

Secure Operation and Optimal Generation Scheduling Considering Battery Life for an Isolated Northwest Grid of Saudi Arabia

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Maintenance schedule of generators in an interconnected power system presents multifaceted challenges, two important ones being optimal operation cost and secure operation. When a generator is scheduled for maintenance, achieving optimal generation scheduling for the committed generators is necessary but it is not sufficient for secure operation of power systems. This problem is decomposed into two subproblems: i) Finding the optimal set points for the generators; ii) Validating secure operation with those set points from i). Both these subproblems [i) and ii)] have been studied extensively in the literatures. However, the research here focuses on incorporating battery energy storage systems (BESS) in power operation, a renewable generation that can provide smooth and flexible reserves of power, an area that has not yet been fully explored. In addition, incorporating BESS while considering both the cost implications and addressing secure operation has not yet been addressed in previous literatures. The purpose of this paper is to present both secure and optimal operation besides improving the longevity of the BESS. Feasibility of the proposed approach is demonstrated on Tabuk region-an isolated northwest grid of Saudi Arabia.

Keywords

Optimal Cost, Secure Operation, Battery Life, Forced Contingency

1. Introduction

With increasing load demand, renewable generation has provided a viable means for reducing emissions and operational costs. In particular, the use of solar generation has seen a significant increase over the last decade. However, the random power output of PV has created several challenges in power system operation and control. Renewable generation is categorized as non-load following generation as its output cannot be controlled. The inter-dispatch variability of renewable generation that is geographically distributed, to a large extent, is smooth. However, scenarios such as the one considered in this work where the renewable generators are not geographically distributed present a considerable challenge with respect to variability and availability [1]. One of the solutions potentially addressing the challenge of solar variability is to use battery storage, which has been found to be particularly effective when working in parallel with PV in peak load shaving as presented in [2] [3]. Renewable energy systems today are sufficiently developed and are widely used to address environmental and economic dispatch (ED) concerns. Storing energy at off-peak times when there is additional generation capacity and then using this stored energy will make the economic dispatch (ED) more efficient in terms of operating cost. Time shifting renewable energy generation through the use of BESS will help reduce the operating cost in this scenario as the incremental cost of producing power through controllable generation is lower at certain levels of loading [4].

Many studies have been introduced for optimal operation with PV and battery storage. For example, the Authors in [5] presented an optimal battery scheduling plan with emission constrains to reduce the carbon footprint of conventional thermal units. Reference [6] proposed an optimal peak shaving by managing energy storage devices, and the research presented in references [7] [8] proposed optimal charging/discharging scheduling of BESS to minimize line losses in distribution systems. In [9] an optimal power management for grid connected PV system with batteries is proposed to minimize customer energy bills, and an optimal scheduling of battery storage presented in [10] is used to evaluate the optimal amount of installed battery into the grid by considering the CO₂ emission in the economic evaluation. The authors in [11] proposed an optimal scheduling of non-utility facility with battery storage under a price taking scheme. None of these studies, however, considered the battery life in the cost function. Disregarding the battery life in optimal power scheduling is an unrealistic scenario. Although BESS lowers operating costs, the life of the battery is significantly reduced. As BESS requires substantial investment, it is imperative that they be used effectively and efficiently such that the economic and security margins of the power grid operation are maximized.

This paper presents an optimal generation scheduling taking into consideration renewable energy sources, BESS usage cost, and secure operation. In addition, it also proposes an optimal generation schedule considering battery life and short term outages: resulting in extended battery life and finding a solution during outages without affecting the optimal operation. Feasibility of this proposed approach is demonstrated using Tabuk power system-an isolated northwest grid of Saudi Arabia.

The outline of this paper is as follows: Section 2 shows the PV farm output power. Section 3 defines the usage cost that introduced to extend the battery life. Section 4 discusses the optimization problem formulation and constraints. Sec-



tion 5 explains the forced contingency analysis implemented for secure operation during optimal operation. Section 6 provides a brief description of the test system. Section 7 discusses the simulation result.

2. PV Output Power

The summer irradiation data for Tabuk city used here was taken from Renewable Resource Atlas of Saudi Arabia [12]. The station data is located at Tabuk University. Figure 1 shows the irradiation profile for 31 August 2015. To simulate the PV output power of the farm, the Wavelet Variability Model Toolbox in Matlab was used; the details and validation of this model are described in [13] [14]. In this paper, a 100 MW solar PV farm is simulated to be included in the optimization process. Figure 2 illustrates the PV power for the solar farm.

3. Battery Usage Cost

The levelized cost of the battery is adopted in defining the usage cost to quantify



Global Horizontal | Direct Normal | Diffuse Horizontal

Figure 1. Irradiation data.



Figure 2. PV output power.

the charge/discharge cycle in the optimization process. Thus, the formulation explicitly involves the life cycle of the BESS based on the definition of a usage cost as given in Equation (1), which imposes the physical degradation of the BESS. Excluding the life cycle creates unrealistic situation and exaggerates the significance of BESS on system operation at minimum cost. The cost of the battery is not estimated; rather it is specified based on the battery markets and prices for large scale storage. The goal here is to achieve minimum operational cost while at the same time extend the life of the battery by using it only when needed.

The levelized cost of energy (LCOE), which provides a more accurate reflection of the actual cost of a given battery, helps to determine the cost (\$/kwh) involved in charging and discharging the battery over its lifetime. This cost is used as the usage cost for the battery. The LCOE is calculated as follows [15];

$$LCOE = \frac{\text{Cost}}{\text{Energy capacity} \times \text{cycles} \times \text{round trip efficincy}}$$
(1)

The cost in Equation (1) includes installation costs, variable and fixed operation and maintenance costs. Moreover, the battery replacement cost is also involved since the battery will be replaced once, at the year 8 of a 15-years period. A lead acid battery is used and the battery data with its cost are based on the battery markets and prices [16]. Table 1 shows the battery parameters and cost. Thus,

 $LCOE = \frac{250,000 \times 349 + 250,000 \times 0.0005 + 50,000 \times 4.5 \times 15 + 337 \times 50,000}{250,000 \times 4.5 \times 15 + 337 \times 50,000}$ 250,000×365×15×85% = 0.09237 \$/kwh

4. Problem Formulation

Many methods have been used by the power industry to solve economic dispatch problems in order to minimize the operation cost. The complexity of the

Table 1. Battery data and cost [16].

Battery Cost and Data					
System capacity—kw	50,000				
Depth of discharge (DOD) per cycle %	80%				
Energy capacity—kwh @ rated DOD	250,000				
Round trip Efficiency—%	85%				
Number of cycle per year	365				
Plant life, years	15				
\$/kwh @ rated DOD	\$349				
Fixed O&M—\$/kw-year	\$4.5				
Variable O&M—\$/kwh	\$0.0005				
Battery replacement—years	8				
Replacement battery cost—\$/kw	\$337				



problem and the economic benefit gained from cost minimization have motivated both the academia and the industry to develop improved optimization techniques [17], resulting in such promising methods such as Lagrangian Relaxation, Dynamic Programming, Branch and Bound Mixed Integer Programming and Bender Decomposition Methods [18] [19] [20]. Recent developments in integer programming propose additional promising methods to acquire improved solutions for large scale systems more rapidly [17]. In this work, the fuel cost curve is approximated using a quadratic function. Hence, the ensuring formulation is of mixed integer quadratic programming (MIQP) type.

4.1. Energy Storage

Equation (2) below is the energy balance equation of the (BESS) [21], while Equations (3)-(5) give the bounds for the rate of charge and discharge and the battery storage limits.

$$E(t) = E(t-1) + P^{C}(t) \cdot \eta_{in} \cdot \Delta t - \frac{P^{D}(t)}{\eta_{out}} \cdot \Delta t$$
(2)

$$0 \le P^C(t) \le \overline{P_B} \tag{3}$$

$$0 \le P^D\left(t\right) \le \overline{P_B} \tag{4}$$

$$\overline{E} \le E(t) \le \overline{E} \tag{5}$$

Equation (2) is of particular importance because $P^{C}(t)$ and $P^{D}(t)$ are free variables that could take non-zero values in any dispatch. However, in reality the BESS can either charge or discharge during a given interval but not both. This condition is enforced with the use of a binary variable such as

$$\alpha \cdot \overline{P_B} \ge P^C(t) \tag{6}$$

$$(1-\alpha) \cdot \overline{P_B} \ge P^D(t) \tag{7}$$

Although Equations (6) and (7) ensure that only charging or discharging occurs during a given dispatch, such a modeling requires the use of the binary variable α , increasing the computation effort required to solve the problem. Instead, the need for binary variables is avoided because of their implicit inclusion in the objective function. As Charging and discharging in the same dispatch result in an inefficient use of the energy and, hence, would increase the total cost, the optimizer would never charge and discharge at the same dispatch and instead schedules charging and discharging in an optimal manner.

4.2. Power Balance Equation

Equation (8) is the power balance equation. The algebraic sum of the power generated by generators, the PV power and the BESS should equal to the power demand for all dispatches.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{nGen} P_i(t) + P_{pv}(t) + P^D(t) - P^C(t) - P_{LD}(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in T$$
(8)

4.3. Generation Limit

The amount of power generated and the ramp up/down rate for each generator is constrained as follows:

$$\frac{P_i^g}{i} \le P_i^g\left(t\right) \le \overline{P_i^g} \tag{9}$$

$$\Delta P_i^g \le \Delta P_i^g(t) \le \overline{\Delta P_i^g} \tag{10}$$

4.4. Fixed Cost for the Generator

The fixed cost for the generator was model as seen in Equation (11), where β is a binary variable. Hence, whenever non-zero power is produced by the *i*th generator β_i would be 1 and 0 otherwise.

$$\beta_i(t) \cdot P_i^g \ge P_i^g(t) \tag{11}$$

4.5. Startup Cost

Equation (12) ensures that γ is 1 whenever a unit is coming online after being off in the previous dispatch.

$$\gamma_i(t) \ge \beta_i(t) - \beta_i(t-1) \tag{12}$$

4.6. Objective Function

The cost function, defined as the fuel cost of all generators, the startup cost and the battery usage cost, is formulated as follows:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{nGen} \left\{ \left(\beta_i\left(t\right) \cdot a_i + b_i \cdot P_i^g\left(t\right) + c_i \cdot P_i^g\left(t\right)^2 + C_B \cdot \left(P^C\left(t\right) + P^D\left(t\right)\right) \right) \cdot \Delta t + \gamma_i\left(t\right) \cdot C_{i,str}^g \right\} \quad \forall t \in T$$
(13)

where a_i, b_i and c_i , represent the fuel cost coefficient of generator *i*, $C_{i,str}^g$ the startup cost of generator *i*, Δt the dispatch interval and C_{B} the battery usage cost computed based on the LCOE.

5. Forced Contingency Analysis

Forced contingency can be described as any outage of a grid component such as a line or a transformer and/or a generator due to a fault. These outages can cause voltage or line limit violations due to the resulting overloading. A contingency, thus, is defined as a possibly harmful disturbance that may occur during operation. However, in normal operation conditions, contingency analysis is used under heavily loaded systems to provide a list of lines to be ranked in order to help relieve the overloading of the system by removing a line (N-1). If one line does not relieve the overload, then another line is removed (N-1-1).

This paper focused in forced contingency during optimal operation to provide the operators with an overview of the system and a solution for any of the outages in order to maintaining optimal operation. Hence, different cases will be applied to the system. For each case, the optimal operation cost is obtained, followed by a line outage due to a fault. An improved solution for any outage may be provided by removing another line to ensure optimal operation is maintained



without any violations.

6. Test System

This optimization approach based on MIQP was applied to the isolated northwest grid in Tabuk city consisting of 12 buses as shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**, with a voltage level of 132 KV. It includes two generation stations, connected at Buses 1 and 5, consisting of 25 units with total capacity of 959.2 MW. The generation capacity and age of each unit are shown in **Table 2**. A standard IEEE fuel cost curve and a fixed startup cost, shown in **Table 3**, were used for the newest unit, while the cost curves of the remaining generators have been modeled based on the unit's age by decreasing the efficiency of the standard one, meaning that newer generators have lower fuel cost than the older ones. Since the age of each unit is based on 2013, a load curve for a summer day in July of that year was used for the simulation, with the load profile and lines data being provided by the Saudi Electricity Company (SEC), Tabuk sector.

7. Simulation Result

From the recorded data obtained for the summer day used in this study, the peak loading condition was used as the worst case scenario for the test system. On that day, the generated power at peak load occurred at 4 pm with a total load of 720 MW. The battery storage constraints used in the simulation shown in **Table 4** are based on the battery data given in **Table 1**. The dispatch interval was every 15 minutes, with a specified ramp up/down of 2 MW/min. The model was implemented in MATLAB using CPLEX [23] to solve MIQP. The performance of the optimization problem can be measured by the integrality gap, defined as the gap between the optimal value of the relaxed solution and the optimal integer solution [24] [25].

Different situation were applied to the system, with optimal operation cost being obtained for each. In addition, forced contingency analysis was implemented



Figure 3. Single line diagram of the test system [26].



Figure 4. Substation location in Tabuk City [27].

Station	Unite No.	Unit Age	Unit Capacity	Efficiency
	1	34	5.7	
	2	34	5.7	
	3	34	5.7	
(WI)	4	34	5.7	<u>\</u> 0
[102]	5	34	5.7	0 60%
1 (l	6	34	5.7	55% tı
Tabı	7	32	17.1	C C
	8	31	17.1	
	9	30	16.8	
	10	30	16.8	
	11	27	27	
2 MW)	12	27	27	
	13	22	31.2	0 68%
	14	16	57.7	32% ti
	15	16	57.7	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
	16	13	60.1	
	17	8	61	
2 (857.	18	7	61	
Tabuk-2	19	4	65.5	
	20	4	65.5	2%
	21	4	65.5	5 to 8
	22	1	78	95%
	23	1	78	
	24	0	61	
	25	0	61	

Table 2. This table shows all generators (diesel) capacity [22].

Fuel Cost Co	efficients
<i>a</i> _i (\$)	287.4982
b_i (\$/MWh)	19.7128
C_i (\$/MWh ²)	0.0224
Startup cost \$	1511.899

Table 3. Standard IEEE coefficient for the fuel cost curve [10].

Table 4. This table shows battery constraints.

Battery Constraints				
$\overline{P_{\scriptscriptstyle B}}$	50 MW			
\overline{E}	250 MWh			
Ē	50 MWh			
$\eta_{\scriptscriptstyle in},\eta_{\scriptscriptstyle out}$	92%			

by tripping a line (N-1) due to a fault. When such a violation occurred, a search of a solution for any overloaded lines was obtained. Violation was addressed by removing another line (N-1-1) to maintain the stability of the system. Similarly, the cases can be extended to generators/transformers maintenance scheduling, with such cases involving removing one or more generators from Tabuk-2. The specified cases investigated in this paper include the follows:

1. Case A: All generators in Tabuk-2 are ON, full capacity 959.2 Mw.

2. Case B: One large generator in Tabuk-2 is scheduled for maintenance, remaining capacity 881.2 Mw.

3. Case C: Two largest generators in Tabuk-2 are scheduled for maintenance, remaining capacity 803.2 MW.

4. Case D: Three largest generators in Tabuk-2 are scheduled for maintenance, remaining capacity 737.7 Mw.

5. Case E: Four largest generators in Tabuk-2 are scheduled for maintenance, remaining capacity 673.2 Mw.

Table 5 shows the optimal operation cost of one minute simulation for the different cases. These particular cases are used here to determine whether the PV and battery can help in meeting demand with minimum operation cost or if they are able to replace generation in Tabuk-1 since it is an old station (\geq 30 years old) with a high operating fuel cost. For the first scenario of each case, except for Case E, the optimal operation cost is achieved when the PV is included without any penetration from Tabuk-1. Case E required Tabuk-1 to operate with both PV and battery to help to meet the demand with minimum operation cost because of the lack of power when four generators are out-of-service due to maintenance scheduling. Hence, the PV with the battery storage can replace Tabuk-1. Without the PV, (as shown in Cases C, D and E) Tabuk-1 with the battery helped the system to meet the demand at optimal operation cost even in the most extreme case when four generators are out-of-service due to a long term outage or maintenance.

Case Scenario	PV	Best Integer	Time (S)	Gap	Penetration During the Day/Night			
		Solution (\$)			Tabuk-1	Tabuk-2	Battery	
	1	ON	372,157.63	5.4	0.06%	No	Yes	Yes
A	2	OFF	400,753.56	7.9	0.04%	No	Yes	Yes
D	1	ON	381,402.58	9.6	0.09%	No	Yes	Yes
В	2	OFF	411,176.83	9.6	0.02%	No	Yes	Yes
C	1	ON	389,417.36	1.1	0.0003%	No	Yes	Yes
C	2	OFF	426,429.99	3.6	0.0045%	Yes	Yes	Yes
D	1	ON	406,474.32	3.1	0.01%	No	Yes	Yes
D	2	OFF	452,259.31	11.1	0.01%	Yes	Yes	Yes
-	1	ON	432,883.13	4.6	0.02%	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	2	OFF	516,537.07	60	0.1%	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 5. This table shows the optimal operation cost for all the cases.

In this study, three cases with results are selected. Figure 5 shows the simulation results for the first scenario of Case C when the two largest generators in Tabuk-2 were out-of-service for maintenance. As the results indicate, the energy stored in the battery operated within the battery energy limits. The power contribution of Tabuk-2 is presented in Figure 5(c); it was the only station with PV and BESS supplied the demand with optimal operation cost as shown in Table 5. As seen in the demand and supply graph in Figure 5(a), the battery began to charge approximately at 10 a.m. when extra power was available at minimum load, and then discharging at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Figure 6 shows the simulation results for the second scenario in Case D. Since the PV and three largest generators in Tabuk-2 were not in operation, the battery helped to meet the demand at peak load by charging earlier in the day. Figure 6(a) shows the battery charged twice, once at approximately 4 a.m. and again at 7 a.m. when there was extra power and then discharged later in the day at peak load, which occurred at 4 p.m., to support the demand. The amount of power generated from each generator is shown in Figure 6(c) and Figure 6(d).

Figure 7 illustrates the results of the most extreme case when the PV and the four largest generators in Tabuk-2 were out-of-service for maintenance. As shown in Figure 7(a), the battery helped to meet demand by charging twice early in the morning for almost 8 hours in total. The lack of power during peak time was compensated by discharging the battery from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. when all generators were operating at full capacity of 673.2 MW. A second charging and discharging process occurred from approximately 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. respectively as shown in Figure 7(a).

Minimum operation cost and extended battery life have been achieved for all cases presented in Table 5. To determine the importance of including the battery life in the cost function, the usage cost of the battery is neglected. Figure 8 and Figure 9 show the simulation results of two selected cases to illustrate the





Figure 5. Simulation result for case C scenario 1: (a) Demand and supply, (b) BESS energy and (c) Scheduled power for Tabuk-2.



01:0004:00 07:00 10:00 13:00 16:00 19:00 22:00 01:00 Time of Day (c)





Figure 6. Simulation result for case D scenario 2: (a) Demand and supply, (b) BESS energy, (c) Scheduled power for Tabuk-1, and (d) Scheduled power for Tabuk-2.





Figure 7. Simulation result for case E scenario 2: (a) Demand and supply, (b) BESS energy, (c) Scheduled power for Tabuk-1, and (d) Scheduled power for Tabuk-2.







Figure 8. Simulation result for case B scenario 1: (a) and (c) BESS charging/discharging, (b) and (d) BESS energy. (a and b) Battery usage cost included, (c and d) Battery usage cost excluded.







Figure 9. Simulation result for case B scenario 1: (a) and (c) BESS charging/discharging, (b) and (d) BESS energy. (a and b) Battery usage cost included, (c and d) Battery usage cost excluded.

impact of the battery life both with and without the battery usage cost. The purpose of including the usage cost for the battery is to extend its life. In addition, the BESS has an associated life cycle that should be considered to achieve optimal utilization of the battery. Charging/discharging the battery freely will impact the battery life cycle. Figure 8 and Figure 9 show the impact of the battery life on the objective function. When the battery life is included, the BESS is utilized for two cycles while it is utilized for 4 cycles when the battery life is omitted as seen in Figure 8(a) and Figure 8(c). In the cases seen in Figure 9(a) and Figure 9(c), the number of cycles increased from 1 to 3 cycles when the battery usage cost was not considered. Table 6, which summaries the number of cycles utilized in each case, indicates a significant improvement to extend the battery life. In addition, more power is used for both charging and discharging process as more energy is stored since the battery is charging/discharging freely as shown in Figure 8(d) and Figure 9(d).

After achieving optimal operation cost and extended battery life the peak loading condition, which occurred at 4 p.m., is selected as a worst case scenario to validate secure operation. For each case, 18 forced contingency (N-1) are applied individually due to a fault since the system has 18 lines as shown in **Table 7**. For each contingency if a violation has occurred, another line is removed (N-1-1) in order to help relieve the overload.

In all cases, a violation is considered if a line achieves a 100% or more of its capacity. **Table 8** shows the optimal generated power at peak loads for each case with the PV and battery penetration. Due to the size of the PV farm, it is not feasible to locate the PV farm within residential areas as it requires a large land area to accommodate it. Hence, the ideal location is near Bus 6 [26].

Table 9 shows only the cases where violations observed for any forced con-

	a .	No. of Cycle Utilized		
Case	Scenario	BESS life included	BESS life excluded	
	1	1	1	
А	2	1	3	
D	1	2	4	
В	2	1	8	
С	1	1	5	
	2	1	4	
D	1	1	6	
	2	1	3	
Е	1	2	4	
	2	2	4	

Table 6. This table shows number of cycles performed for each case.

Table 7. Line and peak load data.

From Bus	To Bus	R (Ohm/Km)	X (Ohm/Km)	Capacity MVA	Bus No.	Peak Load (MW)
1	2	0.0493	0.2408	294.2	1	106
1	4	0.0493	0.2408	294.2	2	94
2	3	0.047	0.25	294.2	3	55
2	5	0.0773	0.4682	289.1	4	62
2	7	0.08606	0.5062	322.7	5	11
3	10	0.0493	0.2408	294.2	6	37
4	5	0.0773	0.4682	289.1	7	60
4	6	0.093	0.452	322.7	8	67
4	8	0.0493	0.2408	294.2	9	134
4	9	0.047	0.25	294.2	10	12
5	6	0.094	0.458	322.7	11	33
5	7	0.0794	0.4671	322.7	12	43
6	9	0.0493	0.2408	294.2	Total	720
10	8	0.0493	0.2408	294.2		
5 (2)	12 (2)	0.08	0.47	358.3		
6 (2)	11 (2)	0.149	0.497	358.3		

Com	C	Optimal Generated Power at Peak (MW)			
Case	Scenario	Tabuk-2	Tabuk-1	PV	Battery
	1	621.9523	0	98.0477	0
А	2	714.3	0	0	5.7
В	1	621.9523	0	98.0477	0
	2	720	0	0	0
С	1	616	0	98.0477	5.9523
	2	701.2	16.8	0	2
D	1	621.9523	0	98.0477	0
D	2	635.7	67.8	0	16.5
E	1	570.2	50.7	98.0477	1.0523
	2	570.2	102	0	47.8

Table 8. Optimal generated power at peak loads for each case with PV and battery.

Table 9. Observed violation cases.

Case	Scenario	Forced Contingency (N-1)	Violated Line (%)	Solution (N-1-1)		
	1	No violation occurred for all forced contingency				
А	2	4-5	5-6 (112.1%)	6-4 or 6-9		
	2	2-5	5-6 (101.3%)	1-4 or 4-8 or 6-4 or 6-9		
	1	No violation occurred for all forced contingency				
B 2	2	4-5	5-6 (113.4%)	6-4 or 6-9		
	2	2-5	5-6 (102.5%)	1-4 or 4-8 or 6-4 or 6-9		
1		No violation occurred for all forced contingency				
2	2	4-5	5-6 (110.5%)	6-4 or 6-9		
	1	No violation occurred for all forced contingency				
D 2		No violation occurred for all forced contingency				
E	1	No viol	ation occurred for all forced co	ontingency		
E	2	No viol	ontingency			

tingency as well as solution for relieving the overloaded lines. In these cases, the violations occurred only at line 5-6, which is mostly responsible for the delivery of power at Bus 9 that has the largest load. However, when the PV or Tabuk-1 is operating with the battery no violation occurred.

8. Conclusion

In this paper, an MIQP based optimization problem was formulated in order to find the optimal operation schedule for generators in an isolated northwest grid of Saudi Arabia in the presence of renewable generation and battery storage. The BESS was embedded in the optimization problem by introducing a usage cost based on battery markets and prices for a large-scale storage. The results show substantial improvement both in the longevity of the BESS and in the economic and secure operation of the test system. This paper also presented various cases to evaluate system reliability for any short term outages during optimal operation. Feasible solutions were provided for the violations investigated in order to maintain an optimal operation cost for a power system.

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Nomenclature

A. Binary Variables

 β_i : Variable to enforce fixed cost of *i*th generator.

 γ_i : Variable to enforce startup cost of *i*th generator.

B. Continuous Variables

 $\Delta P_i^g(t)$: Rate of change of power output of *i*th generator in period *t*.

E(t): Energy stored in period t.

 $P_i^g(t)$: Power output of *i*th generator in period *t*.

 $P_{nv}(t)$: PV Power output in period t.

 $P^{C}(t), P^{D}(t)$: Rate of charge and discharge Power in period t.

 $P_{ID}(t)$: Load demand in period t.

C. Parameters

 a_i, b_i, c_i : Fuel cost coefficients of *i*th generator.

nGen : Number of generators.

 $\overline{P_i^g}$: Upper limit of real power generation of *i*th generator.

 P_i^g : Lower limit of real power generation of *i*th generator.

 ΔP_i^g : Maximum ramp up rate of *i*th generator.

 ΔP_i^g : Minimum ramp down rate of *i*th generator.

 \overline{E} : Maximum Energy rating of battery storage.

E : Minimum Energy rating of battery storage.

 $P_{\rm B}$: Power rating of energy storage.

 η_{in}, η_{out} : Battery storage charge and discharge efficiency.

 $C_{i,str}^{g}$: Startup cost of *i*th generator.

 C_{p} : Usage cost of the Battery.

 Δt : Dispatch interval.

T: Set of all dispatches included in optimization horizon.

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