



## TEMPLATE FOR PROPOSAL UNDER DERRI

### User-Project Proposal:

User-Project Acronym	DEIAGrid
User-Project Title	Distributed Energies Integration in an Autonomous Grid
Main-scientific field	Distributed generation penetration
Specific-Discipline	Network behavior under large DER penetration

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Re-submission	YES_____ NO_____
Proposed Host TA Facility	Fraunhofer IWES, ICCS-NTUA, AIT, CRES , EDF, KEMA, RISOE
Starting date (proposed)	19/11/2012

**Summary of proposed research (about ½ page)**

*Prepare a ½ page summary describing the relevance and the scope of the proposed work, and the expected outcome(s)*

This proposal will be in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Doctoral Thesis under the title: *The potential integration of distributed generation in an autonomous power system.*

In the abovementioned study, suggestions will be outlined that provide a means for determining the allocation and maximum capacity of non-conventional generation that may be inhabited within an Island Grid mode system. Thus the main objective will be to develop a “energy map” by sizing the distributed generation. The estimation of the distributed penetration figure into the network requires the accomplishment of Steady state and Dynamic analysis configurations in order to check the dynamic behavior and fault ride through capability of the system under normal operation and against several disturbances in the grid. Different potential schemes and capacity scenarios will be proposed in order to meet the targets of EU energy policy, in terms of reliability, availability and power security. Subjects like voltage and frequency stability and capacity for the disposal of the network nodes will be analyzed. The viability and contribution of the above scenarios to the electricity energy mix will be determined. In this way, it is possible to define the requirements needed to promote the alternative applications of dispersed generation in order to be compared to the conventional one, as well as to foresee the integration of renewable energies into the grid, energy demand increase and the achieving of Kyoto protocol commitments.

PSS/E is the simulation tool that will be used throughout this work. The main issues being addressed will be the total system losses, fault level at the addition and nearby buses, whereas among the most critical perturbations that mainly raise high of interest is a three phase fault application at the connection points of embedded generation.

Moreover, a micro-grid infrastructure will be simulated in the PSS/E software tool as an isolated entity and connected to the main grid. The extention in mind will be to demonstrate a distributed generation pack (DGP) that can be integrated into the low-voltage networks. In order to analyze a grid from an electrical point of view and define the potential sites suitable for distributed penetration, considerations such as power quality, grid



capacity and limits characterization need to be taken into account as well as the control within the active micro-grid installation.

The "smart" coexistence of central and decentralised generation with low carbon generation profile and efficient demand response need also to be verified under realistic conditions. Therefore, hardware-in-the loop structures is the best service tool to examine the generation plants integration and interconnection of micro-grids infrastructures focusing on control centers, power and communication interfaces.

**State-of-the-Art (about 1 ½ page)**

*Describe in brief (in about 1½ pages) the current knowledge on the subject, citing recent relevant references. Identify any knowledge gaps and their relevance.*

In a conventional large electric power system, the central generators feed the interconnected transmission system through their step-up transformers and the power being extracted from this high voltage network passes through a series of bulk supply transformers to the distribution network to ultimately reach the clients' demand.

Over the last decade there has been an increasing interest in the generation connection to the distribution network, the so-called embedded or dispersed generation. Both names are synonymous and are used to represent small-scale electricity generation **(1), (2)**.

There is no any universally approved definition of what constitutes the embedded generation and the way it differs from central or conventional generation. Among the working groups that tried to award some common attributes are CIGRE **(3)** (The International Conference on Large High Voltage Electric Systems), CIRED (The International Conference on Electricity Distribution Networks), the IEEE and IEA **(4)**. The first two defined distributed generation (DG) as the generation of units, normally connected to the distribution voltage level, with a maximum capacity of 50-100 MW and that are neither centrally planned nor dispatched **(3)**. Moreover, the IEEE considers DG as the generation from facilities enough smaller than the central power plants, thus the interconnection at any point near the power system is feasible. On the other hand, IEA does not take into account the power capacity level but considers that DG supplies power directly to the customer's site. In general speaking, all the reviews seem to converge at least to the small-scale generation statement and the most preferable specification concerns that distributed energy resources (DERs) are ordinarily applied to the distribution system voltages of 230/415 V up to 145 kV **(5)**.

But which are the technical considerations for the connection of dispersed technology? The question of power quality and DG is not outspoken. On the one hand dispersed generation unit can positively affect the power quality. However, a contrary effect could be noted. The DG units may influence the system frequency, while regularly are not equipped with a load-frequency control, they will hamper on the efforts of the transmission grid operator or the regulatory body to sustain system frequency **(6)**. In addition, embedded generation can prove to have a healing effect on the voltage profile, especially on rather low voltage levels **(7)**. On the other hand, sudden and extreme increases of voltage figures in radial networks constitute a major connection issue of the distributed generation. Besides, voltage fluctuations result from bi-directional power flows and complex reactive power management. Variations in voltage level can generally be divided into slow and rapid changes-flicker **(7), (8)**. The former results from power deviations e.g. in case of wind turbines because of variations in wind speed, and the latter occurs due to start/stop activity of a device.

Moreover, distributed generators have regularly difficulties in predicting their power output, especially

when we are talking about heat driven electrical energy production or renewable energies. In case they are unable to meet the power portfolio, balance-power injections to be roughly equal to withdrawals, they are penalized (5).

One more difficulty could be detected on the fact that bi-directional flows require for diverge protection schemes at both voltage levels, as increased share of distributed generation may introduce power flows from the low voltage into the medium-voltage grid. Furthermore (1), when some market participants may want to change to "remote" mode, they should fulfill the characteristics for such operation mode and in case they want to be reconnected, the dispersed units need to be capable to synchronize again.

In this context, testing the distributed generation penetration in accordance with distinct voltage connection level-low or medium voltage, real time simulations need to be formulated for the better validation of the equipment. Real -time digital simulators assist with feasibility studies, design new strategies and test controllers for a great deal of applications such as converters, power grid distributed energy sources etc.

What is worthy to mention is that the majority of embedded plants occupy rotating machines, with induction and synchronous generators increasing the fault level of the distribution system. One way to limit this effect could be the appearance of impedance as induced by a transformer or a reactor but at the expense of higher losses and bigger voltage variations at the generator side (9).

With the integration of dispersed generation in the grid is necessary to estimate the expected disturbances beginning with those in the point of common coupling (PCC) due to a particular DG installation. Dedicated interconnection lines are part of the grid, thus disturbance limits can be also applied in the CP point with more lenient attribute than for the PCC (8), (9). Specifically, these limits are defined in order to ensure that the resulted faults will not affect other users of the network. The majority of reports comply with the IEC 61000 standards, that planning levels are utilized as disturbance limits (10), (11).

Harmonic distortion is a product of power electronics use in variable speed wind turbines, photovoltaic panels, micro turbines, etc. A group of different IEC standards is applied to identify the acceptable disturbance limits with IEC 61000-2-2 and IEC 61000-3-6 being the most prevalent (8), (11).

Apart from the power quality issues, additional considerations involve steady state thermal obligations, network congestion and short circuit capacity. Over currents and overloads may incur with the penetration of high amount of DG not only at the connection point but also and in the area around it (12). Moreover, the outputs of grid components need to be capable to deal with the power of the dispersed unit.

Attention should also be paid to avoid exceeding the fault level of the network, because embedded generation induce and arise the fault currents and fault power in the grid (7).

Ultimately, distribution generation units need to comply with ancillary service issues that involve reactive power compensation and voltage control. Voltage and reactive power are linked to a chicken-and-egg situation: Reactive power intake induces voltage dips in the system with generating plants or capacitor banks take part in this compensation.

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**Detailed Description of proposed project : Objectives – Expected Outcome – Fundamental Scientific and Technical value and interest (2-3 pages)**

*Provide a detailed description of the objectives of the proposed activity, the way these objectives will be fulfilled through the proposed work, as well as indications on the expected outcome and the fundamental scientific and technical value and interest of the proposal. Specify the type of TA infrastructure (distributed generation simulator; domotic house; etc.) and the test setup. With the understanding that these aspects will be discussed with the TA infrastructure after approval of the proposal and specified in the Agreement to be signed between the TA infrastructure and the User team, indicate the number of tests to be carried out and their sequence, the response quantities to be measured through the instrumentation, etc. Describe any special requirements for equipment, standards, safety measures, etc. Point out any shortcomings, uncertainties and risks for the fulfillment of the project objectives, as well as the means to mitigate relevant risks.*



The primary objective of my Doctoral thesis fulfillment will be to investigate the basic issues of distributed generation penetration either in interconnected low voltage grids or in island grid modes and the current research proposal will constitute part of this thesis while goals to evaluate and verify a micro-grid or a local grid configuration.

Since the major work of the Doctoral thesis will be focused to investigate dispersed generation integration into the electrical grids, it is necessary analyzing the grid in an integrated environment that will be reinforced via PSS/E software tool in CENER premises. The analysis of the grid will be accomplished via steady state and dynamic simulations in PSS/E software that will incorporate the variable potential scenarios. In more details, the specific objectives for this part of research investigation will be the following: 1) Confirm that the proposed schemes of penetration comply with the grid requirements and identify the influences of dispersed introduction on the distribution system, 2) apply recommendations concerning improvements for the existing grid and possible solutions to advance the penetration level, 3) point out different aspects on distributed generation integration according to the network, operation and control among countries, 4) implement a static analysis of the distribution grid, involving power flow study, short circuit and contingencies analysis, 5) ensure N-1 security constraints and examine if the system can withstand a generator or line outage, 6) implement a dynamic analysis in order to check the transient and long term stability of the system under time domain and finally, 7) analyze whether and to what extent the accommodation of the new distributed units affect the power quality and reliability of the network.

However, the upper goal of the given research proposal will be to compare the resulting PSS/E simulations of the outlined objectives above with the real network simulations developed on hardware-in – loop (hil) environment that shall verify and validate the following equipment. In more details, grid integration will be examined over hil simulations that may test energy units such as: the distributed generators, protection relays and converters like PV converters with regard to maximum power point (MPP) tracking behavior. Thus, the equipment performance will be validated against voltage and frequency stability, dynamic voltage support and control centers behavior. In this display, compatibility and suitability tests of power systems will be performed as well as real-time visualization will be managed via control simulation interfaces in a TA infrastructure. Additionally, at the end is viable the implementation and development of a methodology that characterizes the energy supply devices and system analysis for decentralised grid services.

The expected conclusions drawn through the real time network and PSS/E simulations could be the comparison of dynamic performance among different wind generator technologies and choose which best fits in our grid studies. Finally, since test series will follow specific current standards and application requisites, the results could to a greater extent grow the grid connection guidelines.

**Originality and Innovation of proposed research – Broader Impact (1-2 pages)**

*Demonstrate the originality and innovation of the proposed work and the impact the expected results will have on current and future research or practice, public safety, European standardization, competitiveness, integration and cohesion and on sustainable growth.*



Worldwide demand for energy is growing at an alarming rate. An average growth rate of 1.8% per year for the period 2000-2030 for primary energy worldwide is predicted. The continuous growth in this load demand has led to the depletion of fossil fuel reserve. Therefore, governments have switched their interest to more efficient and cost effective energy solutions, such as the renewable energy sources. Global warming and environmental policies are the driving force to look for cleaner energy solutions. According to the Kyoto protocol EU, UK and many other countries have adopted new strategies in order to reduce greenhouse emissions.

It is expected that embedded generation will support this scheme by producing cleaner and more efficient energy. Besides, distributed generation has gained a significant interest the last decade. The factors that have contributed to this are numbered as the following: new acquirements regarding the distributed energy resources technologies, limitations on the transmission lines, increased demand, the electricity market liberalization and major concerns about the climate change. Dispersed technology can offer flexibility in reliability necessities. A variety of industries, such as chemical, petroleum, metal etc. may criticize the grid supplied electricity too low and may want to invest in distributed generation to enhance this level of reliability. For instance, fuel cells and backup systems could possibly supply with protection against power interruptions. One of the most vital examples is the CHP (combined heat and power) plants which utilize the waste heat for industrial, commercial or domestic applications. Additionally, they are located close to the heat loads to minimize the transport losses and thus the capital investment. The introduction of these kinds of systems allows a better management of the resources, the electricity and an optimum planning of the power generation system favouring the reduction or even elimination of inefficient and expensive plants.

Nevertheless and in spite of the governmental support, there are no specific studies about the potential of dispersed technology penetration and the simultaneous real time distribution grid simulations in low voltage power systems as a whole and therefore, the incentives and proposals are more qualitative than quantitative.

In the current project the upper goal is to propose the potential and suitable areas for integration of distributed electrical generation in island grids and research their control performance and the interaction of the devices connected to these grids. We will analyse the power system by performing static and dynamic studies for present and future configurations. This will not only allow us to size and locate the distributed generation systems, but also will let us optimize the low voltage network, and likely introduce energy storage.

Moreover, real time distribution grid simulations will permit us test and validate the electrical properties of system devices such as converters, wind energy generators and hybrid systems. The extension in mind will be to develop the equipment (technology) and methodology to manage a micro-grid or an island network system in great power ranges and examine their impact on the general electrical grid, as well as the necessary operation procedures for right intercommunication between both systems.

We will also analyse the technical constraints that influence in the feasibility of the different integration schemes determining the barriers and circumstances to favour the feasibility of some applications and in which degree and also the share of distributed generation in the total fleet.

Following this manner, the proper authorities could promote new policies to support and favor the special regime market, by proposing objectives more ambitious.

**Proposed Host TA Infrastructure/Installation – Justification (about one page)**

*Specify the type of TA infrastructure (e.g. distributed generation simulator; domotic house; etc.) and if possible which one of the 13 TA Infrastructures in DERri may better serve the scope of the proposed research. Justifications should be provided on the grounds of the test set-up, testing method, equipment, past experience in relevant subject, etc. State whether the TA User team intends to deliver to the premises of the TA Infrastructure parts or components to be tested at the TA User's expense and responsibility, or to cover the whole or part of the construction/adaptation cost of the specimens to be tested.*

One of the TA infrastructures that may serve better the scope of this research study and can host the proposed investigation is the PNI testing laboratory for grid integration in Fraunhofer IWES Institute.

Fraunhofer IWES Institute offers a great deal of research lines from test and evaluation methods for wind turbines and components to control, energy management, grid operation and integration of decentralized energy converters and storage systems. There are various testing infrastructures such as the Smart Grid Laboratory, the Laboratory for distributed generators and drives, testing Centre for Electromobility and testing Laboratory for grid integration.

The PNI Testing Laboratory for Grid Integration in Fraunhofer Institute enables the investigation of operating performance strategies for individual plants and hybrid systems (such as PV panels, storage facilities, heat pumps, CHP plants) in view of their interaction. The infrastructure allows for validation of medium and low voltage grids with potential up to 6 MVA e.g. at 10 kV which is a distribution voltage value for the island grid being investigated in this Doctoral Thesis.

The test setup facilities available in PNI laboratory are summarized in the following<sup>1</sup>. For investigations of devices connected to low voltage networks a tap transformer (1.25 MVA) with an adjustable voltage range from 254 V<sub>AC</sub> to 690 V<sub>AC</sub> as well as an electronic AC grid simulator (100 V<sub>AC</sub> – 900 V<sub>AC</sub>, 45 – 65 Hz, max. 1 MVA) is available. For investigations of generators with inverters, e.g. photovoltaic inverters can be utilized. Programmable loads with 3 x 200 kW resistive load, 3 x 200 kvar inductive load and 3 x 200 kvar capacitive load, which may be adjusted in 1 kW and 1 kvar steps respectively, are available as well. The low voltage test bus bar is divided into 2 bus bar sections to allow an easy investigation of line regulators, e.g. voltage stabilizers. A voltage stabilizer (rated power 200 kVA, voltage control range +/-10%) is available for system tests. To research interactions between different components operating on the same grid part configurable low voltage networks can be connected to the test bus bar.

In medium voltage test bench for testing the transient behavior a moving test container (LVRT test facility) is disposal which is penetrated into the central lab control as well. Since the test setup is inside a container even on-site measurements and tests of power plants are feasible. In this case the test facility is connected to the medium voltage network between the device under investigation and the network connection point of the grid operator. With the LVRT test facility 3-phase as well as 2-phase faults can be generated<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> PNI: TESTING LABORATORY FOR GRID INTEGRATION, [http://www.ives.fraunhofer.de/content/dam/ives/de/documents/2012\\_FS\\_PNI-Labor\\_ENN\\_e.pdf](http://www.ives.fraunhofer.de/content/dam/ives/de/documents/2012_FS_PNI-Labor_ENN_e.pdf)



**Synergy with ongoing research (about ½ page)**

*Provide information on any concurrent research project with the same or similar subject with the one proposed. Describe the synergy (if any) that will be sought between the existing and the proposed project.*

The proposed project will be of partial fulfillment of a Doctoral Thesis regarding the potential distributed generation penetration into an island grid and the interaction of micro-grid installation onto the central networks. The system behavior will be examined with embedded generation introduction in terms of power quality, voltage and frequency stability whereas the system equipment will be validated with real time distribution network simulation in medium and low voltage power networks.

Many projects study wind energy penetration and the impacts of distributed generation into electrical grids whereas others deal with the validation of wind and photovoltaic converters within micro-grid or centralized installations.

However, this research study aims to achieve both investigation approaches.

**Dissemination – Exploitation of results (about ½ page)**

*Describe the means through which the results to be obtained from the proposed project will be diffused and made broadly known.*

The transfer of the acquired knowledge will be done in the present and future time frame under different capacity scenarios for potential penetration and validation of the system equipment. The companies and sectors which could be beneficiary of the results belong to the energy sectors, and it will be useful to define market plans and strategies. Also this project could favour the definition of R&D and environmental policies by governmental organizations.

**DIFFUSION PLAN**

Related to the dissemination of results, we foresee the following scenarios:

1. Technical workshops. The results shall be presented in technical workshops related to distributed generation, micro-grids, PSS/E and hardware-in-the-loop applications.
2. Direct Contact with companies and institutions to transfer the information to industrial sector and governmental organizations. The contacts of CENER with many private companies as well as administrative organisations ensure the results transfer through seminars and infodays.
3. Full papers in technical journals. Our purpose is publishing articles in international journals and others in national conferences or energy journals.
4. Congress and conferences participation.



**Time schedule (about ½ page)**

*Provide an indicative time-schedule for the proposed work and a target starting date.*

Tasks	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
Proposed starting date: 1/11/2012					
<b>Model setting &amp; familiarity</b>	X X X X X				
<b>Test grid interface &amp; integration of system equipment</b>		X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X X	
<b>Model validation &amp; analyze results</b>				X X X X X	X X X X X
<b>Report documentation</b>					X X X X X

**Description of the proposing team (as long as needed)**

*Give a short description of each member (organization and persons) of the proposing team including publications, experience in test campaigns and role in the proposed project.*

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