

Relay protection for low-loss off-grid power systems in North Macedonia



AI Overview

Effective relay protection in low-loss off-grid systems requires adaptive, selective, and inverter-compatible relays to ensure fault detection, system stability, and equipment safety. Key Considerations

1. System Characteristics: Off-grid power systems in North Macedonia, especially those integrating renewable sources like solar or wind, often operate with low inertia and limited fault current. This reduces the effectiveness of conventional overcurrent or distance protection schemes, making adaptive and intelligent relay protection essential.
2. Relay

Selection: Multifunctional numerical relays are recommended for off-grid systems due to their ability to combine multiple protection functions (overcurrent, undervoltage, reverse power, frequency protection) in a single device. Undervoltage relays detect low voltage conditions that may damage sensitive equipment or indicate generator underperformance. Reverse power relays prevent generators from acting as loads or exporting power back into the system, which is critical in isolated grids.

3. Protection

Coordination: Selectivity is crucial to isolate only the faulted section without affecting the entire system. Coordination between relays ensures that circuit breakers closest to the fault trip first, minimizing outages and protecting both generation and load equipment.

4. Challenges in Low-Loss, Power-Electronics-Dominated

Systems: Reduced short-circuit currents from inverter-based sources can weaken relay sensitivity, requiring relays capable of detecting low-magnitude faults. High-frequency transients and complex fault characteristics necessitate digital relays with fast sampling and adaptive algorithms. Distributed generation complicates coordination, making scenario-based simulations and digital twin models useful for setting and testing relays.

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