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Principles Creation Integrated On-Line Access System for Free Standing Renewable Energy Technology (RET)

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This paper presents the development of the structure of the integrated ON-LINE information system for collective use of renewable energy. Information about each installation including its location identification and capacity which is potentially available for external users is accessible via internet. Structure of each installation will include an intellectual control and registration module (ICRM) for electric energy available to external users. Where necessary any consumer can request reserve energy generated in near-by located free standing installations for external use and make a decision to approach to any of those installation.

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1. Introduction

At the beginning of XXI century global energy development vector has turned around towards enhanced application of free standing technology driven by renewable energy sources — solar radiation, air and water, ebb and flow, mechanical fluctuations and vibrations etc.

Centralized energy supply has a number of relevant drawbacks in terms of provision of safe life activity:

- low protectability against terroristic impacts and natural disasters;
- considerable costs associated with delivery of hydrocarbon fuels and useless energy losses within electric lines;
- environmental pollution with combustion products of hydrocarbon fuels used by heat electropower plants.

2. An option of solution of the issue

Modern microelectronic bases along with development of IT technologies create new opportunities for building environment friendly integrated energy supply systems featuring increased viability and energy efficiency. Currently operating and newly introduced smaller wind- and hydroenergy installations as well as solar photovoltaic stations will become supporting points within these systems. The overall number of free standing energy installations of smaller and average capacity increase continuously while energy consumption rate is quite low. As a rule these are installations for personal use which are not equipped with energy accumulators. The energy use factor can be significantly increased through application of additional systems of uninterrupted power extraction with energy accumulation in electric and heat storage

batteries [1]. These systems enable splitting energy accumulation and consumption processes of free standing installations with consideration of time factor. Besides, customer energy supply with power consumption which is much higher than rated output capacity of electric generator of the installation is possible.

For example, with rated output capacity of photovoltaic installation $P(\text{output}) = 100$ W and daylight hours $T_c = 12$ hours electrical power supply is possible (through an inverter), with energy accumulated in electric storage battery, electric load $P_H = 1000$ W within time period

$$T_n = \eta P(\text{output}) T_c / P_n,$$

where $\eta \geq 0.85$ — inverter efficiency rate. In this case electric power supply is possible for a load with power consumption of 1000 W for 1 hour at any time of day.

Incomplete consumption of generated electric energy is a specific feature of installations for personal use. The above mentioned photovoltaic installation can be placed at a country house an owner of which comes there twice a week and uses generated power for an iron and a kettle. The rest 5 days of the week the energy generated is not practically used. From the viewpoint of common sense the capacity E_a of electric accumulator will be selected on condition:

$$E_a \geq \eta P(\text{output}) T_n U_n / U_a,$$

where U_n — rated voltage of electric load, U_a — output voltage of electric accumulator. Is unreasonable for a customer to use electric accumulators with capacity much higher that is required for power supply of his home appliances within a known time period T_n . As a result energy use factor (β) of a village photovoltaic installation will be equal to:

$$\beta = 2/7 \cdot 100\% = 28.5\%.$$

3. Conclusion

An option to significantly increase use factor of free standing electric installations will be as follows.

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Thus there is an opportunity for more complete use of energy generated through free standing electric installations and more options of power supply to the customers moving around the countryside.

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