

# Ancillary Services Manual Update: Changes to Voltage Support Services (VSS)

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# Agenda

- **Manual updates for Voltage Support Services (VSS)**
  - Inclusion of Inverter-Based Resources
- **Next Steps**

# Ancillary Services Manual Section 3 (Voltage Support Service)

# Changed Sections

- **Section 3 – Voltage Support Service**
  - 3.2. – Supplier Qualification
  - 3.3. – Responsibilities for Service
  - 3.6. – Reactive Power Capability Testing or Demonstration
    - 3.6.2. – Test Procedure for Generators
    - 3.6.4. – Test Procedures for Energy Storage Resources

# Changes in language throughout Section 3:

- Replaced references to Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) with “automatic voltage controlling equipment” to be inclusive of inverters (for inverter-based resources) in addition to AVRs (for non-inverter based resources)
- Replaced references to “D-curve” with [reactive power] “capability curve”

# Supplier Qualifier/Responsibilities

## Section 3.2. – Supplier Qualification

- Added example capability curve for inverter-based resources in addition to the already existing turbine-connected resources' capability curve.

## Section 3.3. – Responsibilities for Service

- “Suppliers are required to provide updated documentation (such as capability curves, inverter block diagrams, automatic voltage controlling equipment documentation) if any equipment is changed.”

# New Definitions

## Section 3.6. – Reactive Power Capability Testing or Demonstration

- Charging Mode – State of operation of an Energy Storage Resource where real power flows from the grid, through the inverter, to be stored in the Energy Storage Resource for later injection back onto the grid at the same location.
- Discharging Mode – State of operation of an Energy Storage Resource where real power flows from the Energy Storage Resource, through the inverter, onto the grid.

# Clarification for multiple resources behind a Point of Injection:

## 3.6.2. – Test Procedure for Generators

- “The verification of Reactive Power capability for facilities with multiple resources that share a single Point of Injection and/or are dependent upon one another for normal operation shall be based on the Reactive Power capability of the facility at the Point of Injection, and not the sum of the capabilities of the individual generators.”



# New Section:

## Section 3.6.4. Test Procedures for Energy Storage Resources

- Each ESR providing this service will be required to demonstrate its leading and lagging capabilities while discharging and charging.
- The lower of the two demonstrated leading capabilities and the lower of the two demonstrated lagging capabilities, as verified by metering data will be the basis of compensation for the following calendar year.

# Next Steps

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- October 15, 2020 – OC Vote
- November 11, 2020 – BIC Vote

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# Questions?