



Rutland West Solar Farm

Sound Impact Assessment

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1.0 Introduction

Rutland West Solar Farm, LLC is proposing the Rutland West Solar Farm project (the Project) located in Kane County, Illinois. The Project consists of approximately 57 acres (Project Area), and currently zoned as Farming District (Zone F). The Project entails a ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar array totaling approximately 7.5 MW. The Project Area is bounded by Reinking Road and Big Timber Road (Route 21) to the northeast and by the South Branch Kishwaukee River to the south, with agricultural land to the west and south. The southern portion of the site includes a mapped FEMA flood hazard area and there are several mapped wetlands within the central portions of the site.

2.0 Concepts of Environmental Sound

Sounds are generated by a variety of sources (e.g., a musical instrument, a voice speaking, or an airplane that passes overhead). Energy is required to produce sound and this sound energy is transmitted through the air in the form of sound waves – tiny, quick oscillations of pressure just above and just below atmospheric pressure. These oscillations, or sound pressures, impinge on the ear, creating the sound we hear. The range of sound pressures that can be detected by a person with normal hearing is very wide, ranging from about 20 micro-pascals (μPa) for very faint sounds at the threshold of hearing to nearly 10 million μPa for extremely loud sounds, such as a jet during take-off at a distance of 300 feet. Because the range of human hearing is so wide, sound levels are reported using “sound pressure levels”, which are expressed in terms of decibels. The sound pressure level in decibels is the logarithm of the ratio of the sound pressure of the source to the reference sound pressure of 20 μPa , multiplied by 20.

Table 2-1 provides some examples of common sources of sound and their sound pressure levels. All sound levels in this assessment are provided in A-weighted decibels, abbreviated “dB(A)” or “dBA.” The A-weighted sound level reflects how the human ear responds to sound, by deemphasizing sounds that occur in frequencies at which the human ear is least sensitive to sound (at frequencies below about 100 hertz and above 10,000 hertz) and emphasizing sounds that occur in frequencies at which the human ear is most sensitive to sound (in the mid-frequency range from about 200 to 8,000 hertz). In the context of environmental sound, noise is defined as “unwanted sound.”

Table 2-1 Examples of Common Sound Pressure Levels

| Sound Level dB(A) | Common Indoor Sounds | Common Outdoor Sounds |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 110 | Rock Band | Jet Takeoff at 1000 feet |
| 100 | Inside NYC Subway Train | Chain Saw at 3 feet |
| 90 | Food Blender at 3 feet | Impact Hammer (Hoe Ram) at 50 feet |
| 80 | Garbage Disposal at 3 feet | Diesel Truck at 50 feet |
| 70 | Vacuum Cleaner at 10 feet | Lawn Mower at 100 feet |
| 60 | Normal Speech at 3 feet | Auto (40 mph) at 100 feet |
| 50 | Dishwasher in Next Room | Busy Suburban Area at night |
| 40 | Empty Conference Room | Quiet Suburban Area at night |
| 30 | Empty Concert Hall | Rural Area at night |

Sound pressure levels are typically presented in community noise assessments utilizing the noise metrics described below and expressed in terms of A-weighted decibels.

- “L₁₀” is the sound level that is exceeded for 10 percent of the time. This metric is a measure of the intrusiveness of relatively short-duration noise events that occurred during the measurement period;
- “L₅₀” is the sound level that is exceeded for 50 percent of the measurement period;
- “L₉₀” is the sound level that is exceeded for 90 percent of the time and is a measure of the background or residual sound levels in the absence of recurring noise events;
- “L_{EQ}” is the is the constant sound level which would contain the same acoustic energy as the varying sound levels during the time period and is representative of the average noise exposure level for that time period; and
- “L_{MAX}” is the instantaneous maximum sound level for the time period.

It is often necessary to combine the sound pressure levels from one or more sources. Because decibels are logarithmic quantities, it is not possible to simply add the values of the sound pressure levels together. For example, if two sound sources each produce 70 dB and they are operated together, their combined impact is 73 dB – not 140 dB as might be expected. Four equal 70 dB sources operating simultaneously result in a total sound pressure level of 76 dB. In fact, for every doubling of the number of equal sources, the sound pressure level goes up another three decibels. A tenfold increase in the number of sources makes the sound pressure level increase by 10 dB, while a hundredfold increase makes the level increase by 20 dB. The logarithmic combination of *n* different sound levels is calculated by the following equation:

$$L_{total} = 10 * \log_{10} \left(10^{\frac{L_1}{10}} + 10^{\frac{L_2}{10}} + \dots + 10^{\frac{L_n}{10}} \right)$$

Perceived changes in sound level can be slightly more subjective; the average person will not notice a change of 1-2 dB, a 3 dB increase is just barely perceptible, while a 5 dB change is clearly noticeable.

3.0 Applicable Noise Standards and Regulations

The Kane County Code of Ordinances contains noise regulations specifically pertaining to commercial solar energy facilities. This ordinance requires that solar facility noise levels “shall be in compliance with applicable Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) regulations.”

IPCB regulations for noise are listed in Part 901: Sound Emission Standards and Limitations for Property Line-Noise-Sources and are based on the land use of the facility and the receiving property. The Project is located on Class C land and surrounding properties include both LBCS Class C (agricultural) and Class A land (residential). Noise thresholds are most restrictive for receiving lands in Class A, so those are the thresholds used for comparison in this Study. The regulations include other non-applicable thresholds for highly impulsive sounds and prominent discrete tones that will not be generated by the proposed Project.

Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 below list the octave band sound pressure level thresholds for sound emitted to class A land from Class C land. No octave band thresholds are specified for receiving properties on Class C land.

Table 3-1 IPCB Daytime Noise Thresholds for Receiving Class A Land from Class C Land

| Octave Band Center Frequency (Hertz) | Allowable Octave Band Sound Pressure Levels (dB) |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 31.5 | 75 |
| 63 | 74 |
| 125 | 69 |
| 250 | 64 |
| 500 | 58 |
| 1000 | 52 |
| 2000 | 47 |
| 4000 | 43 |
| 8000 | 40 |

Table 3-2 IPCB Nighttime Noise Thresholds for Receiving Class A Land from Class C Land

| Octave Band Center Frequency (Hertz) | Allowable Octave Band Sound Pressure Levels (dB) |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 31.5 | 69 |
| 63 | 67 |
| 125 | 62 |
| 250 | 54 |
| 500 | 47 |
| 1000 | 41 |
| 2000 | 36 |
| 4000 | 32 |
| 8000 | 32 |

Kane County code also states that applicants “shall submit manufacturer's sound power level characteristics and other relevant data regarding noise characteristics necessary for a competent noise analysis.” These specifications are described in Section 4.1.1 and included in Appendix A.

4.0 Predictive Modeling of Sound Impacts During Operation

This section describes the methods, assumptions, and results of the Cadna-A® noise modeling used to predict future sound levels resulting from the operation of the proposed Project at the property line and nearby receptors.

4.1 Noise Model

The Cadna-A® computer noise model was used to predict future sound pressure levels from the operation of the proposed equipment in the Project Area, including at the outer wall of the dwellings located at adjacent properties. An industry standard, Cadna-A® was developed by DataKustik GmbH to provide an estimate of sound levels at distances from specific noise sources. This model takes into account:

- Sound power levels from stationary and mobile sources;
- The effects of terrain features including relative elevations of noise sources;
- Intervening objects including buildings and sound barrier walls; and
- Ground effects due to areas of pavement and unpaved ground.

Cadna-A® accounts for shielding and reflections due to intervening buildings or other structures in the propagation path, as well as diffracted paths around and over structures, which tend to reduce computed noise levels. The shielding effects due to intervening terrain are included in the model. The shielding effects due to the proposed electrical equipment and existing off-site buildings and ground vegetation were excluded from the model to provide a level of conservatism to the analysis.

For ground effects, the reflectivity of the surface is described by a “ground factor” variable (G), which ranges from 0 for ‘hard’ ground (paved surfaces, concrete, etc.) and 1 for “porous” ground (grassland and other vegetated areas). The model used a ground absorption factor (G) of 0.8 for to conservatively represent typical ground conditions under the solar panels, which will primarily remain vegetated. Existing and proposed above-ground vegetation (trees, shrubs, etc.) is not included in the model for conservatism but may provide additional sound mitigation depending on height and density of foliage.

The International Standards Organization current standard for outdoor sound propagation (ISO 9613 Part 2 – “Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors”) was used within Cadna-A®. This standard provides a method for calculating environmental noise in communities from a variety of sources with known emission levels. The method contained within the standard calculates the attenuation over the entire sound path under weather conditions that are favorable for sound propagation, such as for downwind propagation or “under a well-developed moderate ground-based temperature inversion.” Application of conditions that are favorable for sound propagation yields conservative estimates of operational noise levels in the surrounding area.

4.1.1 Modeling Inputs

Based on the proposed site design of the Project, the major noise-producing sources during operation will be the power inverters and transformers. A total of 40 inverters are proposed on two equipment pads along the western boundary of the Project Area, with 2 transformers in the northwest portion of the site on dedicated equipment pads. The location of these sources is shown on Figure 1.

The source model inputs were based on proposed or generic electrical equipment specifications. The sound level for the proposed inverters is based on manufacturer sound pressure level data (see Appendix A) of 65 dBA at 1m (sound power level of 67 dBA) for a CPS-SCH100/125 three-phase string inverter. The transformer sound level of 62 dBA is based on the value obtained from NEMA Standards Publication TR 1-2013 (R2019): Transformers, Step Voltage Regulators and Reactors for a 2,500 kVA pad mounted transformer (Primary BIL of 95 kV, ONAN cooling class).

Since the sound-producing equipment were assumed to be continuously operating, the L_{90} (background level) and L_{EQ} (equivalent constant level) of the proposed equipment are the same for the purposes of this assessment.

Table 4-1 Noise Source Inputs to the Cadna-A Model

| Equipment Name | Source Height* | Octave Band Sound Power Levels (dB) | | | | | | | | | Total (dBA) |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| | | 31.5 | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1000 | 2000 | 4000 | 8000 | |
| 125kW Inverter (40) | 1m | 59.3 | 59.1 | 57.1 | 61.6 | 67.4 | 74.6 | 65.9 | 64.0 | 55.6 | 76.0 |
| 2500kVA Transformer (2) | 1m | 63.6 | 56.3 | 66.1 | 68.2 | 59.3 | 51.6 | 38.9 | 29.9 | 25.1 | 62.0 |

* Heights based on component dimensions and mounting orientation, assumed pad-mounted equipment.

The conceptual site layout and existing topography were used to create a terrain model that represents the topography during operation of the proposed facility. Figure 1 shows the proposed topography within the site. The inputs to the model are 1-meter contours, based on USGS 3DEP topographic data. The model conservatively assumed continuous and simultaneous operation of all sound-producing equipment. A search radius of 1 mile from each receptor was used in the model to ensure that all noise sources contributing to the predicted facility noise level were modeled at every noise-sensitive receptor.

4.1.2 Sound Level Results

Cadna-A® allows the user to place receptors at selected locations and predicts sound levels at those specific receptor locations. For this analysis, receptors were placed along the property line of the proposed facility.

Table 4.2 presents the predicted sound levels resulting solely from the operation of the proposed equipment. The model also calculated sound levels for the surrounding area, using a 5-foot receptor grid, with a receptor height of 5.1 feet (representative of average ear height). This data is displayed in the isopleths on Figure 1, which show lines of equal sound level at the Project and the surrounding area.

Table 4-2 Cadna-A Modeling Result Sound Levels

| Site ID | Modeled Sound Level (dBA) |
|---------|---------------------------|
| PL-1 | 50.2 |
| PL-2 | 50.9 |
| PL-3 | 25.5 |
| PL-4 | 18.4 |
| PL-5 | 21.3 |
| PL-6 | 22.8 |
| PL-7 | 26.6 |
| PL-8 | 28.2 |
| PL-9 | 21.9 |
| PL-10 | 23.3 |

For comparison to IPCB octave band standards, the maximum (unweighted) octave band sound pressure level at the property line (location PL-2) is shown in Table 4-3 below.

Table 4-3 Cadna-A Modeling Result Octave Band Sound Levels

| Octave Band Center Frequency (Hertz) | Maximum Modeled at Property Line | IPCB Threshold (Day) | IPCB Threshold (Night) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 31.5 | 38.3 | 75 | 69 |
| 63 | 38.0 | 74 | 67 |
| 125 | 32.7 | 69 | 62 |
| 250 | 32.7 | 64 | 54 |
| 500 | 38.8 | 58 | 47 |
| 1000 | 49.6 | 52 | 41 |
| 2000 | 41.6 | 47 | 36 |
| 4000 | 39.2 | 43 | 32 |
| 8000 | 29.1 | 40 | 32 |

5.0 Conclusion

The results of this Noise Impact Assessment conducted for the proposed Project demonstrate that the predicted sound levels from the proposed facility will be a maximum of 50.9 dBA at the property line. Sound levels at receiving properties beyond the property line will be lower. This sound level may be perceptible over ambient sound during daytime or nighttime conditions, depending on ambient sound levels. When added to an ambient sound level of 45 dBA, this would create a 6.9 dBA increase, which is likely to be perceptible from the property line.

Octave band sound pressure levels are well below the daytime thresholds established by IPCB for Class A land and within nighttime thresholds with the exception of the 1000, 2000, and 4000 Hz frequency bands, which exceed the nighttime thresholds. However, the receiving property is Class C land, which is not subject to octave band threshold restrictions. Sound levels reaching all Class A receiving properties will be within IPCB thresholds and no prominent discrete tones will be created by the proposed equipment. As such, the predicted sound generated by the Project will be within Kane County and IPCB guidelines.

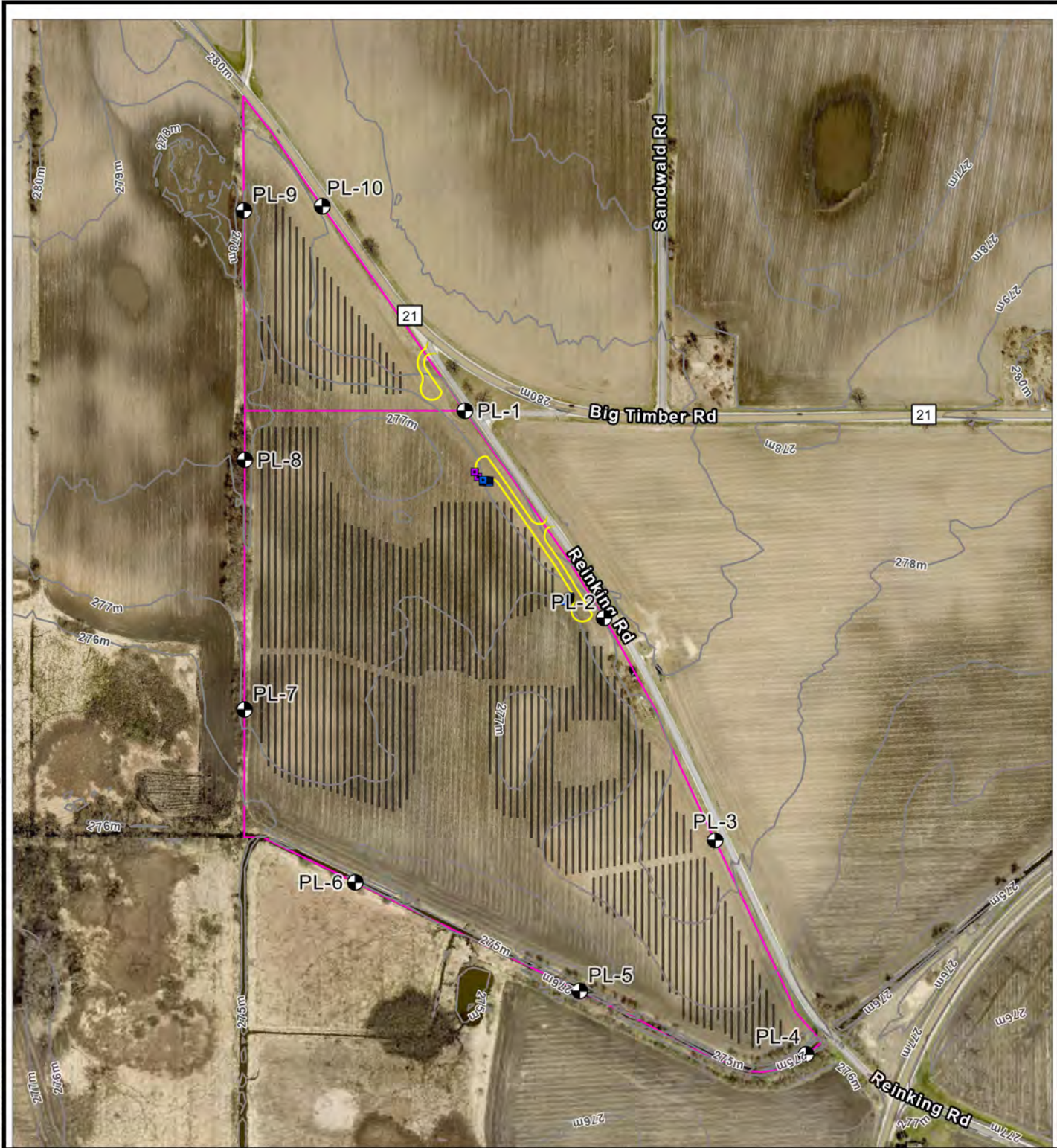
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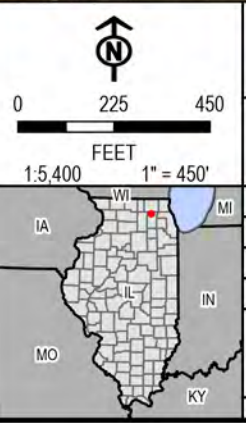
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- RECEPTOR LOCATION
- INVERTER LOCATION
- TRANSFORMER LOCATION
- ACCESSROADS
- PROPERTY LINE
- TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS (1M)
- SOLAR MODULES



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| | RECEPTOR LOCATION | SOUND LEVEL (DBA) |
| | INVERTER LOCATION | < 20 |
| | TRANSFORMER LOCATION | 20 - 29 |
| | ACCESSROADS | 30 - 39 |
| | PROPERTY LINE | 40 - 49 |
| | SOLAR MODULES | ≥ 50 |

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 1:6,000 1" = 500'

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APPENDIX A EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

100/125 kW, 1500 Vdc String Inverters for North America



CPS SCH100/125KTL-DO/US-600

The 100 and 125 kW high power CPS three-phase string inverters are designed for ground mount applications. The units are high performance, advanced, and reliable inverters designed specifically for the North American environment and grid. High efficiency at 99.1% peak and 98.5% CEC, wide operating voltages, broad temperature ranges, and a NEMA Type 4X enclosure enable this inverter platform to operate at high performance across many applications. The CPS 100/125 kW products ship with the Distributed or Centralized Wire Box, each fully integrated and separable with AC and DC disconnect switches. Enhanced DC Wire Boxes are available to allow DC disconnection under short circuit conditions. The CPS FlexOM Gateway enables communication, controls, and remote product upgrades.

Key Features

- NFPA 70 and NEC compliant
- Touch-safe DC Fuse holders add convenience and safety
- CPS FlexOM Gateway enables remote firmware upgrades
- Integrated AC and DC disconnect switches
- 1 MPPT with 20 fused inputs for maximum flexibility
- Copper- and aluminum-compatible AC connections
- NEMA Type 4X outdoor rated enclosure
- Advanced Smart-Grid features (CA Rule 21 certified)
- kVA headroom yields 100 kW @ 0.9 PF and 125 kW @ 0.95 PF
- Generous 1.87 (100 kW) and 1.5 (125 kW) DC/AC inverter load ratios
- Separable wire box design for fast service
- Enhanced DC wire boxes available



Distributed

Centralized

Standard Wire Boxes



Distributed

Centralized

Enhanced DC Wire Boxes



| Model Name | CPS SCH100KTL-DO/US-600 | CPS SCH125KTL-DO/US-600 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| DC Input | | |
| Max. PV power | 187.5 kW | |
| Max. DC input voltage | 1500 V | |
| Operating DC input voltage range | 860-1450 Vdc | |
| Start-up DC input voltage / power | 900 V / 250 W | |
| Number of MPP trackers | 1 | |
| MPPT voltage range ¹ | 870-1300 Vdc | |
| Max. PV input current (Isc x1.25) | 275 A | |
| Number of DC inputs | Distributed Wire Box: 20 PV source circuits, positive and negative fused Centralized Wire Box: 1 input circuit, 1-2 terminations per pole, non-fused | |
| DC disconnection type | Load-rated DC switch | |
| DC surge protection | Type II MOV (with indicator/remote signaling) | |
| AC Output | | |
| Rated AC output power ² | 100 kW | 125 kW |
| Max. AC apparent power (selectable) | 100 kVA (111 kVA @ PF > 0.9) | 125 kVA (132 kVA @ PF > 0.95) |
| Rated output voltage | 600 Vac | |
| Output voltage range ³ | 528-660 Vac | |
| Grid connection type ⁴ | 3Φ / PE / N (neutral optional) | |
| Max. AC output current @ 600 Vac | 96.2 / 106.8 A | 120.3 / 127.0 A |
| Rated output frequency | 60 Hz | |
| Output frequency range ³ | 57-63 Hz | |
| Power factor | >0.99 (±0.8 adjustable) | |
| Current THD | < 3% | |
| Max. fault current contribution (1 cycle RMS) | 41.47 A | |
| Max. OCPD rating | 200 A | |
| AC disconnection type | Load-rated AC switch | |
| AC surge protection | Type II MOV (with indicator/remote signaling) | |
| System | | |
| Topology | Transformerless | |
| Max. efficiency | 99.1% | |
| CEC efficiency | 98.5% | |
| Standby / night consumption | < 4 W | |
| Environment | | |
| Enclosure protection degree | NEMA Type 4X | |
| Cooling method | Variable speed cooling fans | |
| Operating temperature range ² | -22°F to 140°F / -30°C to 60°C | |
| Non-operating temperature range ⁵ | -40°F to 158°F / -40°C to 70°C | |
| Operating humidity | 0-100% | |
| Operating altitude | 8202 ft / 2500 m (no derating) | |
| Audible noise | < 65 dBA @ 1 m and 77°F (25°C) | |
| Display and Communication | | |
| User interface and display | LED indicators, Wi-Fi and app | |
| Inverter monitoring | Modbus RS485 | |
| Site-level monitoring | CPS FlexOM Gateway (1 per 32 inverters) | |
| Modbus data mapping | SunSpec / CPS | |
| Remote diagnostics / firmware upgrade functions | Standard / (with FlexOM Gateway) | |
| Mechanical | | |
| Dimensions (W × H × D) | Distributed Wire Box: 45.28 × 24.25 × 9.84 in (1150 × 616 × 250 mm) Centralized Wire Box: 39.37 × 24.25 × 9.84 in (1000 × 616 × 250 mm) | |
| Weight | Inverter: 121 lbs (55 kg) Distributed Wire Box: 55 lbs (25 kg) Centralized Wire Box: 33 lbs (15 kg) | |
| Mounting / installation angle | 15-90 degrees from horizontal (vertical or angled) | |
| AC termination | M10 stud type terminal [3Φ] (wire range: 1/0 AWG-500 kcmil CU/AL; lugs not supplied) Screw clamp terminal block [N] (#12-1/0 AWG CU/AL) | |
| DC termination | Distributed Wire Box: Screw clamp fuse holder (wire range: #12-#6 AWG CU) Centralized Wire Box: Busbar, M10 bolts (wire range: #1 AWG-500 kcmil CU/AL [1 termination per pole], #1 AWG-300 kcmil CU/AL [2 terminations per pole]; lugs not supplied) | |
| Fused string inputs | Standard/Distributed Wire Boxes: 25 A fuses provided (fuse values up to 30 A acceptable) Enhanced DC Wire Boxes: 20 A fuses provided (fuse values up to 30 A acceptable) | |
| Safety | | |
| Certifications and standards | UL 1741-SA/SB Ed. 3, CSA-C22.2 NO.107.1-01, IEEE 1547-2018, FCC PART15 | |
| Selectable grid standard | IEEE 1547a-2014, IEEE 1547-2018 ⁶ , CA Rule 21, ISO-NE | |
| Smart-grid features | Volt-RideThru, Freq-RideThru, Ramp-Rate, Specified-PF, Volt-VAR, Freq-Watt, Vol-Watt | |
| Warranty | | |
| Standard | 5 years | |
| Extended terms | 10, 15, and 20 years | |

1) See user manual for further information regarding MPPT voltage range when operating at non-unity PF.

2) 100 kW active power derating begins at 113°F (45°C) when MPPT ≥ Vmin; 125 kW active power derating begins at 107.6°F (42°C) when PF = ±0.95 and MPPT ≥ Vmin, and at 113°F (45°C) when PF=1 and MPPT ≥ Vmin.

3) The "output voltage range" and "output frequency range" may differ according to the specific grid standard.

4) Delta configurations must not be corner-grounded.

5) See user manual for further requirements regarding non-operating conditions.

6) Firmware version 12.0 or later required.

Table 1
Audible Sound Levels for Oil-Immersed Power Transformers

| Average Sound Level tt. Decibels | Equivalent Two-Winding Rating* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------|-------|
| | 350 kV BIL and Below | | | 450, 550, 650 kV BIL | | | 750 and 825 kV BIL | | | 900 and 1050 kV BIL | | | 1175 kV BIL | | | 1300 kV BIL. and Above | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 57 | 700 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | | | | 700 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 1500 | | | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 2500 | | | 1500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | 3000 | | | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 64 | 4000 | | | 2500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | 5000 | | | 3000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 66 | 6000 | | | 4000 | | | 3000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 67 | 7500 | 6250▲▲ | | 5000 | 3750▲▲ | | 4000 | 3125▲▲ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 68 | 10000 | 7500 | | 6000 | 5000 | | 5000 | 3750 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 69 | 12500 | 9375 | | 7500 | 6250 | | 6000 | 5000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | 15000 | 12500 | | 10000 | 7500 | | 7500 | 6250 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 71 | 20000 | 16667 | | 12500 | 9375 | | 10000 | 7500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 72 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 | 15000 | 12500 | | 12500 | 9375 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 73 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 | 20000 | 16667 | | 15000 | 12500 | | 12500 | | | | | | | | |
| 74 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 | 20000 | 16667 | | 15000 | | | 12500 | | | | | |
| 75 | 50000 | 40000 | 41687 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 | 20000 | 16667 | | 15000 | | | 12500 | | |
| 76 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 | 20000 | 16667 | | 15000 | | |
| 77 | 80000 | 66687 | 66667 | 50000 | 40000 | 41667 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 | 20000 | 16667 | |
| 78 | 100000 | 80000 | 83333 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 | 50000 | 40000 | 41667 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 | 25000 | 20000 | 20800 |
| 79 | | 106667 | 100000 | 80000 | 66667 | 66667 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 | 50000 | 40000 | 41667 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 | 30000 | 26667 | 25000 |
| 80 | | 133333 | 133333 | 100000 | 60000 | 83333 | 80000 | 66667 | 66667 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 | 50000 | 40000 | 41667 | 40000 | 33333 | 33333 |
| 81 | | | 166667 | | 106667 | 100000 | 100000 | 80000 | 83333 | 80000 | 66667 | 66667 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 | 50000 | 40000 | 41667 |
| 82 | | | 200000 | | 133333 | 133333 | | 106867 | 100000 | 100000 | 80000 | 83333 | 80000 | 66667 | 66667 | 60000 | 53333 | 50000 |
| 83 | | | 250000 | | | 166667 | | 133333 | 133333 | | 10686 | 100000 | 100000 | 80000 | 83333 | 80000 | 66667 | 68667 |
| 84 | | | 300000 | | | 200000 | | 166667 | 133333 | | 133333 | 133333 | | 106667 | 100000 | 100000 | 80000 | 83333 |
| 85 | | | 400000 | | | 250000 | | 200000 | | | 166667 | | 133333 | 133333 | | 106667 | 100000 | |
| 86 | | | | | | 300000 | | 250000 | | | 200000 | | | 166667 | | 133333 | 133333 | |
| 87 | | | | | | 400000 | | 300000 | | | 250000 | | | 200000 | | | 168667 | |
| 88 | | | | | | | | 400000 | | | 300000 | | | 250000 | | | 200000 | |
| 89 | | | | | | | | | | | 400000 | | | 300000 | | | 250000 | |
| 90 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 400000 | | | 300000 | |
| 91 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 400000 | |

Column 1 • Class*ONAN, ONWN and OFWF Rating*
 Column 2 • Class* ONAF and ODAF First stage Auxiliary Cooling"t
 Column 3 • Straight OFAF Ratings, ONAF * and ODAF * Second stage Auxiliary Cooling"t
 Classes of cooling, see section 5.1 IEEE Std. C57.12-2010

"First- and second stage auxiliary cooling, see section 4 Table 1 of IEEE Std. C57-12-2010
 f For column 2 and 3 ratings, the sound levels are with the auxiliary cooling equipment in operation.
 tf For intermediate kVA ratings, use the average sound level of the next larger kVA rating.
 ▲ The equivalent two-winding 55°C or 65°C rating is defined as one-half the sum of the kVA rating of all windings
 ▲▲ Sixty-seven decibels for all kVA ratings equal to this or smaller.

Table 2
Audible Sound Levels for Liquid-Immersed
Network Transformers and Step-Voltage Regulators

| Equivalent Two-Winding kVA | Average Sound Level Decibels |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 0-50 | 48 |
| 51-100 | 51 |
| 101-300 | 55 |
| 301-500 | 56 |
| 501-750 | 57 |
| 751-1000 | 58 |
| 1001-1500 | 60 |
| 1501-2000 | 61 |
| 2001-2500 | 62 |
| 2501-3000 | 63 |

