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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this terminology document is to provide terms and definitions for all the publications under the responsibility of TC 120, that standardize electrical energy storage systems (EES systems) including unit parameters, test methods, planning, installation, operation, safety and environmental issues. An EES system includes any type of grid-connected energy storages which can both store electrical energy and provide electrical energy (from electricity to electricity).

All TC 120 normative documents are subject to revision; this part of IEC 62933 will be revised together with other TC 120 publications in order to avoid mismatches.

From the technical point of view, an EES system can be a complex multi-stage system, with several possible energy conversions. Each stage is made by well standardized components (e.g. transformers, power conversion systems) or innovative components (e.g. new types of batteries). Several IEC product standards give definitions necessary for the understanding of certain terms used for these components. The International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV, <http://www.electropedia.org>), the IEC Glossary (<http://std.iec.ch/glossary>) and the ISO Online Browsing Platform (OBP, <http://www.iso.org/obp>) allow online access to this information. This document completes the need for precise terminology by giving definitions necessary at the system level.

Without a strong standardization of EES system terminology, focal terms can have a different meaning in EES systems related to different storage technologies. This aspect is critical also from the market point of view. It impacts economics and this can become a barrier for tender processes. The correct comparison among different options is fundamental, therefore basic terms and definitions impact economic decisions.

Terms and definitions have been harmonized with the IEV, the OBP, the IEC Glossary and relevant IEC documents as far as possible. Definitions not included in this terminology document can be found elsewhere in other IEC documents.

The use of abbreviated terms has been optimized: on the one hand to avoid tedious repetition and on the other hand to avoid confusion. A minimum set of abbreviated terms was identified and used in the definitions, the other terms are written out in full spelling when needed. The widely accepted abbreviated terms are:

EES – EES system – Electrical energy storage system

EES – Electrical energy storage

POC – Point of connection

In order to facilitate document usage, Clause A.1 offers a term index and Clause A.2 offers an abbreviated term index.

ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE (EES) SYSTEMS –

Part 1: Vocabulary

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62933 defines terms applicable to electrical energy storage (EES) systems including terms necessary for the definition of unit parameters, test methods, planning, installation, operation, environmental and safety issues.

This terminology document is applicable to grid-connected systems able to extract electrical energy from an electric power system, store energy internally, and provide electrical energy to an electric power system. The step for charging and discharging an EES system can comprise an energy conversion.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions for EES systems classification

3.1 Fundamental concepts for EES systems classification

3.1.1

electrical energy storage

EES

electrical *installation* (IEV 826-10-01) able to absorb electrical energy, to store energy for a certain duration and to provide electrical energy

EXAMPLE An installation that absorbs electrical energy to produce hydrogen by electrolysis, stores the hydrogen, and uses that gas to produce electrical energy is an electrical energy storage.

Note 1 to entry: The term "electrical energy storage" can also be used to indicate the activity that an installation, described in the definition, carries out when performing its functions.

Note 2 to entry: The term "electrical energy storage" is generally not used to designate a grid-connected installation, for which *electrical energy storage system* (3.1.2) is the appropriate term.

Note 3 to entry: Energy conversion processes can be included during energy absorption, storage or release.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-631:2023, 631-01-01, modified – minor editorial modifications in the definition and in the note 2.]

3.1.2

electrical energy storage system

EES system

EES

grid-connected *installation* (IEV 826-10-01) with defined electrical boundaries, comprising at least one *electrical energy storage* (3.1.1), which extracts electrical energy from an *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01), stores this energy internally in some manner and provides electrical energy to an *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01), including grid-connection works and which can include civil engineering works, energy conversion equipment and related ancillary equipment

Note 1 to entry: The EES system is controlled and coordinated to provide services to the *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01) operators or to the electric power system users.