

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Foreign communication base station inverter grid-connected brand



## Overview

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What is a grid-forming inverter?

Grid-forming inverters are an emerging technology that allows solar and other inverter-based energy sources to restart the grid independently.” Increasing grid penetrations of inverter-based renewables using traditional grid-following (GFL) controls reduces grid inertia and can result in system stability problems.

Do emerging grid-forming inverters improve dynamic system stability?

Emerging grid-forming (GFM) inverters damp out grid frequency swings at high penetrations of renewables and have shown to significantly improve dynamic system stability compared to GFL controls.<sup>1,2,3</sup> This white paper describes the capabilities and solutions offered by AES’ grid-forming inverters.

Can inverters operate in GFM mode while grid connected?

Using inverters operating in GFM mode while grid connected has been demonstrated to enhance system stability with high penetrations of renewable resources. AES can provide direct access to the grid operator to change control setpoints for the regulation service as needed and at any time.

How do AES GFM inverters work?

Proven at scale and on weak grids with high penetrations of renewables, AES GFM inverters ride-through for a much wider range than the IEEE 1547 standard. AES clean energy power plants follow a frequency and voltage droop curve to add or subtract from the power dispatch setpoints in response to changes in frequency and voltage.

Are AES GFM inverters reliable?

AES power plants with GFM IBRs remain online and operate over a wide grid frequency and voltage range and can result in reliable delivery of power to the customer during a grid outage. Proven at scale and on weak grids with high

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Can GFM control a PV inverter without energy storage?

GFM controls work best in systems with energy storage. PV inverters without energy storage can operate in GFM, however in doing so, the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) is compromised to reserve power for frequency response applications, which reduces plant production.

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