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Introduction

Flow Battery Hierarchy

This CENELEC Workshop Agreement (CWA) covers a number of separate types of Flow Batteries and Flow Battery Energy Storage Systems

Flow Batteries used for experimental, work, research, development, design or laboratory purposes are outside the scope of this Workshop Agreement. For purposes of this CWA, systems have been grouped into a hierarchy with three broad categories, based on their physical configuration:

Packaged Systems: Self-contained units, packaged, sold and installed as a single unit containing all parts of the Flow Battery, including the power conversion system, all contacts and fittings for connection to the local AC electricity network. Packaged systems may also be supplied as detailed above but configured for use on an off-grid AC or DC system.

Such devices will tend to be at the smaller power and energy levels. The user has restricted access to the Flow Battery Energy Storage System within the packaging. Examples include small Flow Battery devices designed for use as standalone installations for remote telecom systems.

Containerised systems: Units designed and packaged in shipping (ISO) containers, or similar large scale enclosures. The system is factory assembled, the containers are transported to the operating site, and installed in their as-supplied condition, with minimal on-site installation works.

Containerised systems may be supplied with the power conversion system or without a power conversion system and this latter unit would be configured for connection to a power conversion system or other electrical connection.

Large-scale installations: Installations, which may use a generic or specific design for an individual installation. These systems may be assembled from individual components listed in 3.34 or from sub-assemblies such as skid mounted modules complete with associated pipes, pumps, valves and sensors.

Flow Battery types

There are a number of different types of Flow Batteries, using different electrochemistries and layouts. Manufacturers may supply from a standard product range, or supply customised or bespoke Systems. Users of this CWA are advised to consult up-to-date references for details of each type of Flow Battery.

NOTE The definition of a Flow Battery is given in Section 3.34 of this CWA.

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