VERMONT CO ELECTRIC OP

VSPC Technical Working Group Overview on DER Communications/ Control

Founded in 1938, Vermont Electric Cooperative is a member owned electric distribution utility that provides safe, affordable, and reliable energy services.

Traditional Communications and Control





Third Party

DMZ

What kind of DG growth are we seeing?



Cumulative Distributed Generation

- Vermont is 7th per capita in the USA for solar growth
- VEC Peak Load 87 MW at 7PM
- Spring and Fall Peak midday loads around 34 MW
- Several substations with reverse flow, sporadic voltage issues



Real-Time Visibility and Control of DG



- Control is in this case is typically through a SCADA controlled motor operated switch, recloser or secondary contactor
- At this time no communications directly to inverter (no Volt/VAR)

Inverter Controls and Communications



- How do we alter 2014 settings, potentially enable Volt/VAR curves
- New Projects
- Compensation for VAR output?

- 2003 Only anti-islanding
- 2014 Voltage and Frequency Ride Through capable
- 2018 Voltage and Frequency Ride Through preset (ISONE SRD)





What about EV's Batteries and Heat Pumps?





Grid Orchestration to Maintain Reliability and Affordability



