator

Average Wind Speed

Voltage at POI

Wind Plant Voltage

Wind Plant Power Output

Voltage Regulation
Like A Conventional Power Plant

Active Power Controls

Typical Grid Requirements
- Ramp rates
- Power curtailment
- Power droop w/ frequency

Curtailment Example

Available Power
Actual Power

Shutdown Ramp Test

Power Ramping Down

Power Ramping Down

Power Droop Test

2% Frequency Increase

50% Power Reduction

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WindFREE Reactive Power

- Wind Turbine converter can deliver reactive power (kVAR) without wind (kW)
- Benefits weak grids and systems with high wind penetration
- Voltage support continues without active power generation … even following trips

Reactive Power - even without wind

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Wind Plant SCADA System

- Real-time operational control of each turbine & complete Wind Plant
- Historical data base with comprehensive reporting system including Production and Wind reports
- Secure User-Access, intuitive Operation & Maintenance tool

Tools to operate, maintain and manage the wind plant

Wind Plant Systems Key Components

- Turbines
  - WindCONTROL™
    - Plant Level Control
    - Grid Mgmt
    - Plant Optimization
    - Intermittency Mgmt
  - RM&D
    - Bachmann PLC & PC
    - Controller S/W
    - VisuPro S/W
  - Ethernet Network
- Substation
- Met Mast
- Turbine Control
- Wind SCADA
  - Real Time Viewer
  - Reporting System
  - Remote Access
  - OPC
  - ODBC
  - Web-based SCADA
  - Replace PC
  - MkVIe Platform
- Customer System
- Remote User
- RCC

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3.X Reporting System – Advanced Reports

Next Gen Reporting
- Higher level processing ...
  actionable information
- Web based Reporting
- Scheduled Reports
- Multiple Language Capable

Park Efficiency Report

Pareto chart of trip events
Provides trip counts, outage duration and lost energy

Web Based Reporting System – Available Reports

Operational Reports
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- Meter Reading
- Plant Efficiency
- UPE Due to Curtailment
- Performance
- Grid
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- Power Curve Line Plot Comparison
- Power Curve Scatter Plot
- Power Curve Scatter Plot (Min/Max)
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Backup Material
First SCADA Users’ Group Mtg at AWEA Conference

Participants
- 14 users from FP&L, AEP, Brookfield Power, Horizon Energy, enXco, AES

Agenda
- SCADA development plans
- Test drive of web-based reporting and ESS operational web pages with user surveys
- Feedback Sessions

Customer Feedback:
- Browser based tools preferred, FPL has nine different SCADA packages across fleet … migration to Web-based tools
- Connectivity to third party systems (OSI-PI, Second Wind, customer systems) a plus relative to other vendors … open architecture
- Increased user configurability & flexibility
- Reports get customized at each site … Excel export capability key
- Users appreciated opportunity to provide inputs, look forward to next year’s event
- Need upgrade for their existing SCADA s/w

WindSCADA Version 3.0 Released (June 2007)

Key Features:
- Web-based Reporting with improved performance
- Built-in export capability (Excel, PDF, XML etc)
- Improved Product Documentation
- Fixed major software bugs of previous version
WindCONTROL

Hardware Overview
- Substation Mounted Cabinet
- PT&CT Interface to Substation
- SCADA HMI
  Operates on Wind Plant LAN

"Grid Friendly" Wind Power Plant
What makes a Wind Plant "Grid Friendly"?
- Installs energy during wind and other system disturbances...ride through everything
- Regulates plant voltage and power
- Limits the rate of change of power due to variation in wind speed...rapid rate control
- Reacts to changes in grid frequency...Fingering...toggles
- Addresses reliability concerns of grid operators
- Improves grid capability and security
- Increases capability of grids to successfully achieve high levels of wind penetration

Plant Level Controller Orchestrates Operation of Individual Turbines