55. Title: A virtual synchronous machine for synchronizing three phase inverters with an electricity grid

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Domain: Power Generation & Distribution

Summary: A switching-vector based flexibly operated virtual synchronous generator (VSG) is provided for synchronizing three phase inverters in microgrids. The VSG comprises of a DC power source, a voltage source converter, reference voltage generator module, switching-vector controller, and a plurality of filters. The VSG predicts a future output voltage of the AC power by calculating difference between the future output voltage and reference voltage received from the reference voltage generator module. The switching-vector controller uses a minimization criterion to produce optimal inverter switching sequences. The VSG eliminates the traditionally used PI regulators and provides inherent islanding detection. It follows IEEE 519 standard.

Advantages:

» Provides over-current protection

» Ensures zero error deviation from grid frequency

» Mitigates harmonics effectively

» Improves power quality

» Provides effective synchronization with the grid as compared to existing synchronous machines

Applications: Energy management, Microgrid

Scale of Development: A prototype is developed and tested in simulated Laboratory environment.

Technology Readiness Level: 4

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