Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Microgrid Management

* Regulatory and Policy Frameworks for Microgrids

Active Power: The component of electrical power that performs work, such as powering machines or lighting bulbs. Active power is measured in watts (W) and is typically shown as the real power on a power triangle.

Active Power Control: A method for regulating the active power flow between the microgrid and the main grid, allowing for seamless integration and ensuring stable and reliable operation.

Ancillary Services: Services provided by generators, including frequency regulation, voltage support, and reactive power control, that help maintain the stability and reliability of the power system.

Autonomous Operation: The ability of a microgrid to operate independently from the main grid, providing a secure and reliable power supply during grid failures or outages.

Balancing Authority: The entity responsible for maintaining the balance between generation and load in a control area, ensuring the stability of the power system.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): A system that stores electrical energy in batteries for later use, providing a flexible and reliable source of power for microgrids.

Control Area: A geographical area defined by the transmission system operator, within which the balance between generation and load is maintained.

Decentralized Energy Resources (DER): Small-scale power generation and storage technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries, that are connected to the distribution grid.

Demand Response (DR): A program that encourages customers to reduce their energy consumption during peak periods, helping to balance supply and demand and maintain the stability of the power system.

Distributed Energy Resources (DER): Small-scale power generation and storage technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries, that are connected to the distribution grid.

Distribution System Operator (DSO): The entity responsible for operating and maintaining the distribution grid, ensuring the reliable delivery of power to customers.

Electric Vehicle (EV): A vehicle that uses an electric motor for propulsion, charged from an external source of electrical power.

Embedded Generation: Small-scale power generation technologies, such as solar panels and wind turbines, that are connected to the distribution grid.

Frequency Control: The process of regulating the frequency of the power system, ensuring the balance

between generation and load.

Grid-Connected Microgrid: A microgrid that is connected to the main grid, allowing for the exchange of power between the two systems.

Grid Services: Services provided by the power system, including frequency regulation, voltage support, and reactive power control, that help maintain the stability and reliability of the power system.

Islanded Microgrid: A microgrid that is operating independently from the main grid, providing a secure and reliable power supply during grid failures or outages.

Load Management: The process of controlling and coordinating the power consumption of customers, helping to balance supply and demand and maintain the stability of the power system.

Microgrid: A localized power system that includes generation, storage, and load, operating independently or connected to the main grid, providing a secure and reliable power supply.

Net Metering: A billing arrangement that allows customers with distributed energy resources, such as solar panels, to receive credit for the excess power they generate and feed back into the grid.

Non-Dispatchable Generation: Power generation technologies, such as solar and wind, that are dependent on weather conditions and cannot be controlled by the system operator.

Operational Flexibility: The ability of a microgrid to respond to changes in the power system, including variations in demand and supply, and maintain stable and reliable operation.

Peak Demand: The maximum power demand experienced by a power system, typically occurring during peak usage hours.

Peak Shaving: The process of reducing peak demand, typically through the use of energy storage systems or demand response programs.

Power Factor: The ratio of real power (active power) to apparent power (the product of voltage and current) in an AC power system, expressed as a decimal or a percentage.

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA): A long-term contract between a power generator and a customer, specifying the price and quantity of power to be supplied.

Reactive Power: The component of electrical power that does not perform work, but is necessary for the operation of AC power systems. Reactive power is measured in volt-amperes reactive (VAR) and is typically shown as the reactive component on a power triangle.

Regulatory Framework: The set of rules and regulations that govern the operation and management of the power system, including microgrids.

Renewable Energy: Energy derived from natural resources, such as solar, wind, and hydro, that are replenished over time.

Resiliency: The ability of a power system to withstand and recover from disruptions, including natural disasters, cyber attacks, and other threats.

Reverse Power Flow: The flow of power from the distribution grid to a customer's distributed energy resources, such as solar panels or batteries.

Scada: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, a system used for remote monitoring and control of power system devices and equipment.

Spinning Reserve: Generators that are online and ready to respond to changes in the power system, providing additional capacity to maintain stability and reliability.

Stability: The ability of a power system to maintain a steady state, despite changes in supply and demand.

Storage: Energy storage technologies, such as batteries, that provide a flexible and reliable source of power for microgrids.

Synchronization: The process of coordinating the frequency and phase of generators in a power system, ensuring stable and reliable operation.

Transactive Energy: A market-based approach to managing the power system, using financial incentives to encourage customers and generators to balance supply and demand.

Transmission System Operator (TSO): The entity responsible for operating and maintaining the transmission grid, ensuring the reliable delivery of power over long distances.

Volt-Var Control: The process of regulating voltage and reactive power in a power system, ensuring stable and reliable operation.

Virtual Power Plant (VPP): A system that aggregates the output of distributed energy resources, such as solar panels and batteries, and manages them as a single entity, providing grid services and optimizing their operation.

Voltage Control: The process of regulating voltage in a power system, ensuring stable and reliable operation.

Voltage Stability: The ability of a power system to maintain voltage levels within acceptable limits, despite changes in supply and demand.

Watt-Hour (Wh): A unit of energy equivalent to one watt of power used for one hour.

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