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Standard for Small IES Connections

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Abstract: This Standard has been prepared by Energex and Ergon Energy Network to provide Proponents of Fixed Small IES with information about their rights and obligations in respect of connecting to, and interfacing with, the Energex or Ergon Energy Network Distribution Network. Energex and Ergon Energy Network as Queensland DNSPs have an inherent obligation to ensure that Small IES do not cause a material degradation in the quality of supply to other network users and do not adversely affect the operation of the Distribution Network.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to provide Proponents of Small IES Fixed EG Connections up to 30 kVA information about their obligations in respect of connecting to, and interfacing with Energex or Ergon Energy Network's Distribution Network. This Standard has been developed to ensure safe and stable Parallel operation[1] of Small IES Units connected to the DNSP's network at the Premises.

1.2 Scope

This Standard applies to new connections and connection alterations of any Small IES with a total system capacity less than or equal to 10 kVA per phase that is:

- intended to be connected to, and capable of operating in Parallel with the Distribution Network; and
- meeting all other technical requirements set out in this document.

This Standard does not apply to:

- electric vehicles unless the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) is capable of supplying electricity to the Distribution Network or electrical installation (in which case the requirements shall apply).
- DER systems that do not generate electricity, unless they impact on the ability of the Small IES to meet the technical requirements.
- back-up generation that does not operate in parallel with the Distribution Network; or
- EG Systems covered by the following Energex and Ergon Energy Network connection standards:

Standard Number	Title
STNW1174	Standard for LV EG Connections
STNW1175	Standard for HV EG Connections
STNW3510	Dynamic Standard for Small IES Connections
STNW3511	Dynamic Standard for LV EG Connections
STNW3514	Standard for Small IES Connections to Isolated Networks
STNW3515	Standard for LV EG Connections to Isolated Networks

The technical requirements in this Standard comply with the National DER Connection Guidelines for Micro EG Connections as published by the Energy Networks Association (ENA), with the exception of the deviations set out in Appendix A: Deviations from the National DER Connection Guidelines.

[1] Section 225 of the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2013* requires that any person who has generating plant must comply with the entity's conditions for ensuring safe and stable parallel operation of the private generating plant with the works of the electricity entity.

1.3 Obligation of Proponents

Proponents shall:

a. obtain the consent from the DNSP before interconnecting their Small IES Unit with the Distribution Network.
b. ensure that the proposed Small IES Unit equipment and installation complies with the relevant Energy Laws, including any applicable standards, codes and guidelines.
c. comply with this Standard and the terms and conditions of the Model Standing Offer or, where relevant the negotiated connection contract.

Proponents shall not connect additional inverters, make modifications, or install additional Small IES Units, including Energy Storage Systems (ESS), without the prior written agreement of the DNSP.

2 Definitions and abbreviations

2.1 Definitions[2]

Term	Definition
Accredited Person	A person that is properly licensed under the relevant laws and holds accreditation from a peak industry body as competent to design and/or install renewable Generating Units and/or ESS. Accredited Persons may include accredited installers, designers and supervisors operating in accordance with the terms of their accreditation. To be eligible to produce Renewable Energy Certificates a SAA accredited person must be engaged.
Anti-islanding Protection	A protection system to detect islanded conditions and disconnect the inverter(s) from the Distribution System.
Break-before-make	Break-before-make operation is used in a switch that is configured to break (open) the first set of contacts before engaging (closing) the new contacts.
Connection Assets	Those components of a Distribution System which are used to provide connection services.
Connection Contract	A contract formed by the making and acceptance of a connection offer under Chapter 5A of the NER (or an offer to connect under Chapter 5, where the Proponent has made an election under rule 5A.A.2 of the NER), and includes contracts of the kind described under s67 of the NERL.
Connection Point	An agreed point of supply established between the DNSP's Distribution System and a Proponent's Premise.
Demand Response	The automated alteration of an inverter mode of operation in response to an initiating signal originating from or defined by the DNSP.
DER Technical Standards	Means the requirements for embedded generating units under Australian Standard AS4777.2:2020 as in force from time to time.
Disconnection Device	Device designed to safely prevent the flow of current such as circuit breaker, ACR or contactor.
Distribution Network	A network which is not a transmission network. This Standard refers to the Low Voltage or High Voltage portion of the Distribution Network.
Distribution System	A distribution network, together with the connection assets associated with the distribution network, which is connected to another transmission system or distribution system. The relevant distribution system owned and operated by the DNSP to which the Small IES Unit(s) is, or will be, connected.

[2] Terms in italics and not otherwise defined in this document, have the meaning given to that term in the NER or National Energy Retail Law.

Term	Definition
Distribution Network Service Provider (or DNSP)	A person who engages in the activity of owning, controlling, or operating a distribution system. Depending on the context means either Energex (who owns and operates the Distribution System in South East Queensland) or Ergon Energy Network (who owns and operates the Distribution System in the remainder of Queensland).
Embedded Generating System(s) (or EG System(s))	One or more embedded generating units and auxiliary equipment that are interconnected with the Distribution Network.
Emergency Backstop Mechanism	Involves the use of Generation Signalling Devices to provide a Demand Response that causes an IES to temporarily cease or reduce generation in emergency contingency events within the power system. The mechanism may be called upon to respond to a direction by AEMO issued in accordance with the NEL.
Energy Laws	Relevant laws relating to the subject matter of this Standard.
Energy Storage System (or ESS)	A system comprising one or more components (e.g. batteries) that store electricity generated by Distributed Energy Resources or directly from the grid, and that can discharge the electricity to loads.
Export	Net electricity that is fed from the Premises into the Distribution System through the Connection Point.
Fixed Small IES	EG Units of the kind contemplated by Australian Standard AS/NZS 4777 (Grid connection of energy systems via inverters) that have a nameplate rating of 30 kVA or less for which a Small IES Fixed EG Connection is appropriate. Predetermined settings are applied to the EG Units during installation and are not able to be changed.
Generating Unit	The plant used in the production of electricity and all related equipment essential to its functioning as a single entity.
Generation	The production of electrical power by converting another form of energy in a Generating Unit.
Generation Limit	Function to limit the active power that can flow from an inverter or multiple inverters towards the rest of an electrical installation while meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 4777.2.
Generation Signalling Device (GSD)	A DRED providing functionalities and capabilities to achieve Demand Response, which satisfies the requirements of AS/NZS 4755.1[3].
High Voltage (or HV)	Any voltage greater than 1,000 V a.c. or 1,500V d.c.
Interface Protection	Interface Protection is the protection contemplated by AS/NZS 4777 (grid connection of energy systems via inverters) installed to perform the functions of: coordinating multiple Inverter Energy System installations within the Premises, providing protection for the collective Inverter Energy System installation and islanding protection to the connected Distribution System as well as preserving safety of personnel and the general public.
Inverter Energy System (or IES)	A system comprising one or more inverters together with one or more energy sources (which may include an ESS) and controls, where the inverter(s) satisfies the requirements of AS/NZS 4777.2.
Inverter Power Sharing Device (IPSD)	Device used to share the generation from an inverter or multiple inverters to supply loads on Premises with multiple electrical installations.
Isolated Network	Refers to the small remote electricity Distribution Systems operated by Ergon Energy Network that are not connected to the national electricity grid and are supplied via a dedicated power station.
Low Voltage (or LV)	A voltage of no more than 1,000 V a.c. or 1,500 V d.c.

[3] A list of Approved GSD can be found at Energex at: https://www.energex.com.au/home/our-services/connections/low-voltage-generation/emergency-backstop-mechanism and Ergon Energy Network at: https://www.ergon.com.au/network/connections/low-voltage-generation/emergency-backstop-mechanism

Term	Definition
Minimal-export	A Small IES Unit that is capable of operating in Parallel with the Distribution Network and which is designed and configured to limit any Export as prescribed in Section 4.3.1 of this Standard.
Model Standing Offer (or MSO)	A document approved by the Australian Energy Regulator as a model standing offer to provide a basic micro embedded generation connection services or standard connection services which contains (amongst other things) the safety and technical requirements to be complied with by the Proponent. This definition also applies to an equivalent model offer for jurisdictions not subject to Chapter 5A of the NER.
Negotiated Small IES Fixed EG Connection	A connection between a Distribution System and a retail customer's premises for a Small IES, for which a negotiated connection contract is in place.
Off-grid	A Small IES Unit which can supply a customer load as back-up, also known as "non-parallel". In this circumstance, the Small IES Unit(s) is not connected in Parallel and does not synchronise with the Distribution Network. Loads shall be isolated from the Distribution Network when being supplied from the non-parallel Small IES Unit.
Parallel (or Grid Connected)	This is where the Small IES Unit is configured such that the Small IES Unit and the Distribution Network may operate in parallel from time to time (even if this is a very short period of time). This includes circumstances where energy storage systems can be tied directly or indirectly back to the Distribution System through an AS/NZS 4777.2 grid connect inverter. It is irrelevant whether the Small IES Unit (including any ESS) Exports.
Partial-export	A Small IES that is capable of operating in Parallel with the Distribution Network and which is designed and configured to only Export as prescribed to operate in Section 4.3.1 of this Standard.
Power Limiting	The ability to reduce or stop power output from inverters when Export exceeds a defined value.
Premises	Means any land (whether a single block or multiple contiguous blocks), building(s) (whether whole or part), and structure(s) (or adjuncts thereto) that are owned, occupied or controlled by the Proponent in the vicinity of the proposed connection and which can reasonably be considered to be part of a single overarching operation.
Proponent	The retail customer that is the relevant owner, operator, or controller of the Small IES (or their agent).
Reactive Power	The rate at which reactive energy is transferred, which is a necessary part of an alternating current system containing inductive and capacitive components, as it regulates the voltage within the system. Reactive Power is measured in vars within the scope of this Standard.
Single Wire Earth Return (or SWER)	Parts of the electrical high voltage Distribution Network that use a single live conductor with the earth as the return current path. All premises are supplied at LV either as single-phase or split-phase electric power.
Small IES Fixed Embedded Generation Connection (or Small IES Fixed EG Connection)	A connection between Fixed Small IES and a distribution network.
Small IES Unit	A Generating Unit forming part of a Fixed Small IES.
Split-phase SWER	A split-phase connection is a two-phase supply provided off a single SWER transformer.
Standard	This document that is entitled "Standard for Small IES Connections".

Term	Definition
Three-Phase Balanced Inverters	Means a three-phase inverter configured for three-phase connection to the LV network. The inverter output shall be balanced across all three-phases at all times whilst connected to the Network and all three-phases simultaneously disconnect from, or connect to, the Distribution System in response to protection or automatic controls (e.g. Anti-islanding and subsequent reconnection).
Vehicle-to-Building (V2B)	Plug-in electric vehicle interaction with the Premises, including charging as well as discharging and bi-directional communication interface.
Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)	Plug-in electric vehicle interaction with the electric grid, including charging as well as discharging and bi-directional communication interface.

2.2 Abbreviations

Term, abbreviation, or acronym	Definition
AC or a.c.	Alternating current
ACR	Automatic Circuit Recloser
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AFLC	Audio Frequency Load Control
AS/NZS	A jointly developed Australian and New Zealand Standard
AS	Australian Standard
CEC	Clean Energy Council
DC or d.c.	Direct current
DER	Distributed Energy Resources
DRED	Demand Response Enabling Device
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility
EV	Electric Vehicle
EVSE	Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
GSD	Generation Signalling Device
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IPSD	Inverter Power Sharing Device
NEL	National Electricity Law
NER	National Electricity Rules
NERL	National Energy Retail Law
PV	Photovoltaic
QECM	Queensland Electricity Connection Manual
RPEQ	Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland
SAA	Solar Accreditation Australia
SLD	Single Line Diagram
V2B	Vehicle-to-Building
V2G	Vehicle-to-Grid

2.3 Terminology

In this Standard:

- the word “shall” indicates a mandatory requirement that the Proponent must comply with;
- the word “should” indicates a recommended requirement that will not be mandatorily imposed on the Proponent; and
- the word “may” indicates a requirement that the DNSP may determine the Proponent must comply with.

2.3.1 Subcategories

The technical requirements set out in this Standard shall apply to the following subcategories of Small IES Fixed EG Connections described in Table 1:

Table 1 Subcategories

Single-phase Small IES Fixed EG Connection	Two-phase Small IES Fixed EG Connection	Three-phase Small IES Fixed EG Connection	Non-standard Small IES Fixed EG Connection
System capacity ≤ 10 kVA[1]	System capacity ≤ 5 kVA PV & ≤ 5 kVA ESS per phase, up to 10 kVA PV & 10kVA ESS[1]	System capacity ≤ 10 kVA per phase, up to 30 kVA[1]	Connecting to a SWER network[1], Premises with more than one LV Connection Point or connections utilising IPSD.

Note 1: Export limits apply for each subcategory and are as set out in Table 2 and Table 3 in Section 4.3.1 of this Standard.

The following connections are considered to be non-standard for this Standard:

- Premises connected (or connecting) to SWER networks, that have technical constraints which limit the capacity of Small IES Units to be connected to LV networks with upstream SWER networks in comparison to the standard urban and rural networks;
- Premises connected (or connecting) to the Distribution System at more than one LV Connection Point.
- Premises connected (or connecting) to the Distribution System utilising IPSD.

Further details regarding the categories of Small IES that are capable of being connected under the DNSP Standards are set out in Appendix F: Small IES Fixed EG Connection Types.

If further clarification is required to determine which subcategory applies to a Proponent, please contact
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3 Relevant rules, regulations, standards and codes

3.1 Standards and codes

There are a range of applicable standards and industry codes which define connection types and applicable requirements, as set out below.

In the event of any inconsistency between:

- an applicable Australian and international standards and industry codes (except for legislated industry codes where compliance is mandated by law); and
- this Standard,

this Standard will prevail.

3.1.1 Energex controlled documents

A copy of the latest version of this Standard may be obtained by searching for STNW1170 from the following website: https://www.energex.com.au/

Other controlled documents include:

Document number	Document name	Document type
Manual 01811	Queensland Electricity Connection Manual	Reference
STNW1174	Standard for LV EG Connections	Standard
STNW1175	Standard for HV EG Connections	Standard
STNW3510	Dynamic Standard for Small IES Connections	Standard
STNW3511	Dynamic Standard for LV EG Connections	Standard

3.1.2 Ergon Energy Network controlled documents

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Other controlled documents include:

Document number	Document name	Document type
2912908	Queensland Electricity Connection Manual	Reference
STNW1174	Standard for LV EG Connections	Standard
STNW1175	Standard for HV EG Connections	Standard
STNW3510	Dynamic Standard for Small IES Connections	Standard
STNW3511	Dynamic Standard for LV EG Connections	Standard
STNW3514	Standard for Small IES Connections to Isolated Networks	Standard
STNW3515	Standard for LV EG Connections to Isolated Networks	Standard

3.1.3 Australian and New Zealand Standards

Document number	Document name	Document type
AS/NZS 3000	Electrical Installations – Wiring Rules	AU/NZ Joint Standard
AS/NZS 4755.1	Demand response capabilities and supporting technologies for electrical products – Part 1: Demand response framework and requirements for demand response enabling devices (DREDs)	AU/NZ Joint Standard
AS/NZS 4777	Grid connection of energy systems via inverters, (multiple parts)	AU/NZ Joint Standard

AS/NZS 5033	Installation and Safety Requirements for Photovoltaic (PV) Arrays	AU/NZ Joint Standard
AS/NZS 5139	Electrical Installations - Safety of battery systems for use with power conversion equipment	AU/NZ Joint Standard
AS/NZS 61000.4.30	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4.30: Testing and measurement techniques - Power quality measurement methods	AU/NZ Joint Standard
SA/SNZ TR IEC 61000.3.14	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3.14: Limits - Assessment of emission limits for harmonics, interharmonics, voltage fluctuations and unbalance for the connection of disturbing installations to LV power systems	AU/NZ Joint Standard
AS 62040.1	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS)	Australian Standards
AS/NZS IEC 62116	Utility-interconnected photovoltaic inverters – Test procedure of islanding prevention measures	Australian Standard

3.2 Legislation and regulation

Set out below is a list of the applicable legislation and regulations (which may be amended, replaced, repealed, or have further instruments enacted from time to time).

In the event of any inconsistency between:

- any applicable legislation and regulation; and
- this Standard,

the legislation and regulations will prevail.

Document name	Document type
DER Technical Standard	Regulation
Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)	Legislation
Electricity Regulation 2006 (Qld)	Regulation
Electrical Safety Act 2002 (Qld)	Legislation
Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 (Qld)	Regulation
Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 (Qld)	Legislation
National Electricity (Queensland) Law, as defined in the Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 (Qld)	Regulation
National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Act 2014 (Qld)	Legislation
National Energy Retail Law (Queensland), as defined in the National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Act 2014 (Qld)	Regulation
National Electricity Rules	Regulation
Professional Engineers Act 2002 (Qld)	Legislation

4 Technical requirements

4.1 Labelling and signage

Labels and signs on the Fixed Small IES, including cables, shall meet the requirements of AS/NZS 4777.1, AS/NZS 3000, AS/NZS 5033 and AS/NZS 5139.

4.2 Maximum system capacity

The maximum aggregate system capacity for Fixed Small IES EG Connections covered under this Standard is 10 kVA per phase.

Where there are multiple EG Systems at a Premises connected via a single Connection Point, the system capacity will consider the aggregate of the existing and proposed EG Systems.

This section shall be applied with consideration to the entire Standard, particularly Section 4.3.1 of this Standard.

This Standard can only be applied up to a total aggregate capacity of 30 kVA. System capacity for a bulk metered premises, such as strata title (e.g. retirement villages), are aggregated at the Connection Point. The Proponent is responsible for compliance with the requirements set out in this Standard, including, but not limited to, phase balancing.

4.3 Generation control

4.3.1 Export limits at Connection Point

4.3.1.1 Standard Fixed Small IES EG Connections

The Export limits at the Connection Point of Fixed Small IES for each standard Fixed Small IES EG Connection is set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 Fixed Small IES EG Connection Export limits

Subcategory	Export limit	Techical study required
Single-phase	≤ 5 kW	No
Two-phase	≤ 5 kW per phase[1]	No
Three-phase	≤ 5 kW per phase[1]	No

Note 1: Multiphase EG Systems shall meet phase balance requirements from Section 4.3.3 of this Standard.

4.3.1.2 Non-standard Fixed Small IES EG Connections

The following Table 3 has the Export limits and technical studies requirements for non-standard Fixed Small IES EG Connections.

Table 3 Non-standard Export limits and technical study requirement

Subcategory	Export limit	Technical study required
SWER	≤ 2 kW	No

4.3.1.3 Export limits

Export limits for Fixed IES EG shall be interpreted as “soft” and meet the definition of soft Export limits in clause 3.4.8 of AS/NZS 4777.1. Export limits shall be set to meet Table 4.

Table 4 Export limit settings

	Minimal-export	Partial-export
Export limit setting (kW)	0	*k* of total inverter rating[1]

Note 1: Where *k* is equal to the approved Partial-export power value as a per unit value of the inverter capacity. For example, where the approved Partial-export value is 2.5 kW of a 5 kVA inverter, k = 0.5 (or 50%).

For configurations where the inverter provides the Power Limiting capability, the aggregate Export of all inverters shall not exceed the approved Export limit. The ability of the Fixed Small IES to Export into the Distribution System will be subject to the characteristics of the Distribution System from time to time, and the DNSP is unable to, and does not, represent, warrant or guarantee that the Fixed Small IES will be able to Export electricity into the Distribution System at any time. Circumstances which may cause the Export to be constrained include but are not limited to when power quality response modes are in operation.

4.3.2 Generation limit downstream of Connection Point

For Premises with multiple-phase connection to the network, Generation Limit control as specified in AS/NZS 4777.2 may be applied to control the active power output levels of EG(s) as per Table 5. Where Generation Limit has been applied, the Generation Limit shall be substituted for the EG's nameplate rating.

Table 5 Generation Limit Categories

Category	Generation Limit	Single-Phase Inverter Maximum Nameplate Rating
V2G	5 kW per phase[1]	8 kVA per phase
V2B	5 kW per phase[1]	8 kVA per phase

Note 1: Generation Limits may need to be reduced to meet system capacity and phase balance requirements in this Standard.

4.3.3 Phase Balance for Multiple-Phase Connections

For all multiple-phase connections to the network, the phase balance requirements in AS/NZS 4777.1 Appendix C applies including:

a. Customers that may have a combination of single-phase and/or three-phase inverters in compliance with AS/NZS 4777.2.
b. All multiple-phase IES Units shall have a balanced a.c. output.
c. Where single-phase inverters are installed for both PV and ESS they shall be installed on the same phase.
d. For IES with an aggregate rating ≤ 30 kVA the additional phase balance requirements in Section 4.3.3.1 of the Standard apply.

4.3.3.1 Phase Balance for Connections with IES 30 kVA and under

For multiple-phase connections where the aggregate IES nameplate rating for single-phase and balanced three-phase inverters are ≤ 30 kVA, the limits in Table 6 shall be met:

Table 6 Phase Balance Requirements for Multiple-Phase Connections with IES ≤ 30 kVA

Multiple-Phase Connections with IES ≤ 30 kVA	Single-Phase Inverter Aggregate Nameplate Rating Limit	Balance Three-Phase Inveter Aggregate Nameplate Rating Limit
PV Inverters	5 kVA per phase	30 kVA
ESS Inverters	5 kVA per phase	30 kVA
V2G or V2B Inverters[1]		
Aggregate of Combined IES	10 kVA per phase	30 kVA

Note 1: Generation Limit may be applied to V2G or V2B single-phase inverter as per Section 4.3.2 of this Standard to meet phase balance requirements.

Where there is a combination of single-phase inverters, the maximum nameplate rating imbalance of all IES shall not exceed 5 kVA between phases.

4.3.4 Emergency Backstop Mechanism

4.3.4.1 Application

Fixed Small IES EG Connections that satisfy the following conditions shall comply with Section 4.3.4.2 of this Standard to enable the Emergency Backstop Mechanism:

a. the aggregated system capacity of all inverters[4] at the Premises is equal to or above 10 kVA; and
b. the Distribution System has AFLC service available at the Connection Point[5].

4.3.4.2 Configuration for an Emergency Backstop Mechanism

Subject to Section 4.3.4.1 of this Standard, a Proponent shall ensure that any Fixed Small IES EG Connection is configured to comply with the following requirements:

a. installation of a GSD in accordance with the QECM Drawings Supplement[6] for all inverters that:
    1. are, or were, installed or altered pursuant to a Connection Contract dated on or from 6 February 2023; and
    2. are not connected exclusively with an ESS DC source;
b. the inverter is configured to enable functionality of the demand response mode DRM 0 in compliance with AS/NZS 4777.2.
c. where the inverter does not have an integrated device for the demand response mode, an external device is installed in accordance with Clause 3.2.1 of AS/NZS 4777.2.

[4] Including inverters with ESS DC sources.
[5] AFLC service availability can be checked for Energex at: https://www.energex.com.au/home/our-services/connections/low-voltage-generation/emergency-backstop-mechanism and Ergon Energy Network at: https://www.ergon.com.au/network/connections/low-voltage-generation/emergency-backstop-mechanism
[6] https://www.energex.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1170993/Queensland-Electricity-Connection-Manual-Drawings-Supplement-Version-4-15919201.pdf or https://www.ergon.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1170993/Queensland-Electricity-Connection-Manual-Drawings-Supplement-Version-4-15919201.pdf

4.4 Inverter Energy Systems (IES)

The following requirements apply to IES that are comprised of Fixed Small IES inverters:

a. inverters shall be tested and certified by an authorised testing laboratory as being compliant with AS/NZS 4777.2 (with an accreditation number issued).
b. the inverters shall be registered with CEC as approved grid connect inverters.
c. the inverters shall be tested and certified by an authorised testing laboratory as being compliant with AS/NZS IEC 62116 for active Anti-islanding Protection.
d. the inverters shall be installed in compliance with AS/NZS 4777.1.
e. the inverters shall have both volt-var and volt-watt response modes available and be capable of operating the modes concurrently, as per Section 4.10.1 of this Standard.
f. the inverters shall be set to the regional setting “Australia A”.

4.4.1 Energy Storage System (ESS)

The connection of an ESS (such as batteries or EV and EVSE) capable of supplying electricity to an electrical installation such as the Premises or the Distribution System is considered Grid Connected, unless the inverter is connected behind a Break-before-make switch in accordance with Section 4.5.1 of this Standard or is an UPS in accordance with AS 62040.1.

Where the ESS is considered to be Grid Connected:

a. the ESS shall be subject to the requirements of this Standard.
b. the inverters for the ESS shall be installed in accordance with Section 4.4 of this Standard.
c. the installation of the battery ESS shall comply with AS/NZS 5139.
d. the ESS is either externally DC coupled to an AC inverter or packaged as a product into an integrated system with an AC inverter. The following requirements shall apply to ESS inverters:
    1. the inverter capacity for any ESS inverter will be included in the aggregated nameplate rating[7] of inverters at the Connection Point.
    2. the Export limit for the ESS inverter will be considered as part of the aggregated Export limit at the Connection Point.

The installation and commissioning of an ESS shall be certified as compliant by an Accredited Person.

4.4.2 Electric Vehicles

EVSE that is only capable of charging from the grid are not considered a Small IES Unit but rather a load and are subject to the requirements outlined in Clause 8.14.2.2 of the QECM.

EVSE shall be considered an ESS, and is subject to the requirements set out in Clause 8.16.2 of the QECM and Section 4.4.1 of this Standard, where:

[7] Nameplate rating for any inverter shall be based on the maximum continuous rating of the inverter throughout this Standard

a. the EVSE is capable of supplying electricity into the Premises but not the Distribution System, resulting in a Minimal-export configuration (also referred to as Vehicle-to-Building or V2B); or
b. the EVSE is capable of supplying electricty into the Distribution System, resulting in either a full- or Partial- export configuration (also referred to as Vehicle-to-Grid or V2G); or
c. the EVSE being installed has the capability to supply electricity into either the Premises or the Distribution System.

Where an EVSE is an ESS, its nameplate rating shall be counted towards the ESS inverter capacity for the purposes of determining maximum system capacity as per Section 4.2 of this Standard.

Note: EVSE capable of supplying electricity into the Premises or Distribution System is a type of energy storage system; they are not categorised as a battery system that conforms to AS/NZS 5139.

4.4.3 Inverter Power Sharing Device (IPSD)

The following requirements apply for the use of IPSD on Premises with multiple electrical installations:

a. The IPSD shall not interfere with the safety, functional and performance requirements for an IES conforming with AS/NZS 4777.2.
b. IPSD shall be installed in compliance with AS/NZS 4777.1.
c. The design and implementation of the IPSD installation shall be completed under engineering supervision by an RPEQ.

4.5 Network connection and isolation

Network connection and isolation requirements shall be in accordance with AS/NZS 4777.1 and AS/NZS 3010.

In addition, the following requirements shall apply:

a. mechanical isolation shall be in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 in that the isolator must always be readily accessible.
b. any means of isolation (where lockable) shall be able to be locked in the open position only.

4.5.1 Changeover switches

Any Small IES Unit connected behind a Break-before-make switch, that is, it isolates the changeover circuit when transferring between grid supply to Generation supply, will be considered as an Off-grid inverter.

The following shall be considered as Grid Connected Small IES Units and will be required to comply with the requirements of this Standard:

a. a Small IES Unit connected behind a Make-before-break switch that results in a momentary, or longer, connection between grid supply and Generation supply circuits when performing a changeover.

b. a multiple mode inverter with uninterruptible power supply (UPS) mode functionality that is Grid Connected but also supplies an Off-grid circuit.

4.6 Earthing

The earthing requirements shall include:

a. for IES and EV or EVSE capable of supplying energy, earthing requirements shall be as per AS/NZS 4777.1 and AS/NZS 3000.

b. For battery ESS, earthing requirements shall be as per AS/NZS 5139 and AS/NZS 3000.

4.7 Protection

4.7.1 Inverter integrated protection

The inverter integrated protection requirements for inverters connected to the Distribution Network shall comply with AS/NZS 4777.1 and AS/NZS 4777.2.

Active Anti-islanding requirements shall apply as per AS/NZS 4777.2.

Inverters shall be set to the values given in Table 7 of this standard, which is consistent with the passive Anti-islanding requirements in Table 4.1 and Table 4.2 from AS/NZS 4777.2.

Table 7 Prescribed Inverter Settings

Parameter	Settings	Trip delay time	Maximum disconnection time
Undervoltage 2 (V<<)	70 V	1 s	2 s
Undervoltage 1 (V<)	180 V	10 s	11 s
Overvoltage 1 (V>)	265 V	1 s	2 s
Overvoltage 2 (V>>)	275 V	—	0.2 s
Under-frequency (F<)	47 Hz	1 s	2 s
Over-frequency (F>)	52 Hz	—	0.2 s
Reconnect time	60 s	N/A	N/A

4.7.2 Interface Protection

This section has been left intentionally blank.

4.8 Operating voltage and frequency

The proposed installation shall be able to operate within the limits of supply voltage:

$V_{phase\text{-}to\text{-}neutral}$ = 230V ±10%.

The maximum sustained voltage set point for Small IES Unit, $V_{nom\text{-}max}$ as per AS/NZS 4777.2 shall be set at 258V.

The proposed Small IES Unit installation shall not cause more than 2% voltage rise at the Connection Point. Voltage rise is calculated from the a.c. terminals of the inverter or inverters to the Connection Point using a method contained in Clause 3.3.3 of AS/NZS 4777.1.

4.9 Metering

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4.10 Power quality

4.10.1 IES power quality response modes

The volt–var and volt–watt response modes specified in Clause 3.3.2.2 and Clause 3.3.2.3 of AS/NZS 4777.2 shall both be enabled as per below Table 8 and Table 9 for IES. For IES with energy storage the volt-watt response mode when charging, specified in Clause 3.4.3 of AS/NZS 4777.2 shall be enabled as per Table 10.

Table 8 Volt–var response mode settings

Reference	Voltage	Inverter reactive power level (Q) % of S_{rated}
V_{V1}	207 V	44% supplying[1]
V_{V2}	220 V	0%
V_{V3}	240 V	0%
V_{V4}	258 V	60% absorbing[1]

Note 1: Absorbing is when the Small IES Unit absorbs reactive power from the Distribution System and supplying is when the Small IES Unit acts as a source of reactive power into the Distribution System.

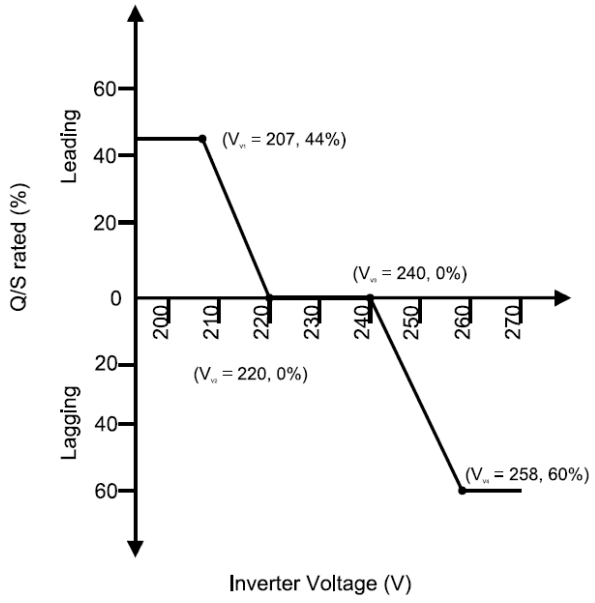

Figure 1 Volt-var response mode

Table 9 Volt-watt response mode settings

Reference	Voltage	Inverter maximum active power output level (P) % of S_{rated}
V_{W1}	253 V	100%
V_{W2}	260 V	20%

Note 1: Where P is the output power of the inverter and P_{rated} is the rated output power of the inverter

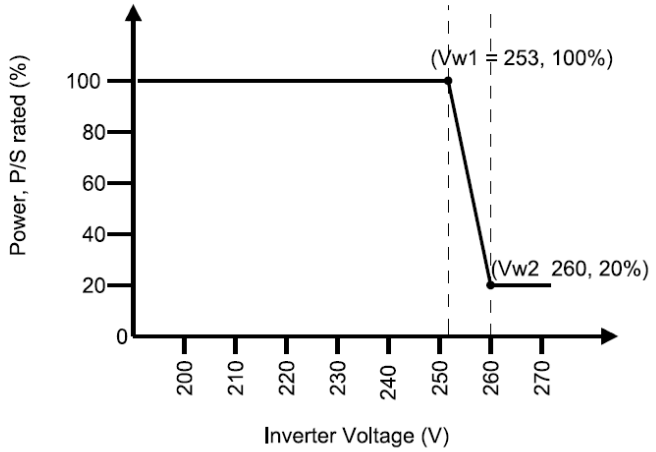

Figure 2: Volt-watt response mode

Table 10 Volt-watt response mode settings for inverters with energy storage when charging

Reference	Voltage	Power Input, $P_{charge}/P_{rated\text{-}ch}$ (%)
$V_{W1\text{-}ch}$	207 V	20%
$V_{W2\text{-}ch}$	215 V	100%

Power quality response modes shall commence and complete in accordance with their defined characteristics in Clause 3.3.2 and Clause 3.4.3 in AS/NZS 4777.2 within the relevant times specified in Table 11 below:

Table 11 Maximum response time for power quality response modes

Response commencement time	Response completion time
1 s	10 s

4.10.2 Disturbance issues

Disturbance to the LV Distribution Network shall be assessed against SA/SNZ TR IEC 61000.3.14.

Measurement of voltage disturbances shall be as described in AS/NZS 61000.4.30 using Class A instruments.

4.11 Communications systems

This section has been left intentionally blank.

4.12 Data and information

4.12.1 Static data and information

Static data and information that is required to be provided by the Proponent to the DNSP as per Appendix D.

4.12.2 Dynamic data and information

This section has been left intentionally blank.

4.13 Cybersecurity

This section has been left intentionally blank.

4.14 Technical studies

No technical studies are required to be carried out by the Proponent or at the Proponent's expense to enable an offer for a Fixed Small IES EG Connection. However, Negotiated Fixed Small IES EG Connections that do not meet the criteria for a DNSP's Model Standing Offer may be required to undertake technical studies.

5 Fees and charges

Information regarding fees and charges applicable to Proponents is available at the following links:

Energex: https://www.energex.com.au/our-services/connections/residential-and-commercial-connections/connection-charges

Ergon Energy Network: https://www.ergon.com.au/network/connections/residential-connections/connection-services-charges

6 Testing and commissioning

On-site testing and commissioning shall be undertaken in accordance with AS/NZS 4777.1, AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 5033 (where applicable), the equipment manufacturer's specifications, and the DNSP's technical requirements to demonstrate that the Fixed Small IES meets the requirements of the model standing offer of negotiated connection contract (as applicable). The tests shall be installation tests, not type tests.

Commissioning tests for the inverter shall be in accordance with AS/NZS 4777, including:

a. operate the main switch (inverter) and verify the connection time is greater than 60 seconds.
b. isolate the main switch (grid) and verify the disconnect time is less than 2 seconds.
c. where Power Limiting operation is required, disconnect Proponent's load, and confirm Export to the grid does not exceed approved limits.
d. where Emergency Backstop Mechanism is required, the inverter is configured to interact with the GSD.

6.1 Electromechancial Meters

If the meter at the Premises is an electromechanical meter, the Proponent shall ensure that the Small IES Unit shall be left with DC isolators on and AC isolators off until the Proponent's electricity retailer has confirmed that the metering equipment at the Premises has been modified or reconfigured to comply with the Energy Laws. For all new connections and connection alterations, the Accredited Person shall ensure compliance of the IES and complete the compliance checklist in Appendix E, and a copy of this checklist shall be left on site for the DNSP's connection officers.

7 Operations and maintenance

Fixed Small IESs shall be operated and maintained to ensure compliance with their the model standing offer of negotiated connection contract (as applicable) and all legislation, codes, and/or other regulatory requirements at all times.

The Proponent shall ensure that the Fixed Small IES and other systems and facilities at the Premises operate satisfactorily:

a. for the full range of variation of system parameters and characteristics; and
b. within the distortions and disturbances specified in applicable technical requirements.

The DNSP does not guarantee the operation of any customer appliances, including Small IES Units and their associated components. The Proponent shall take necessary steps to ensure their Small IES Unit operates as anticipated and also adhere to their applicable the model standing offer of negotiated connection contract (as applicable).

The DNSP may inspect Fixed Small IES at any time at the DNSP's expense.

Appendix A: Deviations from the National DER Connection Guidelines (informative)

Table 12 Table of deviations from National DER Connection Guidelines

Section	Description of deviations	Type of deviation	Justification
Title and 2.3.1, 4.3.1, 4.3.2	The title "Basic Micro EG" is removed.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	The term "Basic" references a particular service contract type based on a size as defined by AS4777. However, the terminology Fixed Small IES does not prevent the inclusion of Negotiated Small IES Fixed EG Connections up to 30 kVA in systems capacity. The NER definition for a Micro EG connection is inconsistent with the ENA's title for this Standard.
1, 4.2	Change Fixed Small IES – single-phase definition to be less than or equal to 10 kVA capacity.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Increasing capacity acknowledges the current Queensland MSO limit and Ergon Energy Network and Energex's commitment to enable more DER penetration.
1.2	Electric vehicles that generate electricity at a.c. with the ability to export to the LV network or electrical installation is included in scope.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Existing policy acknowledging the ability of EVs to export as an IES.
1.2	Removed reference to demand response and demand management systems from scope exclusions.	Jurisdiction requirement	For better clarity and alignment with introduction of Emergency Backstop Mechanism utilising Demand Response capability.
1.2, 2.3.1, 4.2, 4.3.1	Removed exclusion for ESS in both total system capacity and export limits for IES. Included a new sub-section 4.4.1 for additional information regarding ESS.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	ESS can have an integrated inverter and be AC or be DC. An ESS with integrated inverter would not be excluded from either total system capacity or export limit for IES due to impact on the Distribution System.
2.1	Excludes definitions for DER, Registered Generator, Aggregator related terminology, standard connection, and technical requirements document.	n/a	Documentation policy to not include definitions not required within the Standard. The DNSP will develop a position on aggregation and include at a later stage.
2.1	Different definitions for Proponent, IES, LV. Italics is used to highlight specific terms in NER not defined in this Standard.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	For better clarity and alignment with other related documents.
2.2	AEMC, AEMO, AER, CBD, MV, SWIS, NEM, NMI, WEM are excluded. Some acronyms also moved to the definitions section.	n/a	Documentation policy to not include abbreviations not required within the Standard.

Section	Description of deviations	Type of deviation	Justification
2.3.1	Hyperlink or website reference to geographically identify whether a connection is to a non-standard network is deferred.	n/a	Future improvement opportunity.
4.2 & 4.3	Different limits and requirements for SWER connected EG Systems	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Existing policy and acknowledgement of different requirements for non-standards networks.
4.3.1	Introduced Minimal-export option with Export controls.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Further clarity around different connection options.
4.3.3	Inclusion of new Section to include requirements for an Emergency Backstop Mechanism	Jurisdictional requirement	New requirement for Emergency Backstop Mechanism to support management of minimum system load events.
4.4	New Section 4.4.2 to include information on electric vehicles.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Clarifies the types of connections that is included and excluded in scope.
4.4	New Section 4.4.3 to include information on Inverter Power Sharing Devices.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system.	Clarifies the requirements for the use of IPSD.
4.5.	Included details for Changeover switch in a new sub-section.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	Further clarity around off-grid and UPS modes.
4.1, 4.4, 4.6	AS/NZS 5139 included instead of AS/NZS 3011. Included a new section for ESS as 4.4.1.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	AS/NZS 5139 has been published since the ENA guideline was released which is an update on all ESS installation and application requirements including safety. AS/NZS 5139 covers all the main ESS types whereas AS/NZS 3011 covered only lead-acid and nickel cadmium types.
4.7.1, 4.10.1	Updated references to align with AS/NZS 4777.2:2020	Jurisdictional requirement	
4.7.2	Removed the requirement for interface protection.	Reflecting changes to AS4777.1	Reflecting the new 2024 version of AS4777.1.
4.7.3	Removed section for phase balance protection.	Reflecting changes to AS4777.1	Reflecting the new 2024 version of AS4777.1.
4.10	Included information regarding the criteria around Disturbance investigations in a new sub-section.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	
4	Included information regarding Demand Response modes operation in a new sub-section.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	

Section	Description of deviations	Type of deviation	Justification
Appendix D	Changed some items to suit DER register requirements.	Jurisdictional requirement	
Appendix E	Included all EG connection types within this Standard linking to connection contracts for reference in a new Appendix.	Promote improved benefit to Australia's electricity system	

Appendix B: Connection arrangement requirements (normative)

Following is a representation for a Small IES Unit installation as considered in this Standard.

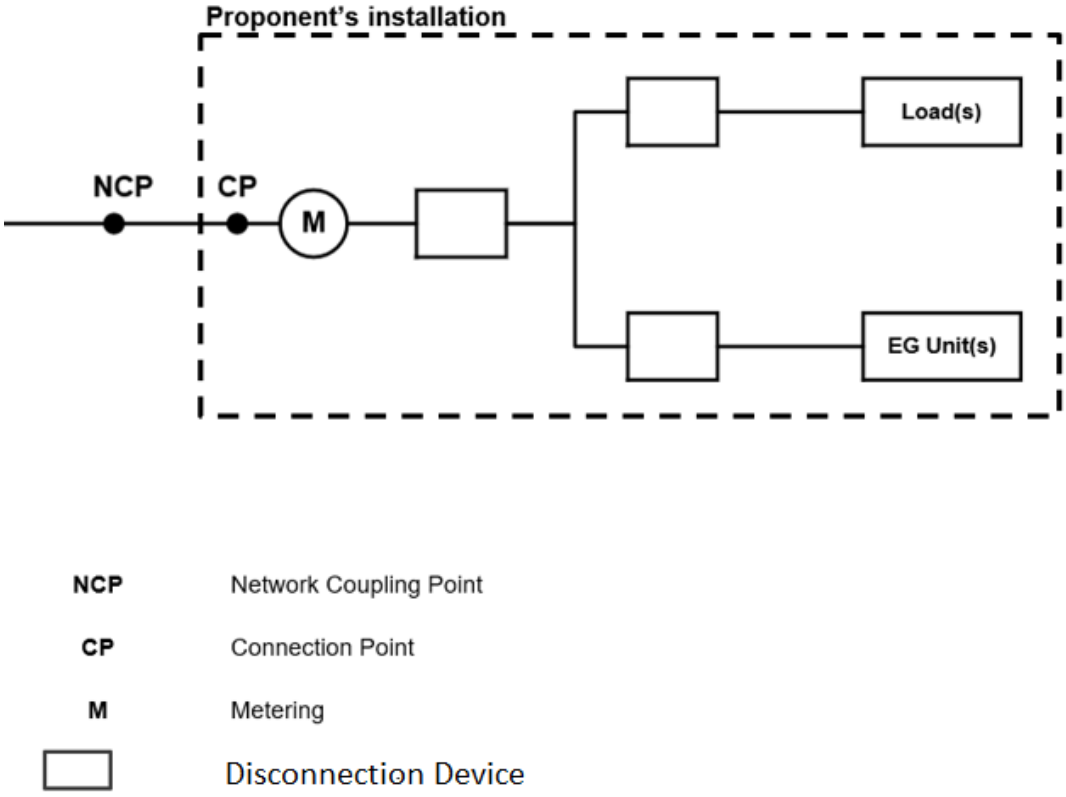

Figure 3: Small IES Fixed EG Connection installation representation

Appendix C: Model Standing Offer (informative)

The Model Standing Offer for Energex is available at :
https://www.energex.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1097970/MSO-Basic-Connecting-MEGUs-IES-0-30kVA-EGX-13303639.pdf

The Model Standing Offer for Ergon Energy Network is available at :
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Appendix D: Static data and information (informative)

Static data and information shall be provided by the Proponent to the DNSP based on your application type and may include some of the following below (but not limited to):

1. NMI and physical meter number(s).

2. System information
    a. Number of phases available and number of phases DER installed
    b. Energy source
    c. Maximum output rating
    d. Any proposed Export limit (full / partial / minimal) and method of Export control
    e. Metering scheme information (gross or net)

3. Inverter
    a. Make, model and manufacturer
    b. Number installed
    c. Power quality modes

4. Other Device information
    a. Type (e.g. panel, battery)
    b. Make, model and manufacturer
    c. Number installed

5. Applicant and Customer information
    a. Type
    b. Full customer name or name of other legal entity capable of contracting with the DNSP
    c. Retail Customer / Retail Account Holder
    d. Address and contact information

6. Installer information

Appendix E: Compliance checklist (informative)

The purpose of this compliance checklist is to aid the Proponent with the design and commissioning of the Small IES Unit to ensure it meets the requirements, as per this Standard.

Table 13 General Inverter Settings

Parameter	Settings	Australia A Region
$V_{nom-max}$	258 V	Default 'Australia A' region settings
Volt-var settings (refer to Table 7)	V_{V1} = 207 V; 44% supplying V_{V2} = 220 V; 0% V_{V3} = 240 V; 0% V_{V4} = 258 V; 60% absorbing	
Volt-watt settings (refer to Table 8)	V_{W1} = 253 V; 100% V_{W2} = 260 V; 20%	
Volt-watt settings for energy storage when charging (refer to Table 9)	V_{W1-ch} = 207 V; 20% V_{W2-ch} = 215 V; 100%	
Reconnect time	60 seconds	

Table 5 Disconnection Times

Parameter	Settings	Trip Time Delay	Maximum Disconnection Time	Australia A Region
Overvoltage 1 (V>)	265 V	1 s	2 s	Default 'Australia A' region settings
Overvoltage 2 (V>>)	275 V	-	0.2 s	
Undervoltage 1 (V<)	180 V	10 s	11 s	
Undervoltage 2 (V<<)	70 V	1 s	2 s	
Overfrequency (F>)	52 Hz	-	0.2 s	
Underfrequency (F<)	47 Hz	1 s	2 s	

Table 15 Power Limiting Settings

Parameter	Settings
Export Power Limit	As approved
Maximum response time	15 s

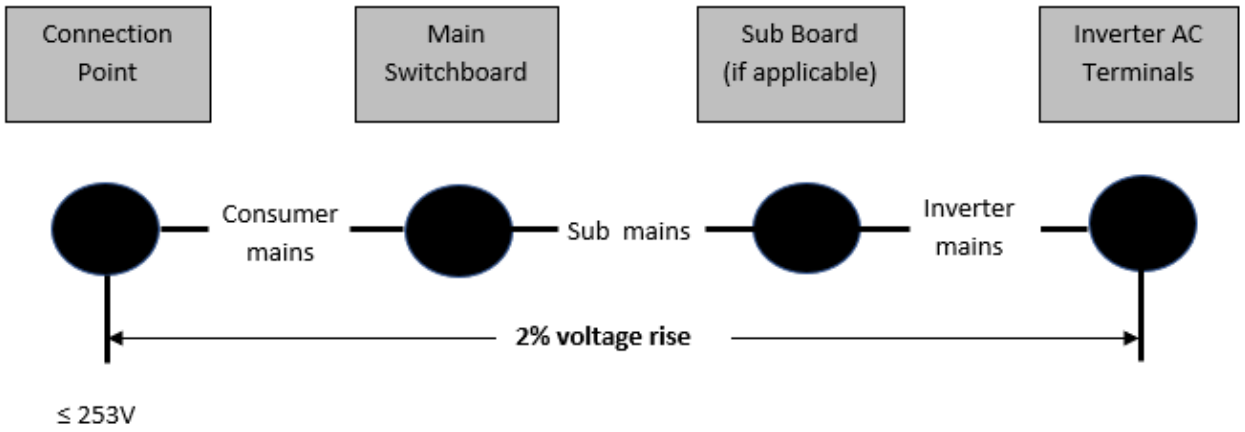

Figure 4 Voltage Rise Calculation Diagram

Table 16 Calculated Voltage Rise

Voltage rise	Consumer mains	Submains	Inverter mains	Total voltage rise
Calculated (V)				
Percentage (%)				

Appendix F: Small IES Fixed EG Connection types (informative)

Table 17 Connection types – Fixed Small IES EG Connections to Energex and Ergon Energy Network LV Distribution Network

Connection types[1]	System capacity	Export limit	Contract type
Single-phase	≤ 10 kVA	5 kW	Basic
Two-phase	≤ 5 kVA PV & ≤ 5 kVA ESS per phase[2]	5 kW per phase	Basic
Three-phase	≤ 10 kVA per phase[2]	5 kW per phase	Basic
SWER Single-phase	≤ 10 kVA	≤ 2 kW	Basic
SWER Split-phase	≤ 5 kVA PV & ≤ 5 kVA ESS per phase[2]	≤ 2 kW	Basic

Note 1:Excludes Premises with more than one LV Connection Point or where a Proponent is seeking connection to network(s) connected to more than one LV connection Point or Premises connected (or connecting) to the Distribution Network utilising IPSD.

Note 2: Multiphase EG Systems have phase balance requirements as per Section 4.3.3 of this Standard.

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