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The latest standards for new energy storage specifications

Overview

In Announcement No. 20, 2023, the SAC announced the approval of 423 new GB standards, including battery and energy storage systems.Does industry need energy storage standards?

As cited in the DOE OE ES Program Plan, “Industry requires specifications of standards for characterizing the performance of energy storage under grid conditions and for modeling behavior. Discussions with industry professionals indicate a significant need for standards. ” [1, p. 30].

What are ESS standards & technical specifications?

The standards and technical specifications discussed above provide utilities and end users unique resources to compare various ESS technologies on an equitable basis in terms of performance, environmental compliance, and safety. It is important to treat the ESS as a black box for a direct comparison independent of battery technology.

What safety standards affect the design and installation of ESS?

As shown in Fig. 3, many safety C&S affect the design and installation of ESS. One of the key product standards that covers the full system is the UL9540 Standard for Safety: Energy Storage Systems and Equipment . Here, we discuss this standard in detail; some of the remaining challenges are discussed in the next section.

Are new battery technologies a risk to energy storage systems?

While modern battery technologies, including lithium ion (Li-ion), increase the technical and economic viability of grid energy storage, they also present new or unknown risks to managing the safety of energy storage systems (ESS). This article focuses on the particular challenges presented by newer battery technologies.

What is energy storage R&D?

Under this strategic driver, a portion of DOE-funded energy storage research and development (R&D) is directed to actively work with industry to fill energy storage Codes & Standards (C&S) gaps. A key aspect of developing energy storage C&S is access to leading battery scientists and their R&D insights.

Is energy storage a future power grid?

For the past decade, industry, utilities, regulators, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have viewed energy storage as an important element of future power grids, and that as technology matures and costs decline, adoption will increase.

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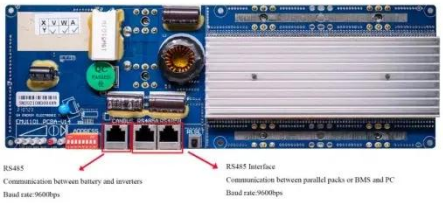

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