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# Forum for the Implementation of Reliability Standards for Transmission (i2X FIRST) | 9/24/24

*An initiative spearheaded by the Solar Energy Technologies Office and the Wind Energy Technologies Office*



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# Polling Question 1

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# Key Goals and Outcomes from i2X FIRST



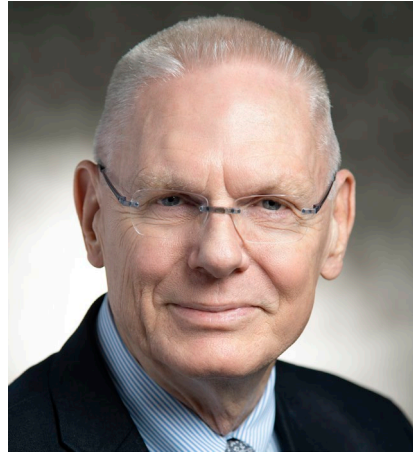
- To facilitate understanding and adoption of new and recently updated standards relevant for existing and newly interconnecting wind, solar and battery storage plants
- The Forum will convene the industry stakeholders to enable practical and more harmonized implementation of these interconnection standards.
- The presentation portion of the meeting will be recorded and posted, and presentation slides will be shared.
- Additionally, the leadership team will produce **a summary of each meeting** capturing:
  - Recommended best practices
  - Challenges
  - Gaps that require future work



# Leadership Team



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# Summary of the last meeting – Ride-Through Requirements, OEM Readiness

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- IEEE 2800-2022, Clause 7, GE Vernova Perspective – Dustin Howard and Mariana Binda Pereira, GE Vernova
- NERC Milestone 2 Project Update – Jamie Calderon, NERC
- IEEE 2800-2022, Clause 7, Sungrow Perspective – Henry Aribisala, Sungrow
- Concept of “Maximizing” Ride-Through (20 min) – Ryan Quint, Elevate Energy Consulting
- Q&A and Interactive Group Discussion
  - Conformity of IBR plants with new Ride Through Requirements
  - Backward-Compatibility of IBR Plants with New Ride Through Requirements

**Meeting summary, recording & presentations are posted [here](#) (click on Past Events at the bottom of the page)**

# Key Themes from the Last Meeting

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- OEMs readiness for IEEE 2800-2022 requirements appears to be advancing significantly, although there are unique considerations for Type 3 wind turbines and newer technology like grid forming inverters.
- OEMs continue to prepare for widespread adoption and implementation of IEEE 2800-2022 across North America.
- OEMs are concerned with blanket application of IEEE 2800-2022 or other related standards (e.g., the draft NERC PRC-029) to existing assets. Reasonable exemptions based on technology limitations are required.
- A potential solution to this challenge is the concept of “IBR ride-through maximization,” specifically focused on maximizing the ride-through performance of IBRs using software/firmware related updates. This may be a viable solution to minimize risk on the BPS while also avoiding costly retrofits.
- NERC standards developments related to FERC Order 901 continue to evolve, with some standards receiving successful ballot (e.g., PRC-028 and PRC-030) and other failing ballot, which invoked Section 321 of the NERC Rules of Procedures and led to an industry technical conference on IBR ride-through performance and issues with the draft PRC-029 standard.



# Upcoming i2X FIRST Meetings

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1. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET: Introduction of Evolving Standards Landscape
2. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET: IEEE2800 Ride Through Requirements
3. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET: IEEE2800 Ride Through Requirements, OEM Readiness
4. August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET: IEEE2800 Ride Through Requirements, OEM Readiness, cont.
5. September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET: Measurement Data for Performance Monitoring and Model Validation
6. October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 hybrid, full day, during [ESIG Fall Workshop](#), Providence, RI: Conformity Assessment
7. November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET:
8. December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET:
9. January 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. ET:
10. February 25<sup>th</sup> 2025
11. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 hybrid full day event during [ESIG Spring Workshop](#), Austin, Texas

**Sign up** for all future i2X FIRST Meetings here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceurTsiErIC-HInpPbWuTUtrYQAuoM#/registration>

**Follow** DOE i2X FIRST website: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/i2x/i2x-forum-implementation-reliability-standards-transmission-first> for meeting materials & recordings and for future meeting details & agendas



# i2X FIRST One-Day Workshop, Providence, RI | In-person and Online

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- Interconnection Standards Workshop with the Focus on Conformity Assessment, **Thursday, October 24, 2024**
- The i2X FIRST workshop will cover **IBR plant design evaluation process, “as-built” evaluation and commissioning testing**, learning from the draft IEEE P2800.2.
- The agenda is available [here](#)
- **In-person** and **Free Online** participation options are available
- Held after the [ESIG Fall Technical Workshop](#) (10/21-10/23) in Providence, RI

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# Measurement Data for Performance Monitoring and Model Validation – Agenda

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- I2x FIRST Intro (10 mins) – Will Gorman, LBNL
- NERC Technical Conference Update (15 mins) – Kyle Thomas, Elevate Energy Consulting
- Need for Disturbance Monitoring (15 mins) – Alex Shattuck, NERC
- IEEE 2800-2022 Clause 11 *Measurement data for performance monitoring and validation* and NERC PRC-028 *Reporting Requirements for Inverter-Based Resources* (20 mins) – Manish Patel, EPRI
- Q&A and Structured Discussion (40 mins) – led by Ryan Quint, Elevate Energy Consulting
  - Measurement and Monitoring Requirements
  - Differences between PRC-028 and IEEE 2800-2022, Clause 11

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# Stakeholder Presentations



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# Q & A Session

# Interactive Group Discussion Topics

# Topic #1: New Measurement and Monitoring Requirements



- Please go to slido to make comments and add questions of your own: **slido.com** and enter event code **FIRST5**
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- Additional related / associated questions:
  - What do you see as a main benefit of new measurement and monitoring requirements
  - What do you see as a main challenge with new measurement and monitoring requirements
  - Do you see a need to place monitoring equipment in multiple locations within an IBR plant, what should these locations be



## Topic #2: Differences between PRC-028 and IEEE 2800-2022, Clause 11



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- Additional related / associated questions:
  - Do you see need in alignment between PRC-028 and IEEE 2800-2022?
  - Do you see need for capturing event data with higher resolution?
  - Do you see any issues with PRC-028 implementation timelines?



# NERC PRC-029 Technical Conference Update

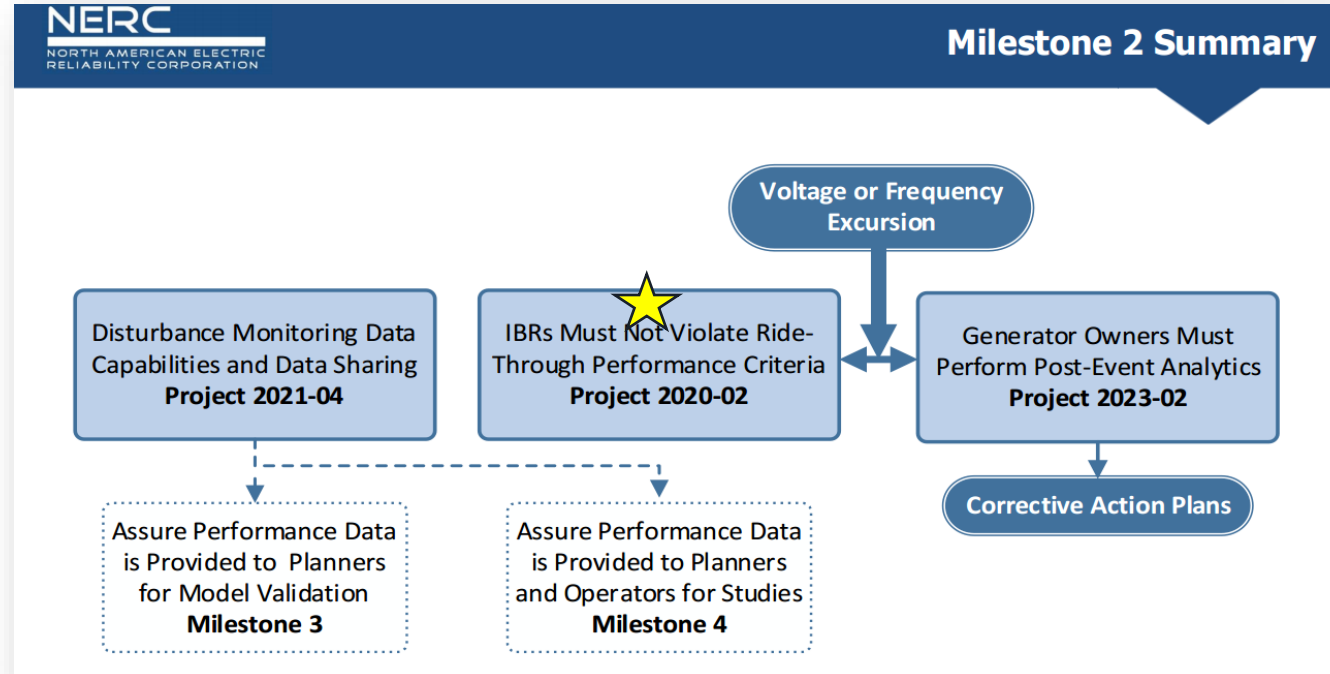
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September 24, 2024

# Background of the NERC PRC-029 Standard

- New Standard: PRC-029-1 – Frequency and Voltage Ride-through Requirements for Inverter-Based Resources (IBRs)
- Establishes capability-based ride-through criteria
- Establishes performance-based ride-through criteria
- Must be filed with FERC by November 4, 2024 for the FERC Order 901 deadline



# History of the NERC PRC-029 Standard

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- 1<sup>st</sup> draft: comment period and initial ballot from 3/27/2024 – 4/27/2024
  - ~200 pages of comments received, failed initial ballot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft: comment period and second ballot from 6/18/2024 – 7/8/2024
  - Failed second ballot
- 3<sup>rd</sup> draft: comment period and third ballot from 7/22/2024 – 8/12/2024
  - Failed third ballot
- 8/15/2024 – NERC Board of Trustees invoked Rule 321, leading to the Ride-Through Technical Conference on September 4-5, 2024



# Standards Committee & NERC Ride-through Technical Conference: Overview

- In-person in Washington DC, plus virtual attendance options
- Participation from utilities, developers, regulators, and IBR OEMs
- Agenda included presentations and panel sessions on:
  - Review of Voltage & Frequency Ride-through Criteria in draft PRC-029-1
  - OEM Perspectives on Voltage & Frequency Ride-through Criteria
  - Discussions on Frequency Ride-through Exemptions in PRC-029-1
  - Objectives of a Ride-through definition
  - Review of Milestone 2 implementation plans
  - Gathering stakeholder feedback through live online polling for all conference attendees (in-person and virtual)



## **NERC Technical Conference Materials:**

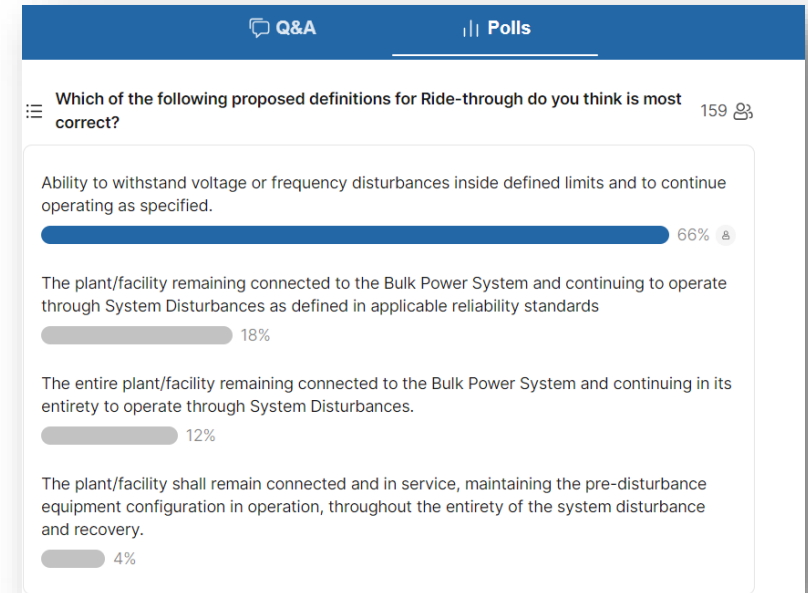
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# Standards Committee & NERC Ride-through Technical Conference: Key Takeaways

- A lot of discussions centered around the Frequency Ride-through criteria and the lack of Frequency Ride-through hardware exemptions for legacy IBRs in draft 3 of PRC-029-1
- Industry polling was valuable to get real time feedback from the industry attendees
- Incredibly helpful having everyone – utilities, developers, OEMs, regulators – in the room together working on these technical challenges
- Real-world feedback on IBR equipment and legacy IBR facilities' capabilities from OEMs and IBR Developers was insightful, heard that this real-world information is very valuable information



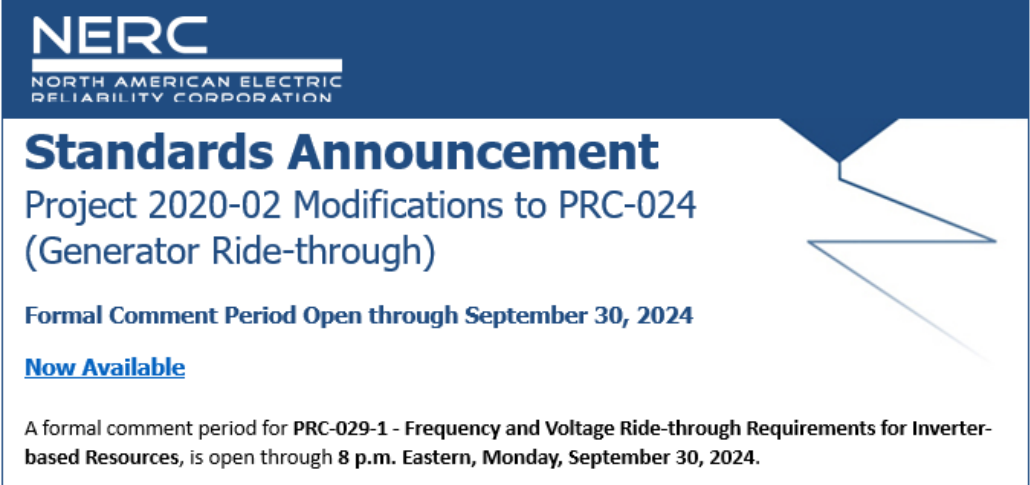
Example of an industry live poll during the conference

# Standards Committee & NERC Ride-through Technical Conference: Next Steps

## Draft 4 of PRC-029 released for comments on 9/17 (comments close on 9/30)

- Major updates in draft 4 of PRC-029-1:
  - Updated definition of Ride-through to remove ambiguity of words “entire” and “In its entirety”, and also added “voltage and frequency” words to system disturbances
  - Updated the Frequency Ride-through criteria to match the IEEE 2800-2022 Frequency Ride-through criteria
  - For legacy IBRs/equipment, added Frequency Ride-through exemptions if able to demonstrate hardware-based limitations
  - Updated hardware limitation evidence to include damage curves by OEMs
- Various minor grammar revisions

**Next steps:** Standards Committee & NERC drafting memo to NERC Board, and final industry ballot



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[NERC Project 2020-02 Website](#)

# References

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# Disturbance Monitoring Requirements in IEEE 2800-2022 and NERC Reliability Std PRC-028

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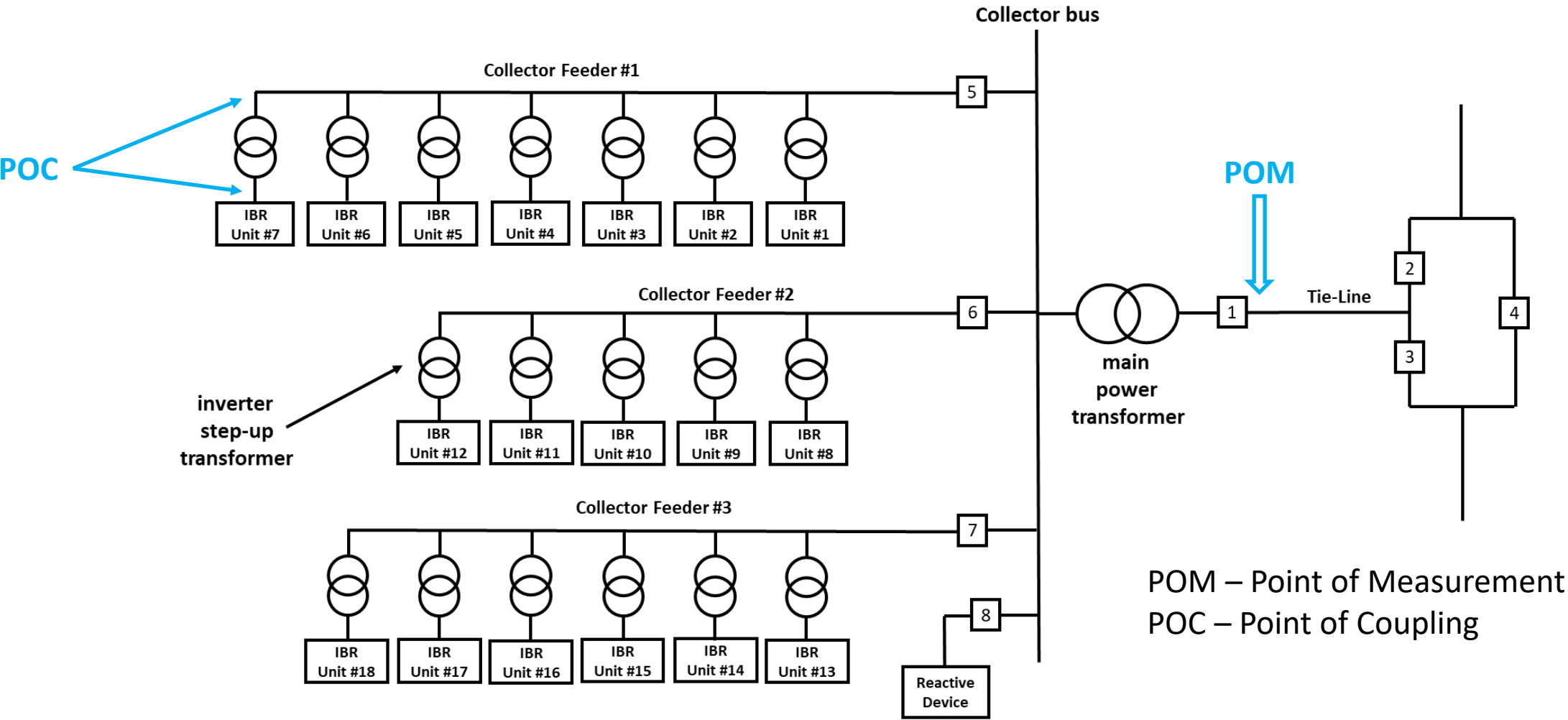
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# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

	IEEE 2800-2022 Clause 11 (Measurement Data for Performance Monitoring and Validation)	PRC-028 Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for IBRs	Comments
	Forward looking standard	Applicable to existing and new IBRs (BES and non-BES)	
SCADA Data	Yes	No	
Plant Level SER Data	Yes	Yes	Requirements in PRC-028 may be brief but serves purpose
Unit Level SER Data	Yes	Yes	
Plant Level DFR & DDR Data	Yes	Yes	
Unit Level DFR Data	Yes	No	In PRC-028, FR data from collector feeder breaker is required instead
Unit Level DDR Data	No	No	
Measurement Accuracy	Yes, except for unit level data	No	

# Unit Level Versus Plant Level



**POC (unit level monitoring) Versus POM (plant level monitoring)**

# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

## SCADA Data

Provision data type	Measurement/data points (as applicable)	Recording rate	Retention	Duration	Measurement (as applicable)
Plant SCADA data (CSV file)	<p>The plant SCADA system is often a lower resolution repository of information that, at minimum, shall include the following data points:</p> <p>Measurements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>Point of measurement</i> voltage and medium-voltage collector system voltages</li> <li>— <i>Point of measurement</i> frequency</li> <li>— <i>IBR plant</i> active and reactive power output</li> <li>— <i>IBR units</i> active and reactive power output of individual<sup>147</sup></li> <li>— Shunt dynamic device reactive power output</li> </ul> <p>Signals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— External control signals from the <i>TS operator</i> (BA, RTO, RC, etc.)</li> <li>— External automatic generation control signals</li> <li>— Active and reactive power commands sent to <i>IBR units</i></li> </ul>	One record per s	1 year	One year	Subclause 4.4, Table 1

**Not included in PRC-028**

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# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

## Plant Equipment Status - Sequence of Event Recording Data

Provision data type	Measurement/data points (as applicable)	Recording rate	Retention	Duration	Measurement (as applicable)
Plant equipment status (tabular log file)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— All breaker statuses, including change of status log</li><li>— Shunt (dynamic or static) reactive compensation device statuses</li><li>— Substation transformer status (main step-up and collector system)</li><li>— Status of on load tap changer</li><li>— Medium-voltage collector system statuses</li><li>— Status of individual IBR units</li><li>— Time stamp</li><li>— Time synchronization (e.g., GPS status word) or status of the GPS clock signal</li></ul>	Static, as changed	1 year	NA	Not applicable

**PRC-028: Status of breakers associated with MPT, collector bus, reactive device(s), AC-DC & DC-AC converters in case of VSC-HVDC system with a dedicated connection to IBR, are included.**

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# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

## Digital Fault Recording Data

Provision data type	Measurement/data points (as applicable)	Recording rate	Retention	Duration	Measurement (as applicable)
Digital fault recording (DFR) data (COMTRADE format and tabular log file)	<p>This data shall be captured for at least the plant-level (e.g., at the <i>point of measurement</i>) response to BPS events. It is typically high resolution (kHz) point-on-wave data (transient) and triggered based on configured settings. Data points shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Time stamp</li> <li>— Phase-to-ground voltage for each phase</li> <li>— Bus frequency (as measured/calculated by the recording device)</li> <li>— Each phase current and residual or neutral current</li> <li>— Calculated active and reactive power output</li> <li>— If applicable, dynamic reactive device voltage, frequency, current, and power output</li> <li>— Applicable binary status</li> </ul>	<p>≥ 128 samples per cycle, triggered</p> <p><b>≥ 64 samples per cycle, triggered</b></p>	<p>90 days</p> <p><b>20 calendar days</b></p>	<p>5 s</p> <p>COMTRADE data, (split between pre-fault and post-fault data needs to be mutually agreed upon with the <i>TS owner/TS operator</i>)</p> <p><b>2 second</b></p>	<p>Subclause 4.4, Table 2</p>

**PRC-028 includes measurement/data points with noted differences**

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# IEEE 2800 versus **PRC-028**

## Dynamic Disturbance Recording Data

Provision data type	Measurement/data points (as applicable)	Recording rate	Retention	Duration	Measurement (as applicable)
Dynamic disturbance recorder (DDR) data (COMTRADE format and tabular log file)	<p>A DDR shall capture the specified plant-level data continuously at the <i>point of measurement</i>. This data can be used for multiple purposes including event analysis and disturbance-based model verification. Data points shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Time stamp</li> <li>— Bus voltage phasor (phase quantities and positive-sequence)</li> <li>— Bus frequency</li> <li>— Current phasor (phase quantities and positive-sequence)</li> <li>— Calculated active and reactive power output</li> </ul>	<p>Input: <math>\geq 960</math> samples per s            output: <math>\geq 60</math> times (records) per s,            continuous<sup>149</sup>  <b>Same in PRC-028</b></p>	<p>1 year   <b>20 calendar days</b></p>	<p>NA<sup>149</sup></p>	<p>Subclause 4.4, Table 2</p>

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# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

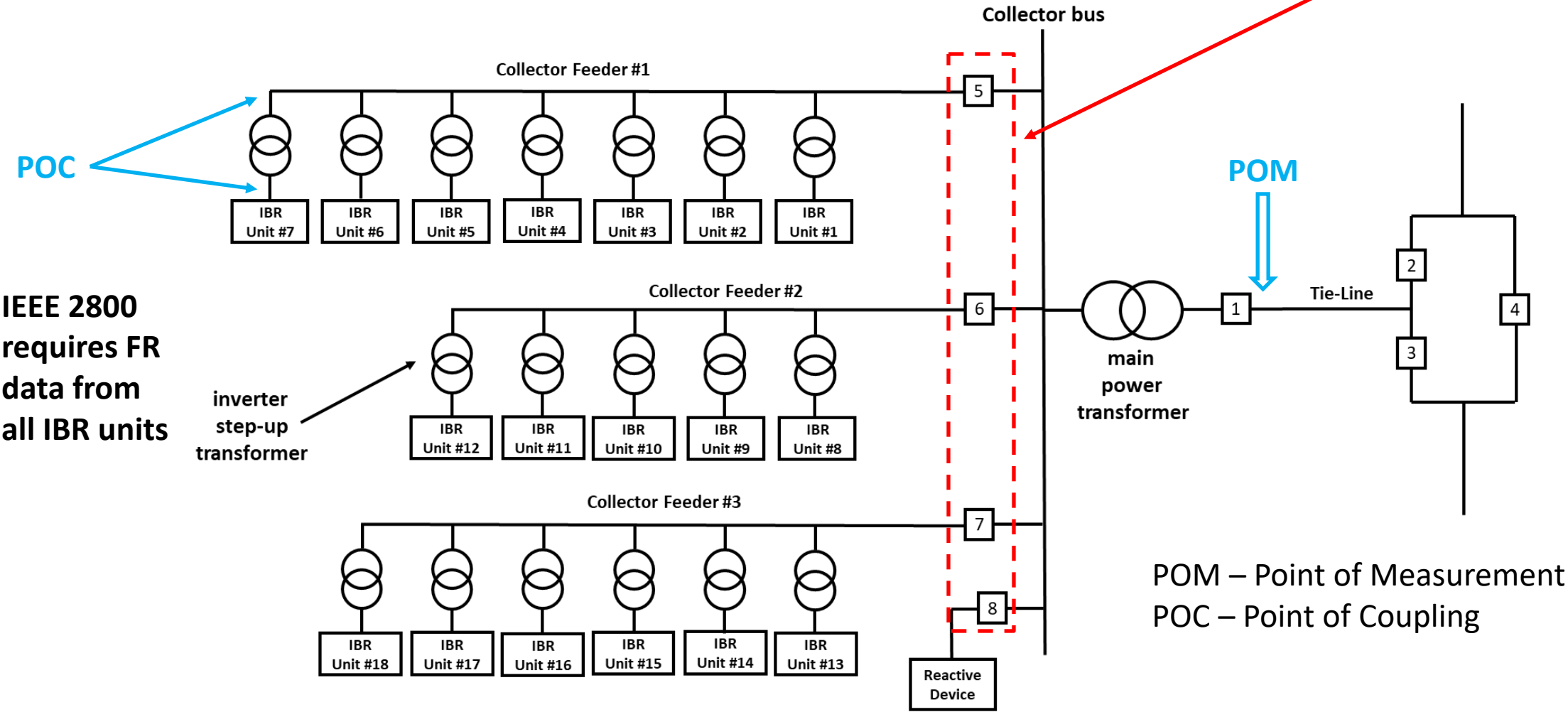
## Inverter Fault Codes & Dynamic Recordings

Provision data type	Measurement/data points (as applicable)	Recording rate	Retention	Duration	Measurement (as applicable)
Inverter fault codes and dynamic recordings (CSV file and tabular log file)	<p>For grid BPS faults/events which trigger ride-through operation of an <i>IBR unit</i> or cause it to trip, the following information shall be recorded at <i>IBR units</i> for analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— All major and minor fault codes</li> <li>— All fault and alarm status words</li> <li>— Change of operating mode</li> <li>— High- and low-voltage ride-through</li> <li>— High- and low-frequency ride-through</li> <li>— PLL loss of synchronism</li> <li>— DC current and voltage</li> <li>— AC phase currents and voltage</li> <li>— Pulse width modulation index (if applicable)</li> <li>— Control system command values, reference values, and feedback signals</li> </ul>	Many kHz, triggered	90 days <b>20 calendar days</b>	5-s data, (split between pre-fault and post-fault data needs to be mutually agreed upon with the <i>TS owner/TS operator</i> ) <b>Not Applicable</b>	Stated by <i>IBR owner</i>

- Inverter Fault Codes: Required by PRC-028. Standard provides flexibility for IBR units in-service before the effective date of this standard.
- Dynamic Recordings: Not required by PRC-028.

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# Unit Level Versus Plant Level



IEEE 2800 requires FR data from all IBR units

inverter step-up transformer

PRC-028 requires FR data from collector feeder breakers

POM – Point of Measurement  
POC – Point of Coupling

## POC (unit level monitoring) Versus POM (plant level monitoring)

# IEEE 2800 versus PRC-028

## Time Synchronization

	IEEE 2800-2022	PRC-028
	shall be synchronized to UTC with	shall be synchronized to UTC with
IBR Plant Level Monitoring	$\pm 1 \mu\text{s}$ time accuracy	$\pm 1 \text{ ms}$ time accuracy
IBR Unit Level Monitoring	$\pm 100 \mu\text{s}$ time accuracy	$\pm 100 \text{ ms}$ time accuracy

PRC-028 recognizes challenges of transmitting clock signal within the plant

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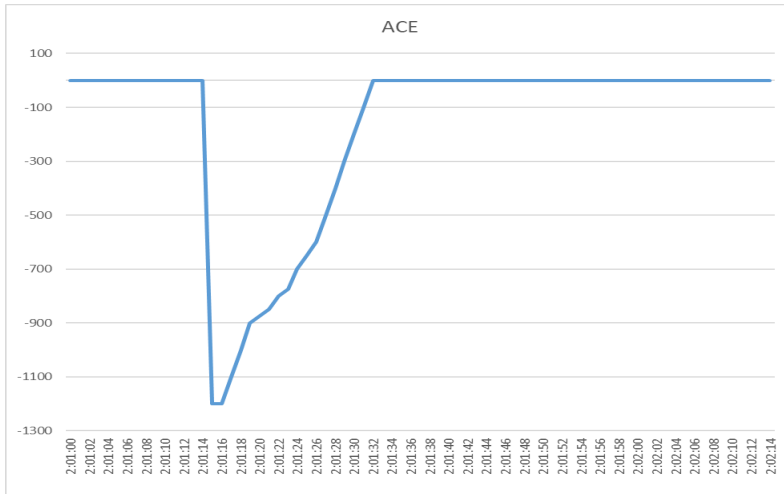
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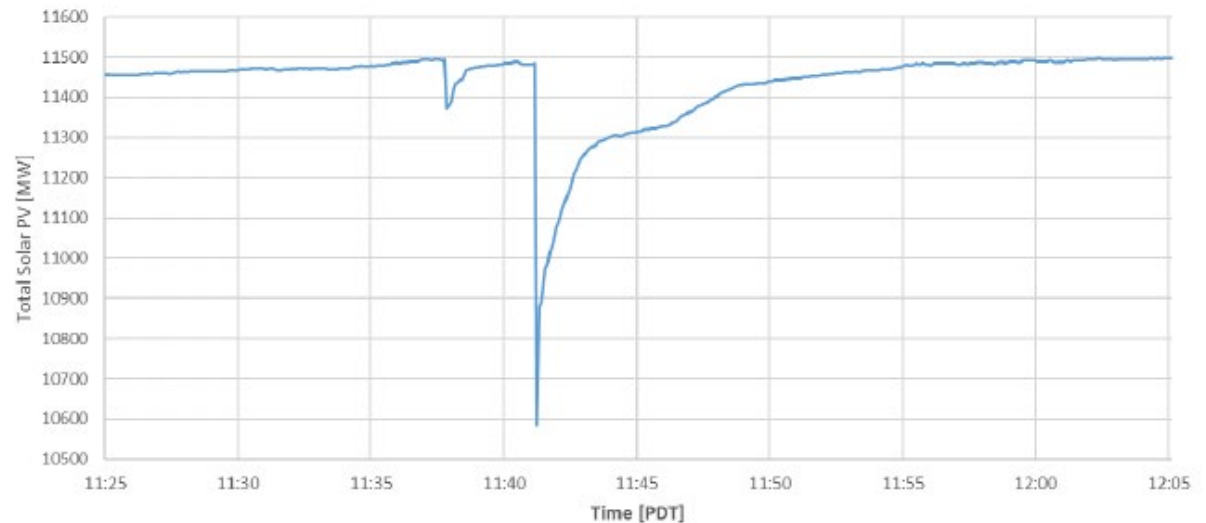


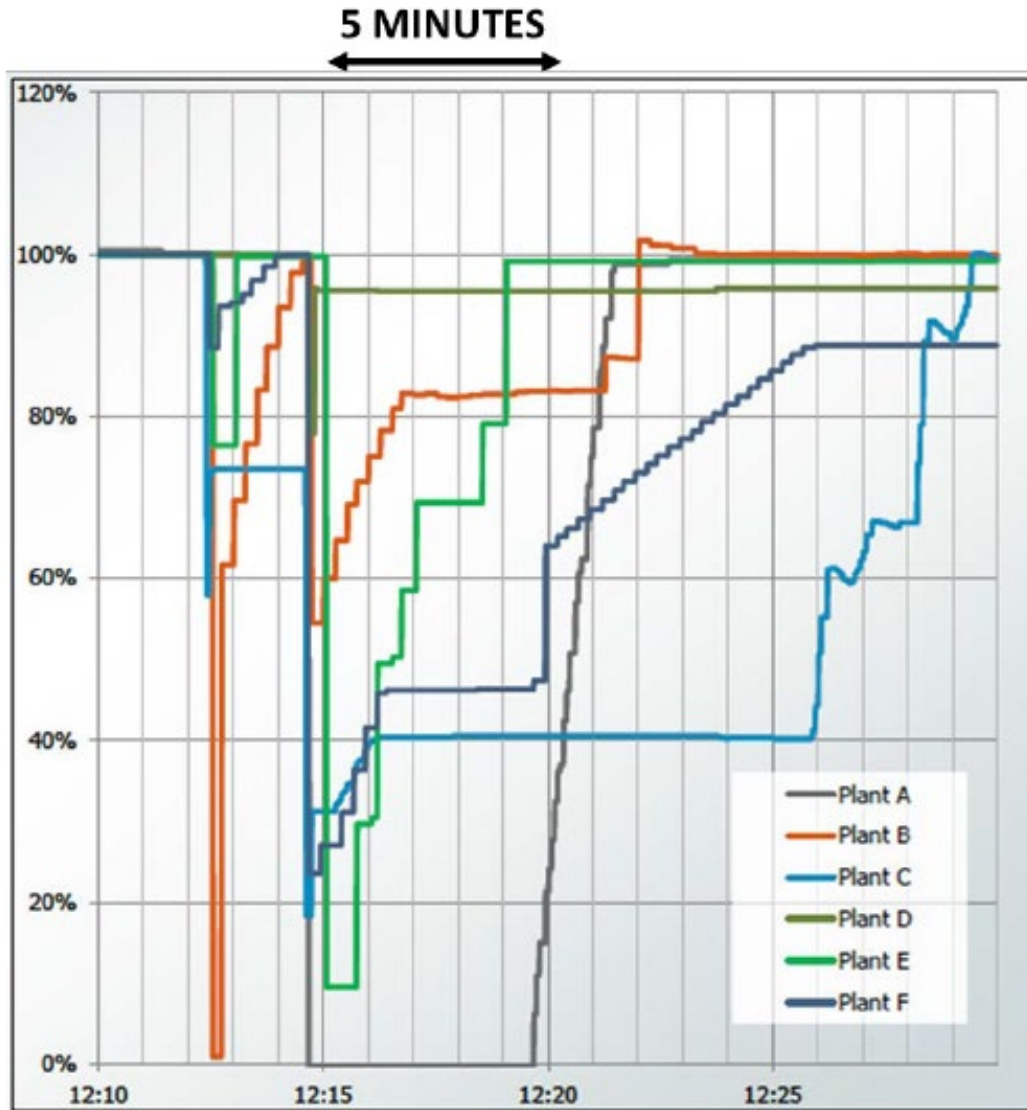
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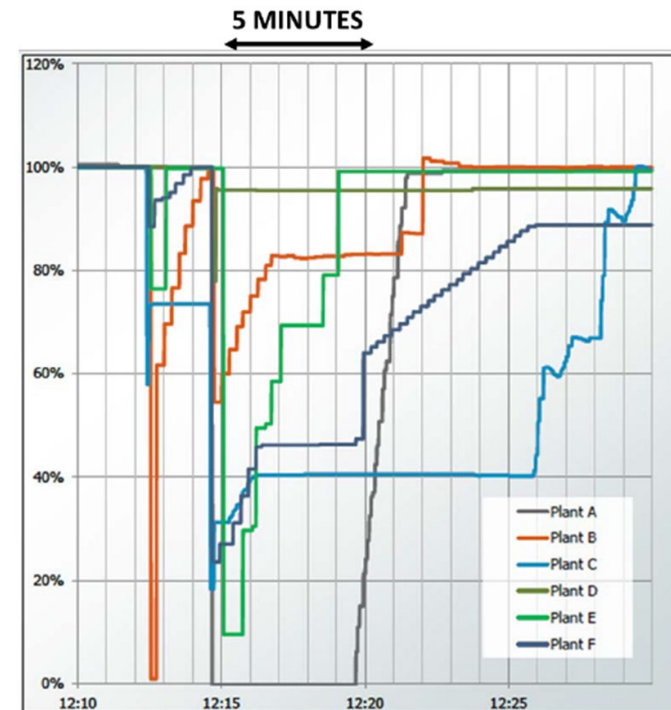
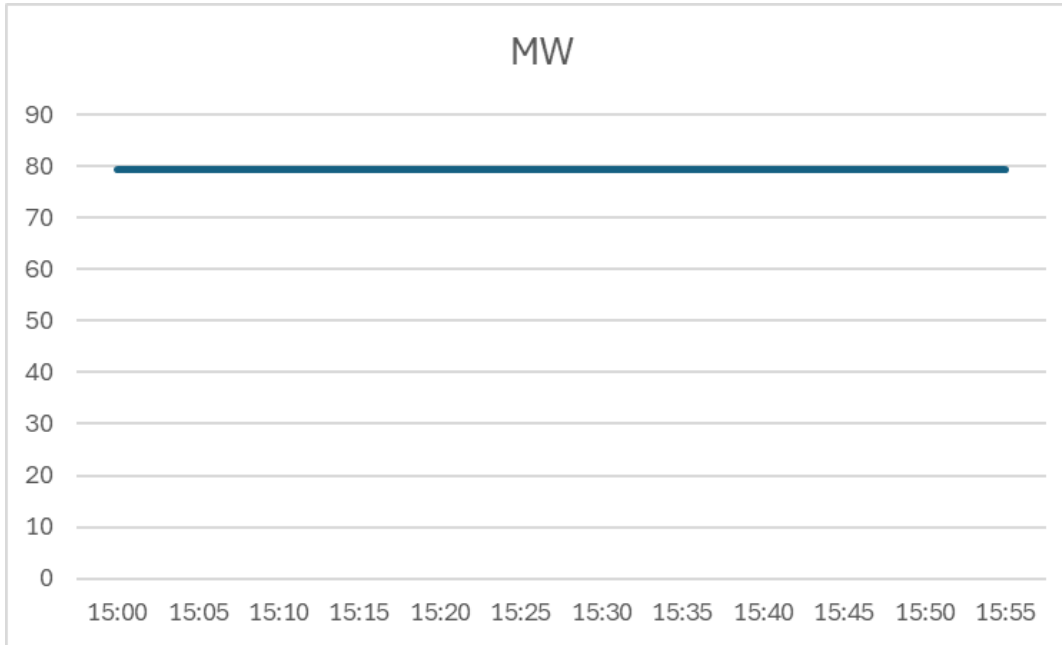




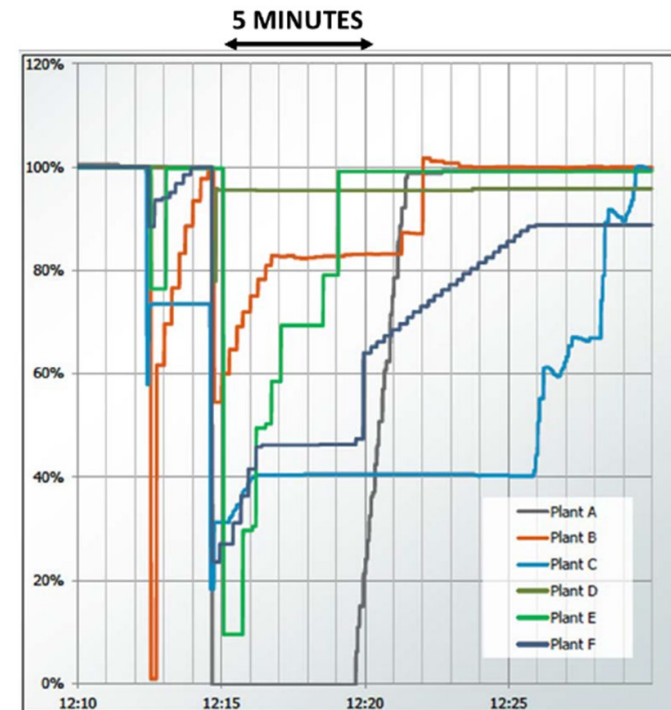
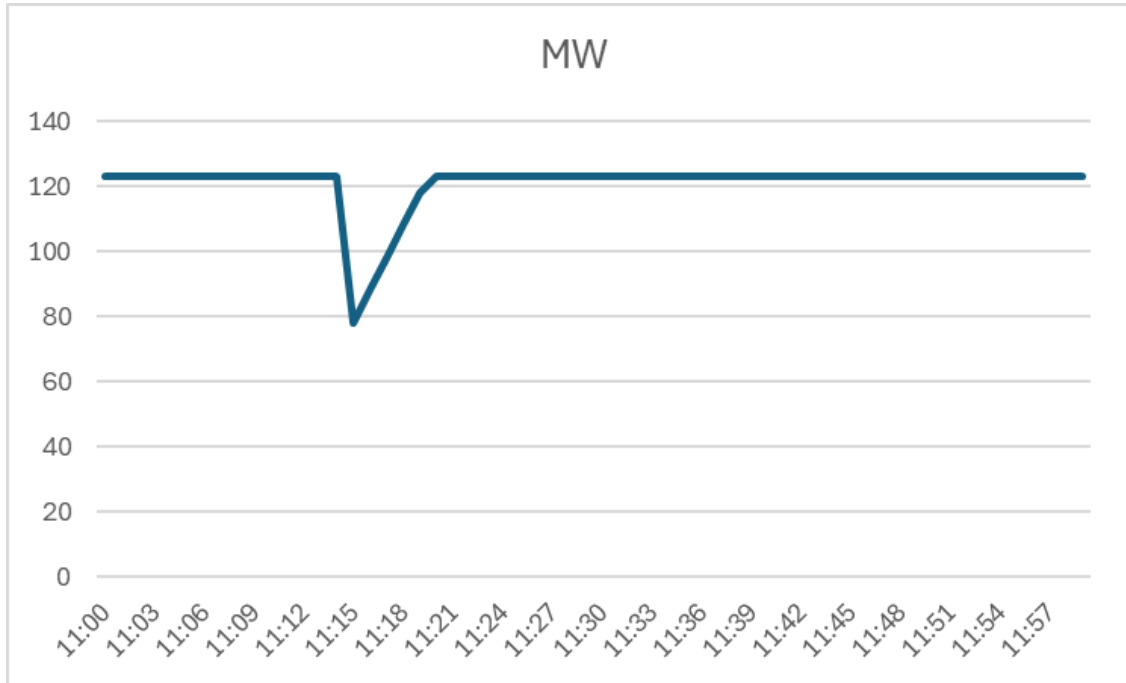
- **Data recording for facility output during disturbance**
  - **Highest resolution data available**
- **Causes of reductions**
- **Settings for protection that operated during disturbance**



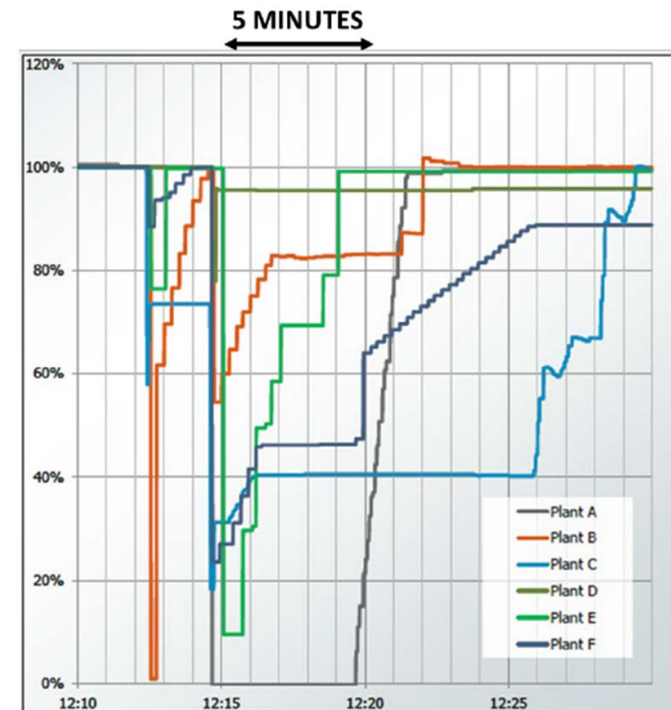
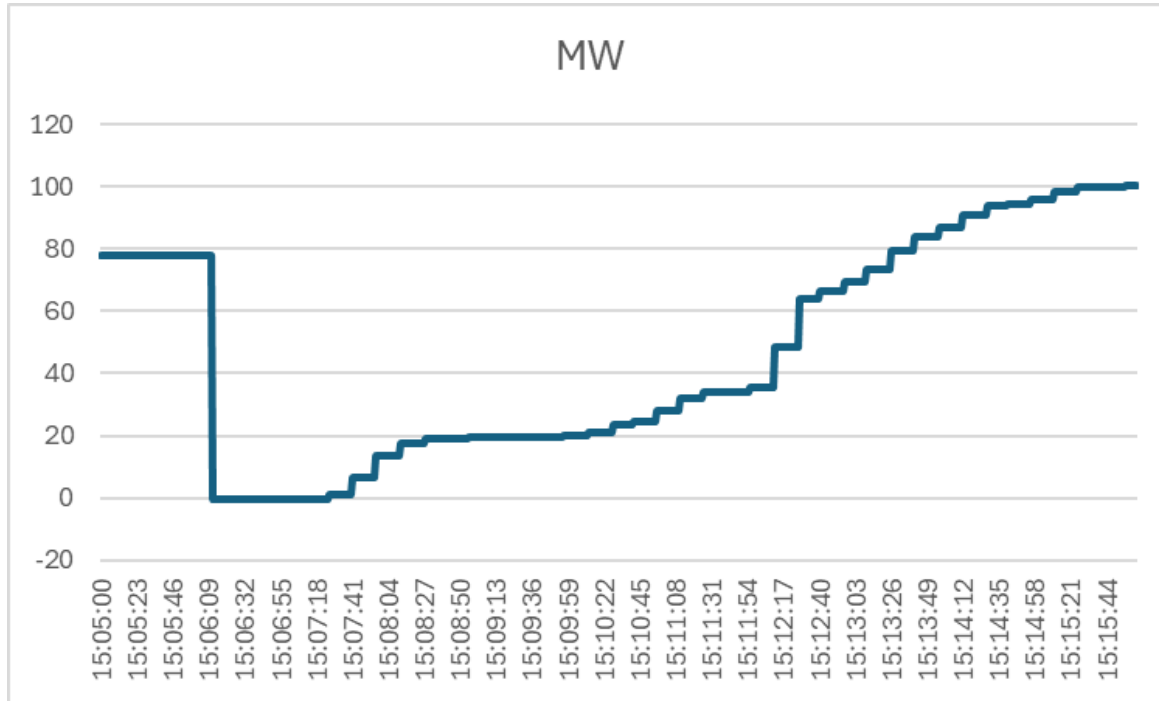
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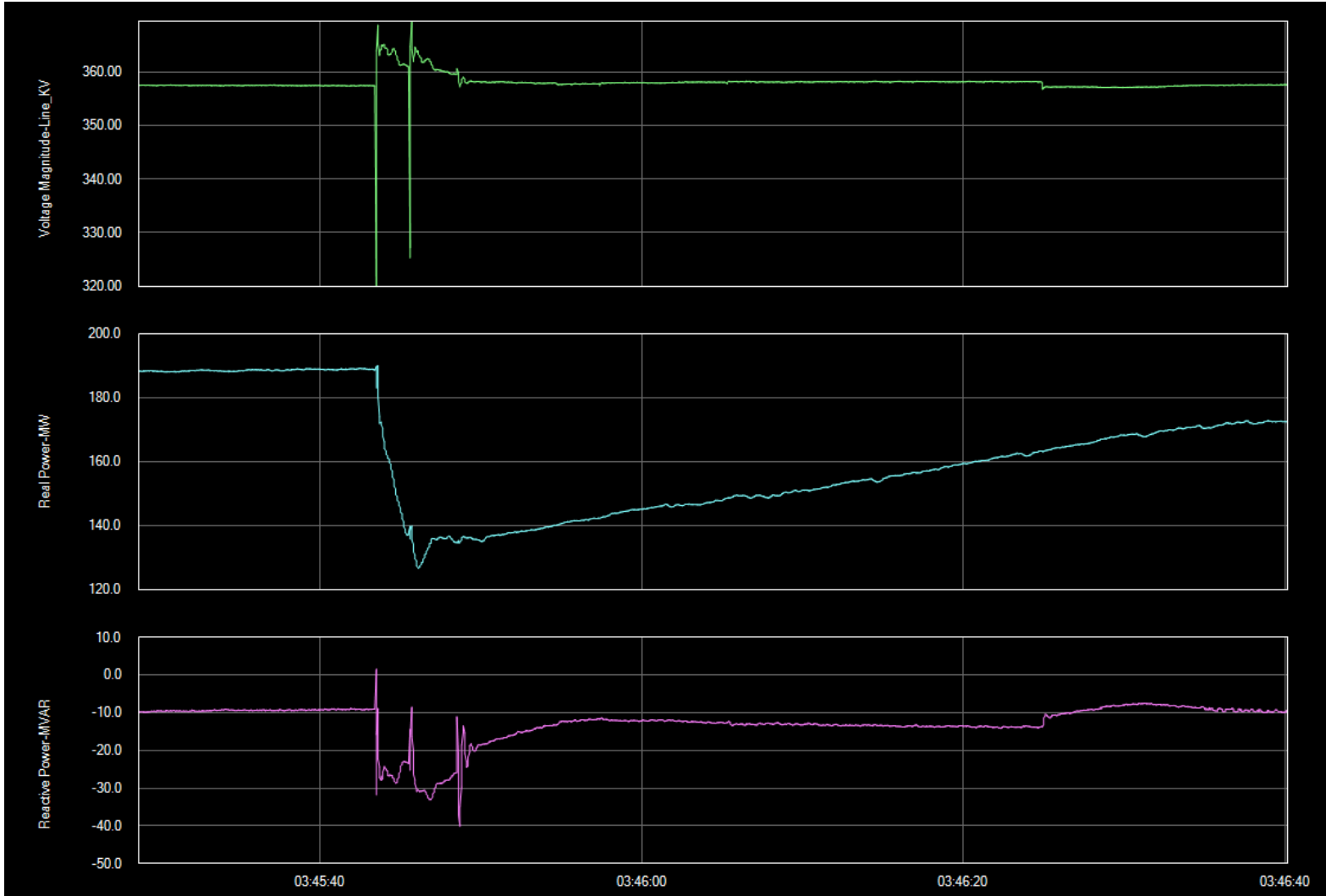
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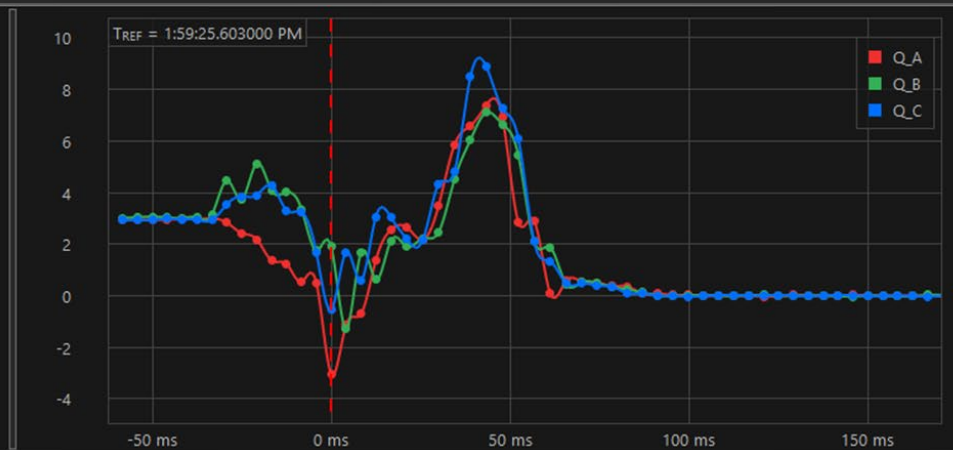
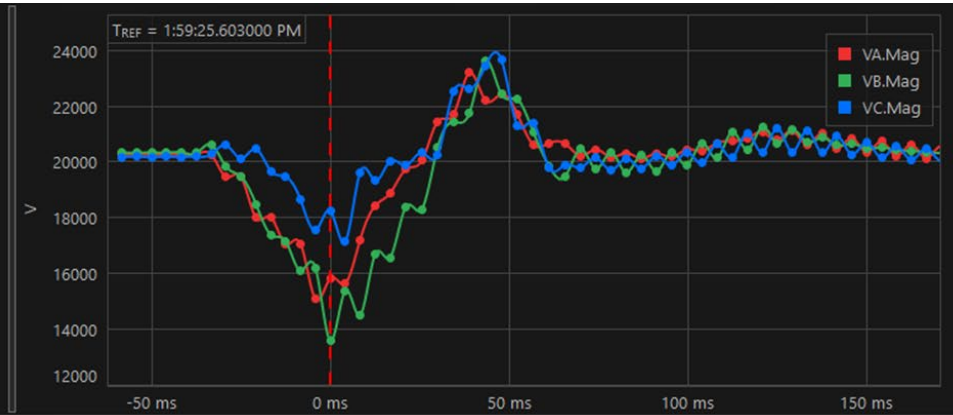
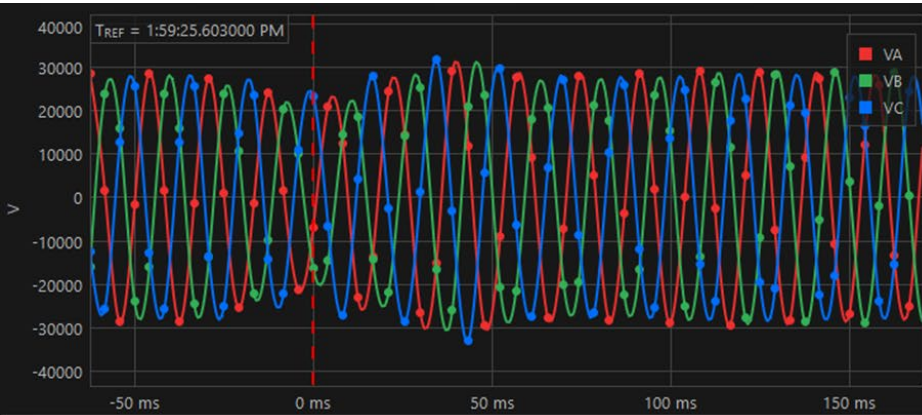
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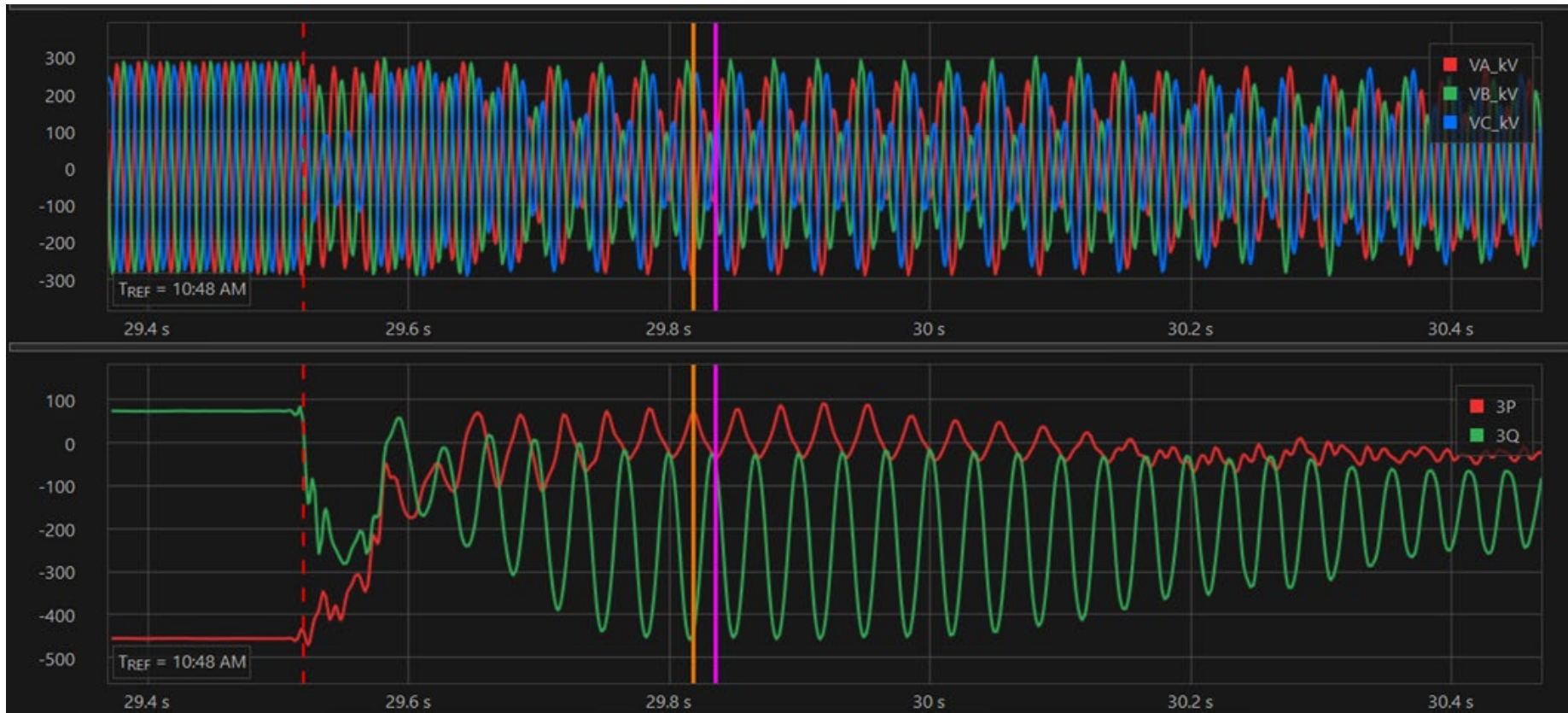
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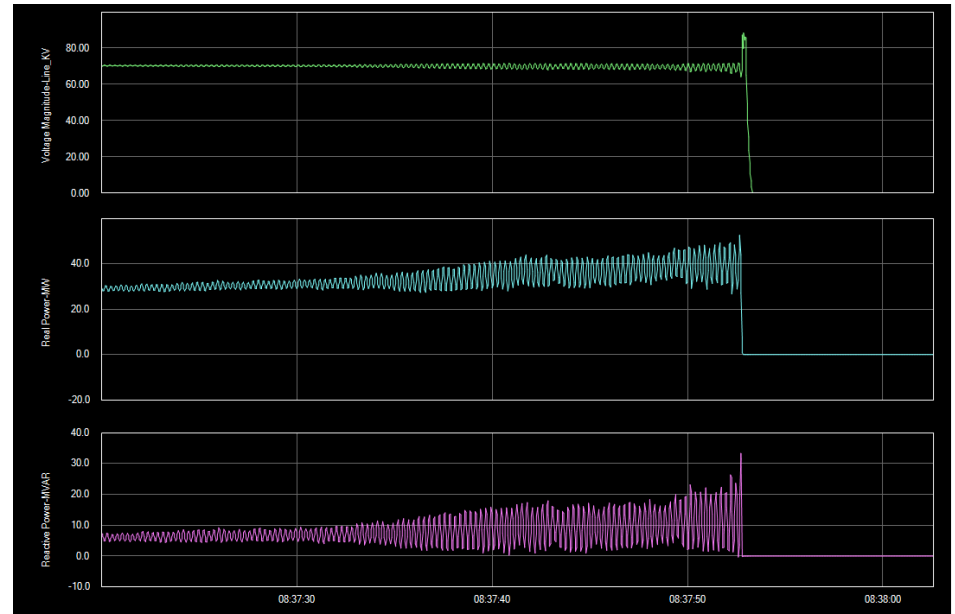
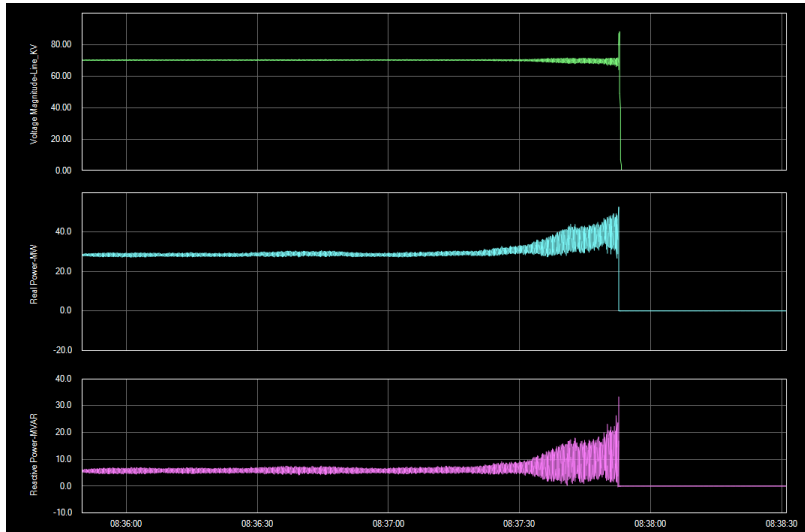
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## More Wow!



And finally...





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### Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll Results

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Additional ballots and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for **Project 2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II** concluded at **8 p.m. Eastern, August 12, 2024**.

The voting statistics are listed below, and the details can be accessed on the [Ballot Results](#) page.

	<b>Ballot</b>	<b>Non-binding Poll</b>
<b>Standard</b>	<b>Quorum / Approval</b>	<b>Quorum / Supportive Opinions</b>
PRC-028-1	87.04% / 80.70%	86.59% / 77.51%
Implementation Plan	85.04% / 84.55%	N/A

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## **PRC-028-1 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Inverter-Based Resources**

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- R4.** Each Generator Owner shall have continuous dynamic disturbance recording (DDR) data and storage to determine the following electrical quantities for each main power transformer(s) it owns: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 4.1.** One phase-to-neutral or positive sequence voltage on high-side of the main power transformer(s).
  - 4.2.** The phase current for the same phase at the same voltage corresponding to the voltage in Requirement R4, Part 4.1, or the positive sequence current.
  - 4.3.** Real Power and Reactive Power flows expressed on a three-phase basis corresponding to each main power transformer(s) where current measurements are required.
  - 4.4.** Frequency of any one of the voltage(s) in Requirement R4, Part 4.1.

- R5.** Each Generator Owner responsible for DDR data for the electrical quantities identified in Requirement R4 shall have DDR data that meet the following: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 5.1.** Input sampling rate of at least 960 samples per second.
  - 5.2.** Output recording rate of electrical quantities of at least 60 times per second.

- R6.** Each Generator Owner shall time synchronize all SER, FR, and DDR data to meet the following: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 6.1.** Synchronization to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) with or without a local time offset.
  - 6.2.** Synchronized device clock accuracy within  $\pm 1$  milliseconds of UTC. The IBR units shall have synchronized device clock accuracy within  $\pm 100$  milliseconds of UTC.



# Questions