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Is the photovoltaic inverter considered a load

Overview

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It should be noted that all ac PV circuits after the first supply-side connected overcurrent device/disconnect and back toward the inverter ac output(s) are now considered load-side (of the service (PV) disconnect) circuits and must follow the requirements of section 705.12(B) where busbars, overcurrent devices and feeders are involved.

The inverter is the heart of every PV plant; it converts direct current of the PV modules into grid-compliant alternating current and feeds this into the public grid. At the same time, it controls and monitors the entire plant.

The National Electric Code allows for a few different ways to interconnect PV systems to utility systems. In two editions of Code Corner, Ryan Mayfield with Mayfield Renewables, explains busbar, load side interconnections in 705.12 (B) (3) (1) and (2), and then supply side connections in 705.11 (C) and (D). Mayfield Renewables Code Corner .

A load-side PV connection is an electrical connection of the PV system output (power source) to a circuit in the building or dwelling, which is on the load side of the main service disconnect. The circuits that may be affected by this load-side connection are numerous and require careful assessment.Is an inverter required for a PV system?

In certain applications, a PV system designer may not need to use an inverter because direct current loads can be used instead. The absence of an inverter helps minimize a stand-alone PV system's overall size and cost, as inverters

are not 100% efficient.

Why do PV systems need alternating current inverters?

Inverters are not 100% efficient in PV systems. Requiring alternating current inverters helps minimize the overall size and cost of a stand-alone PV system. However, this is not very practical because alternating current electrical loads are more plentiful and are much cheaper to purchase.

How many inverter outputs can a PV system have?

Each PV system may have up to six disconnecting means (either circuit breakers or switches). Where there are more than six PV inverter outputs, multiple inverter outputs may be combined into a single circuit and up to six of these single circuits and their corresponding disconnecting means are allowed for each PV system [690.13 (D)].

What is a load in a PV system?

In a PV system, equipment that uses electricity to operate is called a load. Loads are the largest single influence on the size of a PV system. It is better to supply some loads with power from other generating means to limit the size of a PV system. For instance, powering an electric range in a home with a PV system can be cost-prohibitive.

What does a PV inverter do?

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Which type of Inverter should be used in a PV plant?

One-phase inverters are usually used in small plants, in large PV plants either a network consisting of several one-phase inverters or three-phase inverters have to be used on account of the unbalanced load of 4.6 kVA.

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NEC 2020 , 705.11 , Load and Supply Side Connections

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The AC output of the PV inverter (the PV supply cable) is connected to the load (outgoing) side of the protective device in the consumer unit of the installation via a dedicated circuit (Regulation 712.411.3.2.1.1 ...

The 2020 National Electrical Code and PV Systems

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