MANAGEMENT OF POWER CONSUMPTION IN A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM WITH A STORAGE BATTERY CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK WITH MULTI-ZONE ELECTRICITY PRICING TO SUPPLY THE LOCAL FACILITY OWN NEEDS

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**Introduction.** «Green» energy and, first of all, photovoltaic systems (PVSs) are becoming more widespread in modern conditions. This also applies to «small» energy, in particular, economic entities – local facilities (LFs) for various purposes. Here, the use of combined (hybrid) PVSs with a storage battery (SB) and connection to a distribution network (DN) allows: to increase the reliability of power supply due to the uninterruptible power supply function in conditions of voltage outages when using solar generation and SB energy; to increase the power consumption of the LF, this is especially important if there is a limit on the power from the power system, when the use of PVSs is cheaper than the construction of a new power transmission line and equipment for connecting to the DN.
The interest in the sale of electricity at the «green» tariff, along with the provision of their own needs, is not decisive for the LF which is associated with the overestimation of the power of the PVS and with the need for registration of permits. In addition, approaches to «green» tariffs are changing, and the tariffs themselves are decreasing [1]. In this regard, the approach adopted in world practice is promising, when the consumer is a prosumer [2], and energy is consumed where it is generated. This partly alleviates the problems with the management of generation in the power system and the need to ensure the balance of energy.

The effectiveness of the introduction of PVS for business entities is determined in accordance with the increase in production and improved working conditions. At the same time, the introduction of such systems should ensure a reduction in the cost of paying for electricity consumption from the DN, especially taking into account the constant growth of tariffs. It is promising to use a PVS with a SB when connected to DN with multi-zone tariffication with the redistribution of energy between tariff zones [3-5].

The real need for such PVSs is evidenced by the fact that ready-made solutions [6-8] and the development of «hybrid» inverters are widely represented on the electrical market. These solutions represent modern software and hardware complexes: with power supply of the LF from an autonomous voltage inverter (AVI) and switching the LF load to the DN (bypass) with insufficient generation of a photovoltaic battery (PB) and SB energy; with a network inverter (NI), when the load and NI operate in parallel with the DN. These solutions are intended for use in a one-part tariff, have a developed interface with the possibility of remote control of parameters, for example, with output to a smartphone. They have the ability to reconfigure the parameters, but everything is done by the operator, and their effective use requires experience and skills. There are no functions for generating recommendations and automatic adjustment according to the weather forecast.

The cycle of operation of hybrid inverters provides for the power supply of the LF load from the PB with recharging the SB; if the PB energy is insufficient, the SB energy is used. When the state of charge of the SB drops to the threshold value, the transition to the bypass mode is carried out, and the LF load is connected to the DN with the SB charge (from the PB and the DN); if the SB energy is sufficient, the LF is powered again from the SB. The improvement of PVS in the conditions of multi-zone tariffication is associated with the binding of switching of operating modes to the hours of tariff zones, control of the energy supply from the PB and the SB charge. Here, it becomes possible to exclude energy consumption during peak loads [4, 5], the discharge of the SB charged from the night (according to the night rate) in the morning hours until the morning peak is excluded, and the SB is charged until the evening peak.

In real conditions, when using worn out and overloaded DNs, the option with AVI has an advantage, which, if energy consumption is excluded from the DN during peak loads and during light time, ensures the autonomous operation of the LF. In this case, the quality of the LF voltage is determined by the AVI, which will contribute to the normal functioning of the LF in the event of deterioration in the quality of the DN voltage. When using a NI operating in parallel with a DN, switching to stand-alone mode can be accomplished by disconnecting from the DN.

In solutions of PVS with hybrid inverters, the use of a SB is considered, the energy consumption of which \( W_g \) varies within wide limits – \( W_g = 1-4.8 \) kW·h for a PB with power of \( P_g = 1 \) kW. Obviously, the \( W_g \) value is determined by the system functioning algorithm. At the same time, the cost of the SB is significant and requires justification from the condition of sufficiency.

The use of daily meteorological forecast looks promising with the formation of recommendations on the LF load schedule \( P_L(t) \) which will allow planning operation modes and ensuring a reduction in energy consumption from the DN at more expensive tariffs. It becomes possible to automatically adjust according to the season and forecast. Various approaches are used using data from meteorological sites [9]. An interesting and modern solution is forecasting using neural networks [10, 11]. At the same time, the availability of the most accurate forecast does not solve the issue of efficient use of the energy of the PB and SB without linking \( P_L(t) \) to it. And here it seems appropriate to use the system with the formation of the \( P_{Ld}(t) \) load schedule recommended in accordance with the forecast under various operating scenarios. Since it is impossible to ensure an exact match of the \( P_{Ld}(t) \) load, it is advisable to use the current \( P_{Ld}(t) \) correction. The correction can be carried out according to the actual parameters of the PVS. This issue requires further study. In this case, the forecast accuracy of the PB generation \( P_{PVS}(t) \) at the level of the meteorological site data can be sufficient for effective correction [12].

Simulation modelling is an effective tool for studying the possibilities of controlling energy processes in PVS [13-15]. Here, the introduction of additional elements makes it possible to assess the possibilities and efficiency of correcting the \( P_{Ld}(t) \) load schedule for various deviations of the actual \( P_{PVS}(t) \) and the predicted \( P_{PVS}(t) \) generation of the PB.

The goal of the work is to improve the management principles for a photovoltaic system with a storage battery and autonomous operation during the daytime for a local facility connected to a multi-zone billing network while excluding the generation of energy to the network.

It is necessary to solve the following tasks:
- to study the possibility of using a limited number of scenarios of operation with the recommended load schedule based on the forecast of the PB generation with the current correction based on the actual values of generation and the degree of SB charge;
- to develop a simulation model of the system to study energy processes in the daily cycle using the recommended load correction;
- to carry out experimental validation using a standard hybrid inverter.

The structure of the power circuits of the PVS. The structure of a PVS with a SB (using the example of a single-phase version of the PVS implementation, see...
Fig. 1 is based on a standard approach and contains: an autonomous inverter (VSI) with an output LC filter, PB (PV), SB, Load, DN (G) and switching devices. The PB is connected to the AVI input through a DC/DC1 step-up converter with the Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) function, the SB is connected through a DC/DC2 (charge controller) with two-way conduction. As a starting point, a variant with the use of a hybrid inverter of the Axioma Energy ISMPPT 3000 type (3 kVA) is considered. The LF load is connected to the AVI output and through the K1 contactor with the VS triac – to the DN. The AVI with PWM and an output filter is used as a source of sinusoidal voltage, and when the load is connected to the network, it is used in the SB charging mode. K1 is needed to disconnect the PVS from the DN when the voltage disappears in it (emergency mode). VS is used to exclude a pause when connecting to the DN when the voltage is restored in it (first, K1 is closed, and after synchronizing the AVI voltage $u_C$ with the network voltage $u_g$, the triac is switched on). Relay K2 is used to switching off the PB. Voltage and current sensors in Fig. 1 are not shown.

Let us consider the operation of the PVS in a daily cycle with autonomous operation when the energy of the PB and the SB is sufficient to consume the LF load and switching to bypass when the energy of the PB and SB is insufficient. A variant of the load graph $P_L(t)$ is shown in Fig. 2 (bypass zones are highlighted). The following conventional zones and relative tariffs have been adopted: daytime $T_d=1$ ($t_1=11:00 - t_2=20:00$), nighttime $T_n=0.4$ ($t_5=22:00 - t_6=7:00$), peak morning $T_p=1.5$ ($t_2=7:00 - t_3=11:00$) and evening $T_e=1.5$ ($t_3=20:00 - t_4=22:00$). In this case, an unfavorable option is considered, when the peak loads are shifted by the hours of minimum PB generation.

The autonomous operation of the PVS with limited SB capacitance also imposes an additional limitation – the need to reduce the generation of the SB when its energy is excessive and there is nowhere to put it.

We proceed from the data on the generation of the PB $P_{PB}(t)$ in the conditions of Kyiv according to the archival data [18]. As an indicator of the efficiency of PVS, we use a simplified indicator $k_E = C_1 / C_2$ ($C_1$ and $C_2$ are the cost of electricity consumed by the LF and the cost of electricity consumed from the DN). Let us consider various options for LF load schedules with constant generation $P_{PB}(t)$ and with a change in the SB capacitance. Energy $W_{Bf}$, given by the SB, taking into account the efficiency $\eta_B$ of the SB and the efficiency $\eta_C$ of the converter is $W_{Bf} = W_{Bf} \eta_B \eta_C$. We accept $W_{Bf} \eta_C$ values from 1 kW·h to 4.8 kW·h. We are considering the option of using lead-
acid SBs of the OPzV12-100 type (12 V, 100 Ah), which at DOD up to 50% provide for at least 2500 discharge cycles. With a two-hour discharge at $U_{d}=1.85$ V, $I_{d}=29.5$ A, the discharge power is 57.6 W, and, accordingly, $\eta_{d}=0.947$ [17]. In this case, the SB is used in the active charging zone up to $Q^{*}=80\%$, and only in the hours preceding the peak hours, it is possible to charge the SB from the network over 80%.

**Mode of operation with constant load from 7:00 to 20:00.** In the evening, with a decrease in PB generation, connection to the DN is inevitable at time $t_6$. We accept the control values $Q^{*}=95\%$, $Q^{*}=85\%$, $Q^{*}=62\%$, $Q^{*}=50\%$, and accordingly, $\eta_{d}=0.97$ [17]. In this case, the duration of the SB charge from $Q^{*}=83-85\%$ is approximately $\Delta t=2.5$ hours, respectively, $t_6=17:30$.

In the hours of the evening peak ($t_5, t_6$) at $\Delta Q^{*}=Q^*-Q_{\text{min}}$, the value of the load power $P_{6}$ can be taken from the condition of providing a two-hour discharge ($t_5=2$ h)

$$P_{6} = \frac{\Delta Q^{*} W_{bf}}{t_5-t_6}$$

For the interval $(t_1, t_4)$ $\Delta Q^{*}=Q^{*}-Q_{\text{min}}$, $W_{PV}$ is the energy generated by the PB on the interval $(t_1, t_4)$ in accordance with $P_{1} (t)$, and the load power $P_{L}=P_{1}=P_{15}$

$$W_{B14} = \frac{\Delta Q^{*} W_{bf}}{t_4-t_1}$$

$$P_{14} = W_{B14} + W_{PV} 14 Q_{C}.$$ (2)

To exclude a deep discharge of the SB ($Q^{*}=62\%$) during the morning peak hours ($t_1$, $t_2$), a similar calculation is performed for $P_{12}$. The lower power value is taken as $P_{L}$.

When charging the SB from the network, energy is consumed:

- on the interval $(t_1, t_2) - W_{BC} = 0.01 Q^{*} W_{bf}$,
- on the interval $(t_3, t_5) - W_{BCS} = 0.01 Q^{*} W_{bf}$

Part of the SB energy is compensated by the energy $W_{PV} = W_{PV} W_{BCB}$ generated by the SB at this time – $W_{PV} = W_{PV} W_{BCB}$ (by $t_1$ the SB is practically charged, and the PB energy is not used).

We accept the LI night load $P_{L5}=P_{11}3$. Then

$$k_{E} = \frac{0.4 (t_6-t_5) W_{PV} + 1.5 Q^{*} (t_5-t_1) + P_{15} (t_6-t_5)] + P_{15} (t_5-t_1)}{0.4 Q^{*} (t_6-t_5) W_{PV} + 1.0 W_{BC} + 1.0 W_{BC} P_{15} + P_{15} (t_6-t_5) - W_{PV} P_{15} \Delta t}.$$ (3)

The values of the index $k_{E}$ at $W_{PV} = \text{const}$ (in $W_{BCB}$ is the total energy generated by the PB) decrease with increasing $W_{PV}$. For example, with $W_{PV}=1828$ W·h – $k_{E}=3.45$, with an increase in capacitance by 1.5 times ($W_{PV}=2742$ W·h) – $k_{E}=3.4$, with an increase in capacitance by 2 times ($W_{PV}=3656$ W·h) – $k_{E}=3.17$. When $W_{PV}=2742$ W·h values $Q^{*}=Q^{*}=Q^{*}$, i.e. there is a balance between the energy generated by the PB and the consumed by the load. With a smaller SB capacitance, the values $Q^{*}=Q^{*}=Q^{*}$, and there is an excess of PB energy after 11:00, which leads to a SB charge $Q^{*}=80\%$ and the need to regulate the energy supply from the PB, i.e. the energy of the PB is underused. With a larger SB capacitance, the situation is reversed and $Q^{*}=Q^{*}$. With close values of $k_{E}$ for $W_{PV}=1828$ W·h and $W_{PV}=2742$ W·h, it should be borne in mind that at $W_{PV}=1828$ W·h, the value of the load power $P_{12}=P_{12}$ is the average value of the PB generation power per day, and in the evening peak $P_{6}$ is almost half as low. At $W_{PV}=2742$ W·h, the value of $P_{6}$ is close to $P_{12}$, and $P_{3}$; exceeds $P_{12}$, i.e. this value of the SB capacitance is preferable.

The solar activity time for the summer period is limited to $t_{v}=16:30$ and the $k_{E}$ value can be increased (up to $k_{E}=4.1-4.6$) with a decrease in $P_{L}$ in the interval $(t_3, t_6)$. Here, $P_{L}$ increases. However, the capacity of the SB is underused during the morning peak hours.

Let us consider the option $P_{12}(t)$ (Fig. 2) while ensuring the maximum value of $P_{1}$ and reducing the load $P_{3}$. This will reduce the bypass time to 1.5 hours ($t_{v}=18:30$), which is enough to charge the SB by 10%. We assume that $Q^{*}=95\%$, $Q^{*}=55\%$, $Q^{*}=78\%$ (less than 80%), $Q^{*}=75\%$, $Q^{*}=85\%$.

The values of $W_{PV}$, $W_{PV}$, $W_{PV}$ are determined in accordance with (2), $P_{12}$, $P_{23}$, $P_{16}$, $P_{15}$ – in accordance with (3), $P_{6}$ – in accordance with (1). Then

$$k_{E} = \frac{0.4 Q^{*} (t_6-t_5) W_{PV} + 1.3 Q^{*} (t_5-t_1) + P_{15} (t_6-t_5) + P_{15} (t_5-t_1)}{0.4 Q^{*} (t_6-t_5) W_{PV} + 1.0 W_{BC} + 1.0 W_{BC} P_{15} + P_{15} (t_6-t_5) - W_{PV} P_{15} \Delta t}.$$ (4)

According to the calculation results, we have the same situation with respect to $k_{E}$ at different values of the SB capacitance: $W_{PV}=1828$, 2742, 3656 kW·h, when $k_{E}=5.47$, 5.15, 4.73. Based on the possibility of providing close to $P_{AVD}$ values of $P_{23}$ and $P_{6}$ with an increase in $P_{12}$, it is preferable to use a SB with $W_{PV}=2742$ kW·h. Also, the SB must be able to accept the energy of the PB. Typically, allowable charging current is $I_{BC}=0.25\% C_{B}$. The maximum value of the PB power for a clear day in June [18] is $P_{max}=0.76 P_{PP}$. The SB with $W_{PV}=2742$ kW·h is capable of accepting the excess energy of the PB at $P_{PV}=$0.42 $P_{PP}$ and current $I_{BC}=0.25\% C_{B}$ and at $I_{BC}=0.277 C_{B}$ – even at $P_{1}=0$. Thus, $P_{PP}=W_{PV}=1.274$ is accepted.

Solar generation depends on the season of the year and weather conditions, and the recommended load also needs to be changed. At the first stage of development, three $P_{L}(t)$ scenarios were considered, which are determined by the ratio $w=W_{PV} W_{PV}$ – the energy generated by the PB for the current day according to the forecast, $W_{PV}$ is the maximum value of the PB generation according to statistical data on a clear summer day). With PB power of 1 kW in the conditions of Kyiv [18], according to $W_{PV}$, the average power value per 24 hours is $P_{PV}=250$, for a day $P_{PV}=500$ W. If $w\geq0.7$, the load scenario CS1 is selected, if $0.7\geq w>0.4$ – CS2, if $w<0.4$ – CS3.

The CS1 scenario is focused on the maximum use of the energy of the PB and the SB during peak hours and in the daytime (Fig. 2), the calculation of power values is discussed above.

The goal of the CS2 scenario is to increase the average load power during the day, with a certain increase in the duration of the bypass in the evening from 17:30 ($t_4$) to 20:00. In this case, we have three stages of load change: $P_{L}=(t_1, t_2=16:30), (t_3, t_4), (t_5, t_6)$. We take the value $P_{12}=0.7 P_{13}, Q^{*}=62\%$, $Q^{*}=95\%$. The energy consumed in the interval $(t_1, t_4)$ by the load is $W_{PV}=P_{12} (t_5-t_4)+0.7 P_{13} (t_6-t_5)+0.7 (t_5-t_4)$. The value

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The averaged value of \( P_{\text{PV}} \) is used in the 5-10 min interval preceding the time \( t_i \) when the correction is made. The value \( P_{\text{PV}} \) at the corresponding stage \( P_{\text{L2}i} \), starting from \( t_i \), is taken equal to \( W_{\text{PV}i} \cdot W_{\text{PVI}} \cdot W_{\text{PH}i} \) (the predicted value). The \( P_{\text{L2}i} \) value is recalculated according to the expressions (1)–(3) corresponding to the current stage of the schedule. At the next correction point \( t_{i+1} \), the procedure is similar.

To test the effectiveness of this method, a simulation model of energy processes in a PVS was developed using a Correction Load Unit (CLU). Here, it is possible to adjust the LF load in a step-by-step mode with the use of a programmable pause and subsequent continuation of the simulation. The correction step is 0.5 h. The CLU includes a set of sampling-storage devices with a 0.5 h step for measuring the values of \( P_{\text{PV}}, P_{\text{PVI}}, Q*, \text{PLR} \) is calculated using expressions corresponding to the selected scenario.

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W_{14x} = \eta_{\text{C}} \cdot W_{\text{PVI}} + W_{\text{PH}i}.
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The value of \( P_{\text{L2}} \) is also determined from the condition \( \Delta Q* \leq 40 \% \). Accordingly, the condition \( P_3 \leq P_{\text{L2}} \) must be satisfied. The \( P_5 \) value is determined by (1). Thus, until 17:30, 0.1/3 of the SB energy \( (\Delta Q* = 33 \%) \) is used, which is added to the PB energy, which, at \( w = 0.7 \), allows providing an average value of the load power at the level of 0.8\( P_{\text{AVD}} \), at \( w = 0.4 \) – at the level of 0.5\( P_{\text{AVD}} \).

In the CS3 scenario, bypass prevails, and it is realistic to exclude energy consumption from the DN during peak hours due to the SB power. Load schedule is similar to CS2. It makes no sense to take \( P_{\text{L2}} \) by calculation, since this value is small. Therefore, the value of \( P_{\text{L2}} \) is taken at the level of \( P_{\text{L2}} = 0.5 P_{\text{AVD}} \) with a conscious increase in the cost of paying for electricity. Also, in the daytime, a restriction of \( Q* \geq 60 \% \) is introduced, since in the event of an emergency shutdown of the DN with low PB generation, it is possible to remain without electricity at night. The \( P_5 \) value is determined by (1). On a clear winter day at \( w = 0.3 \) in the middle hours, \( P_{\text{PV}} \) exceeds the value of \( P_{\text{AVD}} \), therefore, the PVS operates autonomously at this time.

The use of correction on the interval \( (t_1, t_2) \) is considered. Under ideal conditions for a clear day in June \( (P_{\text{PV}i}(t) = P_{\text{PV}i}(t)) \) and load \( P_{\text{LR}i}(t), \) the value \( k_E = 5.63. \) With a slight discrepancy between the values of \( P_{\text{PV}i}(t) \) and \( P_{\text{PV}i}(t) \) at separate time intervals (Fig. 3) and \( P_{\text{LR}i}(t), \) the value \( k_E = 4.91. \) In the case of load power correction (Fig. 3) \( k_E = 5.302. \)

At the value \( P_{\text{PV}i}(t) = 0.9 P_{\text{PV}i}(t) \) and \( P_{\text{LR}i}(t) \) \( k_E = 4.01. \) When using correction (Fig. 4) \( k_E = 5.098. \) In the case when the actual generation is higher \( P_{\text{PV}i}(t) > P_{\text{PV}i}(t) \), there is no special need for correction, since \( k_E \) increases, with \( P_{\text{PV}i}(t) = 1.15 P_{\text{PV}i}(t) \) the value \( k_E = 5.735. \) When using correction \( k_E = 6.206. \)

At present, an experimental setup has been manufactured on the basis of the Axioma Energy ISMPP 3000 hybrid inverter (with a built-in MPPT controller for connecting a PB and a SB charge controller) with a developed software module for power consumption control. The first tests with PB in CS3 conditions (according to weather conditions of early December) were carried out, which are planned to be continued (without waiting for summer) on an experimental setup using an electronic PB emulator.
Conclusions. The key to ensuring the efficiency of PVS is the use of software and hardware complexes that provide power consumption control, as well as recommendation functions with their correction. In this case, the subject-consumer is provided with information that allows organizing energy consumption for the day ahead while reducing the cost of paying for electricity. In the absence of a response to the recommendations, the system remains operational, eliminating the SB discharge below the set level. The approaches discussed in the article can be also used with a different schedule of tariff zones during peak hours.

The proposed solutions can be used in the development of new and modernization of existing PVS with hybrid inverters when connected to a network with multi-zone tariffication. The considered solution does not imply parallel operation of the inverter with the DN. This limits the possibilities of its application, since the load power depends on solar generation. Therefore, the further development of the work is to improve the principles of PVS implementation using a network inverter, when the load is supplied from the AVI and DN.

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