sdmay19-46: Impact of High Photovoltaic Penetration on Distribution Systems

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Team Members

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Summary of Progress this Report

We attempted to apply a voltage regulator into our 4 node distribution system. It didn't work, as there was confusion as to the placement of the voltage regulator meaning the transmitter, or the actual part on the transformer. We also implemented the majority of the 4 node distribution system in GridLAB-D.

Past Week Accomplishments

Everyone:

- Researched Voltage Regulators
 - Studied voltage regulators, and how they work with transformers in distributions systems.
 - Gained an understanding of the difference between a voltage regulator, and the actual part on the transformer.
- Attempted Implementation of Voltage Regulator in 4 Node Distribution System
 - Applied a voltage regulator to the load side of the 4 node distribution system, and saw its effect.
 - Solution was incorrect, as the voltage regulator was applied in the wrong part of the 4 node system.
- Began Implementing the 4 Node Distribution System in GridLAB-D
 - Defined the nodes, load, transformer, transformer configuration, and the lines of the 4 node distribution system in GridLAB-D.
 - Power flow didn't work correctly, as there was errors with the definition of line configurations.

Pending Issues

Everyone:

- Need to adjust the application of the voltage regulator in our 4 node distribution system.
- Find how to define the line configurations of our 4 node distribution system in GridLAB-D

Plans for Upcoming Reporting Period

Everyone:

- Complete 4 Node Distribution System with Voltage Regulator
 - Find the equivalent phase impedance between node 3 and 4 with the repositioning of the voltage regulator.
 - Calculate the compensator currents with the voltage regulator.
 - Run forward and backward sweeps using MATLAB to solve the power flow of the 4 node distribution with the voltage regulator.

- Finish 4 Node Distribution System in GridLAB-D
 - Define the appropriate values for the line configurations of the distribution system.
 - o Run power flow simulation, and compare results to the previous verified solution.
 - Make alterations to the code if necessary.

Individual Contributions

Team Member	Contributions	Weekly Hours	Total Hours
Daniel Tott	-Researched more about voltage regulators, especially how they could be used in our simple 4 node systemTried to add a voltage regulator to our 4 node systemWrote a skeleton of our code for our 4 node system in GridLAB-D, and got comfortable with the objects needed for our 4 node system.	7	42
Nathan McGlaughlin	-Researched voltage regulatorsWorked on getting the current for the voltage regulator.	6	38
Jasleen Grover	-Learned how to use voltage regulatorsHelped with getting the voltage regulator to work in our 4 bus systemResearched how to code in GridLab D.	7	37
Minsung Jang	-Read in the textbook about voltage regulatorsWorked on the Matlab code to get the voltage regulator to workResearched the Grid Lab D program.	6	31

Gitlab Activity Summary

Nothing to report.