

Implementation Overview & Lessons Learned

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Inverter-Based Resource RFI

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FRT Requirements Applicability

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Applies to all IBRs, TIWGR, T2WGR, irrespective of when the SGIA was executed.

Extensions and Exemptions

IBRs, T1WGR, T2WGR, with SGIA executed before August 1, 2024, can request extension/exemption if it cannot meet the prescribed FRT requirements by 31st December 2025

Min Requirements

Such entities must comply with FRT requirements as on May 1, 2024, until maximization.



IEEE 2800-2022

Applicability

IEEE 2800-2022 Applicability

IBRs with SGIA executed on or after August 1 2024

IBRs that implements a GIM on or after August 1 2024.

IBRs with SGIA prior to August 1 2024, and implements a modification to meet legacy VRT requirement after January 1 2028

IEEE 2800-2022 Exemptions

IBRs with SGIA executed before August 1 2024 and implements a modification to meet Legacy VRT requirements before January 1 2028.

The above IBR must maximize its capabilities to come as close to IEEE 2800-2022 requirements as possible

TIWGR, T2WGR are not required to meet IEEE 2800-2022



VRT Requirements Applicability

Preferred VRT Applicability

IBRs with SGIA executed on or after August 1 2024

IBRs that implements a GIM after August 1 2024, unless the modification is implemented before Jan 1 2028.

Legacy VRT Applicability

IBRs, T1WGR, T2WGR that are not subject to Preferred VRT requirements (SGIA prior to August 1 2024 and a GIM that is implemented before Jan 1 2028)



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Overview: Key Insights Gained

Bottomline :

- Do not limit yourself to documents and provided values
- Detailed modeling and simulations expertise is needed to convert OEM parameters to plant-level parameters.

SGIA Staggered performance floor with **Obligations Active Power** Injection

Provisions

Grid Security

OEM Involvement

VRT Compliance Tiers

Unit Terminal to **POI Translation** minimum obligations based on SGIA.

Active power reduction permitted only when primary energy resource unavailable or voltage support prioritized

Provisions for extensions and exemptions

Grid security prioritized by maximizing IBR ride-through range & minimizing **IBRs** disconnections.

OEM involvement crucial for submittals & final implementation.

Three VRT compliance tiers applicable based on SGIA, upward maximization mandatory.

Detailed PSCAD Simulations needed







RFI Submittal & Implementation Challenges

- Plant ≠ Inverter overall capability limited by "weakest" element (e.g., breakers, arrestors)
- Data gaps Difficult to report capabilities before full plant build
- OEM data consolidation Challenging with multiple suppliers involved
- Stage mismatch QSA protection settings often out of sync with balance of plant assumptions and field settings.
- Early planning is critical.



Areas Requiring Clarity

DocuSign Review Process:

DocuSign Review Process: What review/validation steps does ERCOT follow after submission?

Post Submission Updates

Is there flexibility to revise submitted information as project details evolve?

Incomplete Fields

How are unanswered/incorrect fields handled if based on SGIA the project does not require compliance for a particular section?

Data vs. Reality:

What are the implications if submitted capabilities differ from actual field performance?

Unmet Maximization Claims

What's the process if a project declares maximization but cannot deliver it later

Extension to Exemption:

Is there a formal pathway to transition from an extension request to a full exemption?



Key Takeaways & Recommendations

Detailed engineering assessment is needed to decide how much you can "maximize".

Resource Entities tend to stick to minimum requirements, rather than "maximization" Ensure full-plant capability assessment, not just inverter specs - Engineering Analysis needed ! Start OEM coordination early to consolidate data/final implementation. Plan early & book their availability.

Ensure coordination with BOP studies, TRV, TOV, ensure Protection coordination of the plant. Recommended policy flexibility (extension-toexemption flow)

Align study models & field implementations.

A clear review/update mechanism post-DocuSign, post- 31st December, post-Jan 2028.



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