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Detailed Explanation

NEC 2023 Article 705.10 establishes minimum safety requirements for microgrid interconnection and protection, mandating that microgrids implement coordinated overcurrent protection capable of detecting and isolating faults regardless of operational mode (grid-tied or islanded). Unlike traditional utility-scale protection relying on electromechanical relays and predictable fault current magnitudes, inverter-dominated microgrids present unique challenges—including limited fault current contribution (typically 1.5–2× rated current), variable impedance characteristics, and bidirectional power flow—which necessitate re-evaluation of time-current coordination curves, device settings, and arc-flash mitigation strategies. The workbook addresses these by providing standardized worksheets for relay setting calculations, fault current modeling assumptions (e.g., IEEE 1547-2018 compliant inverter response), and validation protocols for anti-islanding, unintentional islanding detection, and automatic transfer switch (ATS) sequencing. It further integrates requirements from related standards such as UL 1741 SB (Supplement B), IEEE 1547-2018, and NFPA 70E to ensure holistic electrical safety, including labeling, documentation, and maintenance procedures required for Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) approval.

Key Components

#	Component
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1	Fault Current Contribution Analysis Worksheet
2	Selective Coordination Time-Current Curve (TCC) Overlay Tool
3	Islanded-Mode Protection Validation Checklist

Applications

#	Application
1	Design review for commercial & industrial microgrids with solar PV + battery storage
2	Pre-submission compliance verification for AHJ and utility interconnection applications
3	Training resource for electrical inspectors evaluating microgrid protection systems

Related Concepts

#	Concept
1	Selective Coordination
2	IEEE 1547-2018 Compliance
3	UL 1741 SB Certification

Tags

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