Distributed Energy Resources New Technology Innovations to Further DER Integration

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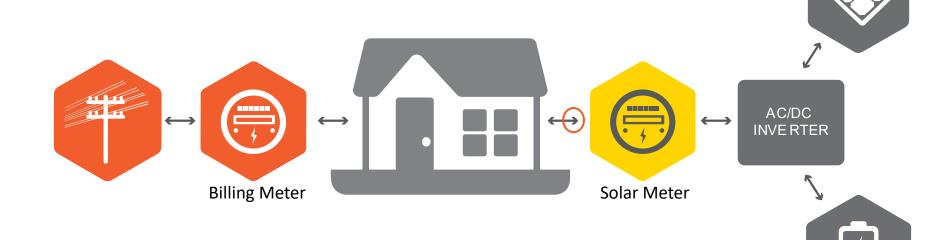


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Austin Energy Billing System Upgraded to Enable DC Coupling

- Changes enable the billing system to read the solar meter bidirectionally
- Energy from the grid stored in the battery can be accounted for separately from solar production





Powerwall+ and Meter Collar Disconnect Demonstration





Austin Energy and Tesla developed a working agreement

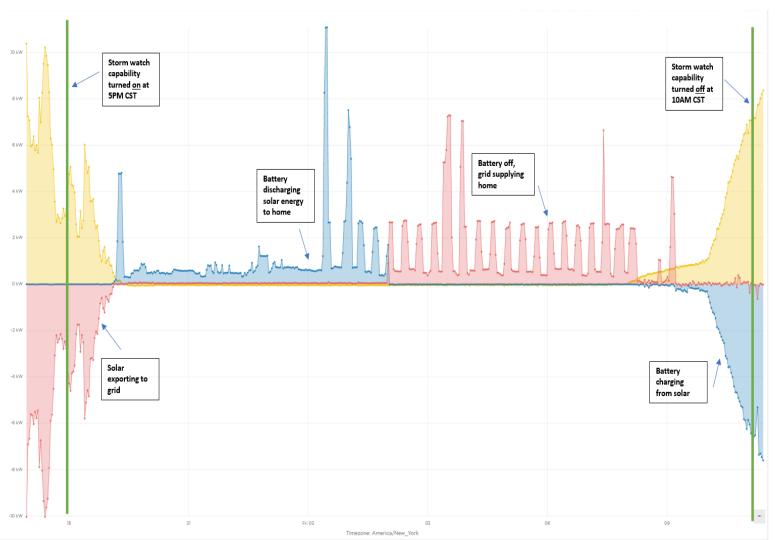
Enabled product demonstration and evaluation

- Installation of Powerwall+ and Meter Collar Disconnect devices on up to 5 projects
- Multiple locations allowed for different interconnection configurations
- All projects went through standard permitting
- Austin Energy performed electrical inspections prior to energizing projects
- Tesla limited functionality until Austin Energy could test different scenarios
- Tesla and Austin Energy teams met on-site to learn and product test together





Product Testing



- Verified proper isolation from the grid in various scenarios
- Tested harmonics to ensure acceptable thresholds and not back-fed to the grid
- Verified power factor and phase angles are within normal operation range
- Verified proper service disconnect operation of meter
- Verified data coming back to Command Center is accurate



Next Steps

Update Distribution Interconnection Guide and Design Criteria Manual



Allows DC Coupling

Allows storage behind the solar meter

Allows Tesla's Meter Collar Disconnect installation



Vehicle to Home (V2H) Installation

Austin's first system was installed in April

- Ford F-150 Lightning can back-up whole home
- Installed directly to the main electrical panel
- Future installation could interconnect existing home solar panel system







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