

Safety

The safety of the BESS element of our proposal was raised by several people at the last public exhibition.

The scheduled maintenance regime will regularly require:

Battery system

- Visual examination: Periodical visual checks to identify potential damage, leakages or corrosion.
- Thermal inspection: Use of infrared thermography to identify potential hotspots, e.g. poor electrical connections.
- Capacity testing: Regular discharge tests to check the battery capacity and actual performance, ensuring the system still meets the expected energy output, as per the BS EN 62620 standard.
- Regular cleaning: Keeping battery terminals and general connections clean helps avoid poor connections.

Power Conversion System (PCS)

- Regular battery inverter testing:
 The regular testing and recalibration of the inverters to guarantee the system efficiency and operational safety.
- Firmware updates: Regular software updates to ensure new releases or bug fixes are applied.
- Visual examination: Undertake inspections to identify potential damage to connectors, cables, connectors, etc.

Cooling and HVAC

- Air filters maintenance: Ensure filters are regularly cleaned or replaced to guarantee optimal cooling performance.
- Fans and ventilation system inspection: Inspect ventilation fans and airflow paths for blockages and ensure proper air circulation.
- Coolant levels: For liquid cooling systems, verify coolant levels and test for potential system leaks.

Fire suppression

- Functional system testing: This involves periodical fire tests to verify that the system performs as expected.
- Smoke and gas detectors testing:
 This involves periodical tests
 to verify early detection of any
 hazardous situations.
- Alarm system testing: This involves periodical tests to confirm the alarm notification is triggered under a potential fire event.

Our site has been designed according to the Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning – Guidance for FRS (2022) produced by the National Fire Chiefs Council.



If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

